



# The Pitch

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# Recognising Hard Work

## BNSW Monthly Award Nominees



### Coaches

#### Michael Ristau - Tigers Baseball

Michael is a coach focused on the love of the game and making everyone feel included. He turns up every week, even when his own children can't, and makes sure everyone has fun whilst they learn new skills.

#### Paul Phegan - Forest Baseball

Paul coaches 3 teams in different age groups plus reps. He goes above and beyond for the kids often training and coaching 7 days a week and 10-hour days on Sundays. Such a caring and thoughtful coach that is absolutely dedicated to the kids, He went above and beyond in the off-season. He is encouraging and respectful. Paul is able to see and adhere to each players learning style and brings out the very best in each of them.

#### Rick Price - Blacktown Workers

Rick has been the coach of the Blacktown Women's League 2nd Grade team for several years now. He is keen on teaching the ladies and encourages them to work tightly as a team. This current season, he has a lot of new team players and is working hard to mould them into a championship team.

#### Paul Muir - East Hills Raptors

Paul is currently coaching an EH Div. 2 Majors TBall team, EH Senior League Div. 2 and also EH 3rd Grade Seniors' team. He freely gives his time to not only coach these 3 teams, but also to encourage younger players to become coaches. He is a great coach and mentor to all his teams. Paul is also a representative coach and the Secretary for CSJBA. Our sport certainly could do with more volunteers like Paul.

### Scorers

#### Trish Chin - Tigers Baseball

Trish has done a great job year after year coordinating scores for Tigers Baseball Club. Attending extra training sessions and games each year to train new scorers. We're proud to have her.

#### Naomi Bates Macarthur - Orioles

Naomi scores for Macarthur 2nd Grade Women's League and Under 18s Macarthur State League. She has also helped out at the School Sports National Tournament. Naomi is willing to jump in and give a hand where needed and is an asset to scoring.

#### Teresa O'Mara - West Boomers (Leichardt)

Teresa is our (Dragons Minor League) team's scorer. Without fail, Teresa is there to score every week, and has been for many years! Reliable with a great sense of humour. Thank you!

### Volunteers

#### Fiona Heath - Moorebank Royals

Fiona practically looks after the club. She's there to ensure fields are up and running when needed and they are available for other clubs, and associations to use. Helpful at all times!

#### Rod Carroll aka Slushie Rod - Macquarie Saints

After a couple of uneventful seasons, Rod has taken on the canteen manager role for Macquarie Saints and is absolutely killing it! He has given up his Saturday mornings and sometimes Friday nights (and also his beloved gold day) to cook and provide breakfast or dinner for the fans. Not to mention the ice-cold slushies he has introduced. So, come on down and say "Hi", grab a feed and watch some ball if you are in the area, to thank Rod for all his hard work!

# BNSW Game Day Pics

## 2022 November entries



Photo by Coach Jill Archer – 'Waiting for the umpire to arrive.'



Photo by Heather Trainor – 'Sliding home..... and SAFE!'



Photo by Megan Clifton – 'Tigers Rookie live 1st win of the season.'



Photo by Karen Jeffs – 'He's safe.'



Photo by Kate Salmon – 'Baulkham Hills 13U: 1min silence for the passing of a team mates dads and husband of the manager.'

# BNSW Game Day Pics

## 2022 November entries



Photo by Joe Vella – 'Talented Teeballer sliding safe.'



Photo by Nat Gold – 'Callingford Baseball Club with Smiles for Miles.'



Photo by Karen Jeffs – 'Winston Hills u12, Sliding into home.'



Photo by Thomas Baker – 'Family Fun!'



Photo by Matthew Jeffs – 'Hustle to 1st.'

# Congratulations to the BNSW Monthly award winners!

A huge thank you to our nominees and all your hard work. We value all our members and it is for that reason we want to see more of YOU being acknowledged for all your hard work, all year round! Keep the comments and nominations coming in!

[To vote for someone who deserves recognition CLICK HERE](#)

**Volunteer:** Rod Carroll aka Slushie Rod – Macquarie Saints Baseball Club

**Umpire:** N/A

**Coach:** Paul Phegan – Forest Baseball Club

**Scorer:** Trish Chin – Tigers Baseball Club

## November Game Day Photo Winner

Congratulations to our #NSWGameDayPic winner this month, photo #5 by Joe Vella - 'Talented Teeballer sliding safe'

Entries are now open for next month's #BNSWGameDayPics. Send in your favourite photo through Facebook Inbox to be in with a chance to win!



# Umpires Corner

Welcome to Umpires Corner where we will feature the latest news and upcoming events for Umpires.

## Launch of the Association of Australian Baseball Umpires

We're super excited to share the launch of the Association of Australian Baseball Umpires (AABU). This is Baseball Australia's first national body for umpires!

Their board has worked hard in putting together a range of services, products, and memberships to serve the entire Australian umpiring landscape.

The Association's objective is to be the peak organisation in Australia for baseball umpires' education, growth, and enjoyment and develop a pathway for members' short- and long-term goals.

We encourage you to check them out and join them today!

[Click here](#) for their facebook page – Australian Baseball Umpires

[Click here](#) to visit their website

## Australian Youth Championship Umpires 2023

Baseball NSW would like to recognise and wish the best of luck to the NSW umpires who have been appointed to the U16 & U18 Australian Youth Championships which will be held at Blacktown Olympic Sports Park, NSW in January next year.

[Michael Bryan \(NSW\)](#)

[Andrew Clements \(NSW\)](#)

[David Brodie \(NSW\)](#)

[Gerard Cobb \(NSW\)](#)

[Ian Boulton \(NSW\)](#)

[Joel Marchant \(NSW\)](#)

[Matt Saunders \(NSW\)](#)

[Oscar Iredale \(NSW\)](#)

[Steven Bigwood \(NSW\)](#)

[Tim Peel \(NSW\)](#)

We look forward to working alongside you and watching you work. We can't wait for next year's youth Championships.

# Coaches Corner

**Welcome to Coaches Corner. Here where we will feature notable coaches within the Baseball NSW network.**

This month we reached out to BNSW State Development Officer, Coen Wynne. Coen has both coached and played at high levels of baseball. Currently, a Sydney Bluesox and having recently represented Team Australia Under 23's at the World Cup, Coen has had an exciting past 12 months. With his experience as a college ball player for Grand

Canyon University and a former junior NSW State Representative, Coen understands the intricate ins and outs of the game, getting and finding your edge, and how to handle the pressure of the Australian Youth Championships tournaments, which are coming up in January next year. Coen shared the following insight with us.



Above: Coen Wynne with 2021 Metro AYC Team.

# Coaches Corner cont.

## Preparing for Major Tournaments

### Preparing for Major Tournaments:

Tournaments are some of the best experiences for young athletes where they will make friends and memories that will last a lifetime. Playing for and representing your state is a big honour and it's something to cherish and feel accomplished about.



### Physical Preparation:

The preparation leading up to major events is crucial to how a team will perform in the tournament. A team needs to be prepared physically. In 2023 the Australian Youth Championships are returning to the Summer after two years off and one year in the winter. Because of this, the teams are going to have to endure the 40-degree heat that Western Sydney will have on offer. If a team isn't conditioned enough, then their performance may drop off when it matters most. A team should be well conditioned and well drilled so that the fundamentals of the game come second nature to them. That way when the environment starts to have an effect the team can rest assured that the plays will still be made, and their performance won't suffer.

### Mental Preparation:

Mentally preparing for a tournament is just as important. It's easy for players to drop their

heads if their performance slumps, however, it is important to remember in tournaments all it takes is one hit or one clutch fielding play to turn the tide of the game and boost your team to victory. The victors are often the ones who are unphased by results.

### Team Culture:

The last part of preparation is the culture and the comradery of the team. Regardless of how well the team plays together, you need to ensure that there is a good culture among the team. That they enjoy being around each other and are having fun in these team settings.

### Fuelling your body:

Nutrition at the competition is vital to a team. A team that performs well in the pool play round and advances to the super round can fizzle out if they aren't fuelling their bodies properly. During and prior to the commencement of the tournament the athletes should be drinking plenty of water to stay hydrated through the long back-to-back days.

### Tapering:

As a coach, one thing that we recommend is tapering your last few training sessions. We need to prepare the team for the tournament, but we also want the team to come into the tournament as strongly as possible. To ensure this, we build the team's practice up gradually both in effort and intensity. Around a week before the tournament is set to start, we start to decrease the load in the training sessions, doing lower-impact and intensity work. By doing this we can ensure that the athletes' bodies are feeling good heading into the tournament where a good start can be a crucial factor in winning the tournament. 8

# Club Corner

Welcome to Club Corner where we will feature our member clubs latest news and upcoming events.

## This month, the Rangers Baseball Club participated in the Relay for Life.

Well done to everyone who walked in the Rangers team!! What a special weekend and a great initiative for the club to take part in. The Rangers Baseball team came second in walking the most laps. They had participants walk and run throughout the night and kept themselves going for the whole 24hrs, which is an amazing effort! As a club, they raised over \$5,000.

[Click here](#) to see the event page.



## Sport Integrity Online Education Available Now!



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## Club Corner cont.

# Kings Langley Baseball Club

# Pink Day

**This month we would like to recognise the efforts of Kings Langley Baseball Club which held Junior and Senior Pink Days to raise money for breast cancer awareness.**

The Junior day looked like loads of fun with the community all pitching in to support the cause. The canteen was sold out on the day and the Kings Langley Eagles members were there en masse to support the day in whichever ways they could.

The Seniors held their day a few weeks later and played Quaker's Hill Pirates. Honorary member, Dani, threw the ceremonial first pitch, with a pink ball. Over the two days, the club raised over \$1500 to donate to Breast Cancer Awareness in Dani's name. Well done Kings Langley Eagles!



# Kings Langley Baseball Club

## Pink Day 2022 Pics



# Club Corner cont.

# Far North Coast Kids Twilight Baseball

**This month, Far North Coast Baseball Association have been running a weekly “Kids Twilight Baseball Session” on Monday Nights. It’s been great to see the amazing turnouts!!**

The spring program was a huge success and you can see from the images that the kids have been improving their skills, getting some great coaching and all while having a BALL out on the diamonds. After the floods, the association is still rebuilding and the participation in these events shows a really positive response to the efforts the association are putting in to continue growing.

Awesome stuff Far North Coast Baseball.



# Far North Coast Kids Twilight Baseball Pics



# 2023 Sydney Cup & Association Cup

Our Sydney Cup and Association Cup are up and running for the 2023 season. With the rain trying to keep us away at the start of the season, the Sydney Cup games prevailed and we're now heading into Rounds 5 and 6 for our Worboys, Balfour and Shipley Cup divisions.

The first weekend of November was exciting with double headers being played across metropolitan Sydney for our Worboys and Balfour age divisions, and some big scores in the Shipley Cup for their single-round games.

The Association Cup is an exciting battle between Cronulla and Hills in our Under 12's and Under 14's age divisions.

These competitions are a great opportunity for players to get game time outside of their regular club/association level play and extend their skill sets to a representative level. It's great to see



participating associations out on the diamonds competing and improving their games, each round.

Keep up to date with scores each round, [here](#) at our facebook page, as Baseball NSW posts results following the games.

For all draws, scores and updates, head to the BNSW website Sydney Cup page [here](#).

# Australian Youth Championships 2023 Teams Announcement

**Congratulations to the players who have successfully been selected in the NSW Metropolitan and Country Under 18's and Under 16's teams for the upcoming Australian Youth Championships.**

These players will compete in mid-January of next year from the 12th - 17th with two Showcase days prior to the Youth Championships commencing.

Some exciting things coming up for our representative players!



# Australian Youth Championships

## Metro

## U16's



### NSW Metro Under 16's

|                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| ALASDAIR BALLANTYNE | LINCOLN GRUPPELAAR |
| MATTHEW HARRIS      | MASON MALKOUN      |
| LACHLAN WEST        | JACK FLETCHER      |
| CAMPBELL HARRIS     | CHRISTOPHER MORGAN |
| SIMON SLAPETA       | AKIRA BASTIANON    |
| CHRISTIAN LANE      | KALIN MURRAY       |
| ETHAN BICKEL        | LUCAS GALLARDO     |
| JAMES LANDER        | RYAN CHOU          |
| LACHLAN VELLA       | ASHTON KENNEDY     |
| DAMIEN WILSON       | FRANK CLARKE       |

**HEAD COACH:** Matt O'Neill

**ASSISTANT COACH:** James Morley

**PITCHING COACH:** Nathan Willard

**DEVELOPMENT COACH:** Justin Chou

# Australian Youth Championships

## Metro U18's



### NSW Metro Under 18's

|                 |                    |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| ADAM BATES      | BENJAMIN KARAKASIS |
| CONNOR BELL     | DANIEL MILLS       |
| HAYDEN CHAPPELL | MAX MIOTTO         |
| KOBY CHESTERTON | ZAC MORRIS         |
| LUKE DONAGHEY   | JOSHUA NATI        |
| CHRIS FERGIE    | JACOB PALMER       |
| JAMES FERGUSON  | LUCAS STANCIC      |
| BLAKE GOODING   | CALEB TUNKIN       |
| LIAM GRANT      | KYAN WALLINGTON    |
| LUKE HAYHOW     | DARCY WILLIAMS     |

**HEAD COACH:** Gavin Fingleson

**ASSISTANT COACH:** Scott Tunkin

**PITCHING COACH:** Travis McDonald

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE:** Steven Dredge

**DEVELOPMENT COACH:** Matt Grant

# Australian Youth Championships

## Country U16's



### NSW Country Under 16's

|                   |                      |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| AARON PEACHEY     | LACHLAN NEW          |
| BAILEY KING       | MATTHEW TRAINOR      |
| BENJAMIN FROST    | NICHOLAS SINCLAIR    |
| CAMERON CHIVAS    | PATRICK HARRISON     |
| CAMERON HOWAY     | RILEY COOPER         |
| HAMISH GLEESON    | RILEY WATSON         |
| JACKSON GRIFFITHS | RYAN PADOVAN         |
| JAMES PEEL        | SAMUEL DAVIS         |
| KALLEN BARKER     | SEVEN STEVENS        |
| LACHLAN HEAP      | WIL KLIEN-SCHIPHORST |

**HEAD COACH:** Terry Pearce

**ASSISTANT COACH:** Sam Evatt

**ASSISTANT COACH:** Glenn King

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** Matt Peachey

# Australian Youth Championships Country U18's



## NSW Country Under 18's

|                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| JONAH BEATH      | PHOENIX MCFARLAND |
| SHANE BENNETT    | LEWIS MERCIECA    |
| JAMES BURGESS    | EMRYS MULVIHILL   |
| LACHLAN COE      | ELI NORTH         |
| JAKE CONNOLLY    | ED NOY            |
| CALLUM DONNELLY  | LIAM PADOVAN      |
| JACK ELASI       | QUINLIN PITT      |
| JACKSON FRAME    | LACHLAN ROSSER    |
| LACHLAN JONES    | NOAH WATTS        |
| THOMAS KARNAGHAN | LIAM WEEKES       |

**HEAD COACH:** Ian Hook

**ASSISTANT COACH:** Chris Beath

**ASSISTANT COACH:** Jake Amos

**PITCHING COACH:** Tim Noy

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** Stewart Frame

# EOI Women's Australian Championship Coaches Needed

**For all those looking for a position on the Coaching Staff for both the Women's and the Youth Women's Championships for 2023, expressions of interest (EOI) are now open.**

Baseball NSW will be entering a team to participate in the 2023 Australian Women's Championships to be held April 7 – 13, 2023 and the 2023 Australian Youth Women's Championships to be held April 8 – 11, 2023. Venue's are yet to be announced by Baseball Australia.

Baseball NSW has a very rich and successful history competing at the National Championship level and this is your chance to lead our teams to National Championship success.

Baseball NSW is looking to fill the following voluntary positions:

- Manager for the NSW Women's Representative Team
- Assistant Coach for the NSW Women's Representative Team
- Pitching Coach for the NSW Women's Representative Team
- Development Coach for the NSW Women's Representative Team
- Executive Officer for the NSW Women's Representative Team

[Click here](#) for the Womens Metro AYC Coaching EOI document.

[Click here](#) for the Youth Womens Metro AYC Coaching EOI document

**Applications close COB  
Wednesday, December 21, 2023.**

# Funkie Phil's Future Stars Showcase 2022

Get excited for Funkie Phil's Showcase, coming to Blacktown International Sportspark on December 22nd 2022!

Funkie Phil's event is a Homerun Derby showcasing current Australian pro and college baseball players. It will be lots of fun for the members and families, with activities, games and prizes to be won on the day.

Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to purchase tickets and support your club.



Follow @Funkie Phil on Facebook to keep up to date with the clubs winning the ticket tally!



**Have a ton of fun on the day with:**

- All money raised going back to the local junior baseball clubs
- Kids in uniform get a free drink and hotdog
- Prizes and giveaways
- Exciting opportunities to be up close and personal to meet and greet Australia's next big stars!!

# Baseball Australia Launch National Participation Plan

## Last month, Baseball Australia launched their National Participation Plan.

Australian Baseball has recognised that its greatest strength is the passion that those who are involved in baseball possess.

We are excited to share with our members the 5-year plan that hopes to grow the game of Baseball from the top down.

Find the Baseball Australia National Participation Plan on their website [here](#).



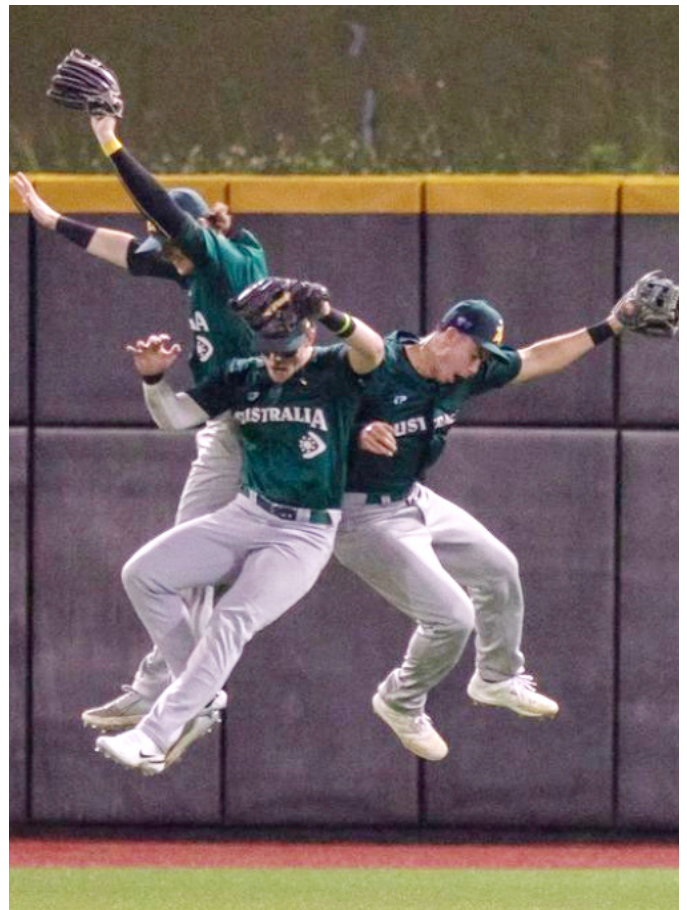
# WBSC U23's World Cup Results

**At the conclusion of the World Cup, Baseball Australia was excited to announce Team Australia finished their WBSC U-23 Baseball World Cup with a 3-0 victory over World Number 2, Chinese Taipei in the final game of the Super Round to finish sixth overall.**

The WBSC's U-23 World Championship was contested over 50 games, with the world's best young baseball prospects and teams battling it out over eleven days of competition.

Team Australia featured nine (9) NSW players in the team and they were in Group B along with World No 3 and 2014 bronze medallists Korea, No. 4 Mexico, No. 8 Netherlands, No. 9 Cuba who finished fourth in 2022 and No.16 Puerto Rico in what was a tight race for the three Super Round spots.

Baseball Australia in their recap of the World Cup highlighted that the team



began their campaign with a narrow loss to Mexico (3-2) and Korea (4-3) before defeating the Netherlands (5-4) and Puerto Rico (8-0) in a doubleheader after two rainy days. They lost their last pool game to Cuba (3-0) which made it an anxious wait to find out if the group had made it through to the Super Round.

# WBSC U23's World Cup Results Continued

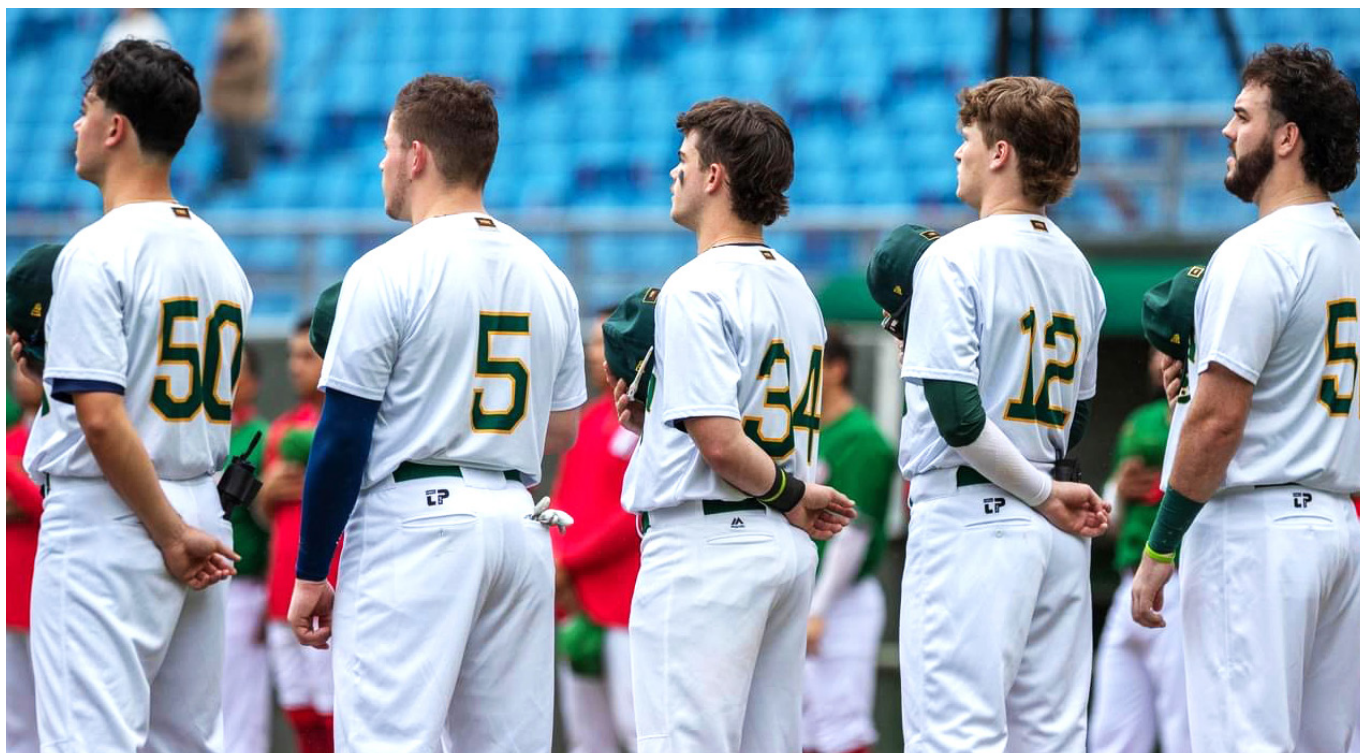
They eventually went through as the second-ranked team after five teams all finished 2-3 but Team Australia had the best-run differential of them.

World No.1 Japan was too strong (2-1) against Team Australia in game 1 of the Super Round and a late charge by Team Australia wasn't enough to get back Columbia, falling in the final score (8-6). David Nilsson's men ended the tournament on a good note securing the win against Number 2 ranked Chinese Taipei on the final day.

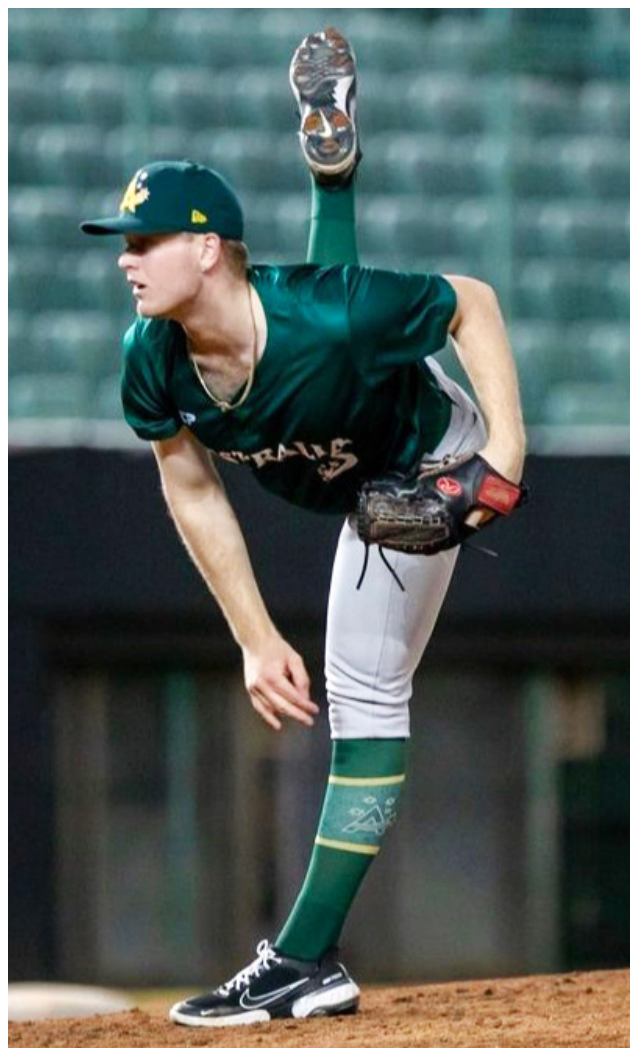
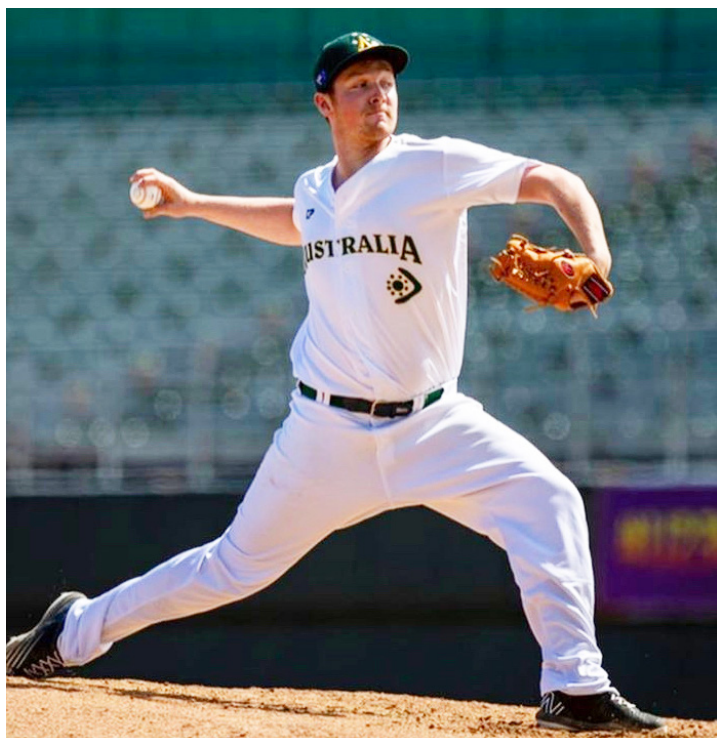
To keep up with all the action head to [Team Australia's Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages.



# WBSC U23's World Cup 2022 Gallery



# WBSC U23's World Cup 2022 Gallery cont.



# Team Australia Takes on World's Number One Team

**This month, Team Australia took to Tokyo to contest the world's number-one team, Samurai Japan, in a two-game exhibition series.**

The game was a great opportunity to strengthen international ties and allow our Australian players, many of which who were Baseball NSW natives, to compete at a high level in preparation for the World Baseball Classic which will begin in March of 2023.

Samurai Japan was tough competition and took out the series, but overall it was great experience for many of the players ahead of their Australian Baseball League season which was underway when they arrived home.

Enjoy these pre-game and behind-the-scenes shots from Game 1 here on page 27 and page 28.



# Team Australia v Japan 2022 Gallery



# WBSC U18 World Cup Qualifiers Announcement

A twenty-man roster has been announced for the upcoming WBSC Oceania U18 World Cup Qualifiers. The team will head to Auckland, New Zealand in early December to play against Guam, Northern Marianas Pacific and host, New Zealand.

The winner of this tournament will book their spot in the 2023 WBSC U18 World Cup.

There is a solid combination of players from all over the country. Congratulations to our 7 NSW players who were successful in this lineup.

Eight of the twenty players for this team were selected as first-year players in the 2022 U18 National Junior Squad that were in Florida earlier this year and they are back.

The tournament is from 12 December-15 December in Auckland. Follow all Team Australia social media accounts to stay up to date with the results of the games.



# WBSC U18 World Cup Qualifiers

## Team Roster

|                  |     |     |                     |     |     |
|------------------|-----|-----|---------------------|-----|-----|
| ALLSWORTH, BEAU  | RHP | QLD | GRANT, LIAM         | C   | NSW |
| BARLOW, BLAKE    | RHP | QLD | HALL, RILEY         | RHP | WA  |
| BATES, ADAM      | RHP | NSW | KIM, JAYDEN         | INF | VIC |
| BRENDON, CRUZE   | RHP | WA  | MILLS, DANIEL       | RHP | NSW |
| BUSHELL, JACK    | RHP | SA  | NATI, JOSH          | INF | NSW |
| CHESTERTON, KOBY | RHP | NSW | PAPARELLA, NICHOLAS | INF | SA  |
| DAVIES, JOSHUA   | C   | WA  | RATCLIFFE, JACK     | UTL | VIC |
| DAVIES, DREW     | OF  | SA  | SMITH, LACHLAN      | UTL | VIC |
| GOOCH, SAMUEL    | OF  | WA  | TANNER, ALISTAIR    | RHP | SA  |
| GOODING, BLAKE   | INF | NSW | WALLINGTON, KYAN    | UTL | NSW |

# TEAM AUSTRALIA

## U18 WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS ROSTER



# Team Australia 2023 World Baseball Classic Schedule

**Team Australia's opponents have been decided for the 2023 World Baseball Classic (WBC) have been finalised and we couldn't be more excited about the competition.**



Australia is set to compete in Group B against Japan (#1), South Korea (#3), the Czech Republic (#14) and China (#21). They will travel to Tokyo, Japan to play in March next year from the 9th-13th. The top two teams from each group will advance to the second round in Tokyo from March 15-16.

To finalise a very exciting March, the championship round will then be contested in Miami from March 19–21.

Best of luck to our Baseball NSW players who will be involved, we will be cheering you on from home.

**Stay tuned to [baseball.com.au](https://baseball.com.au) for more information as the tournament approaches.**

# 2023 Season Australian Baseball League

The Australian Baseball League season officially began this month and we couldn't be more excited for the games coming up. Don't miss any of the action and support the [Sydney Blue Sox](#) this season.

Baseball Australia prior to the ABL season commencing, signed a multi-year partnership with Sportradar (NASDAQ: SRAD), to engage sports fans globally by broadcasting Australian Baseball League

(ABL) games live on a dedicated OTT platform for the very first time.

They have said, "The new live streaming service, onDemand, is just one part of a strategic partnership struck between Baseball Australia, Sportradar and the ABL."

Watch games from the comfort of your own home or by coming out to Blacktown International Sports Park for the home games.

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**2022/23 SCHEDULE**

**KEY** | HOME | AWAY

|                |      |          |                   |      |           |
|----------------|------|----------|-------------------|------|-----------|
| RD 1 NOV 10-13 | AWAY | CANBERRA | RD 6 DEC 16-18    | VS   | AUCKLAND  |
| RD 2 NOV 18-20 | VS   | BRISBANE | RD 7 DEC 29-JAN 1 | AWAY | GK        |
| RD 3 NOV 24-27 | AWAY | AUCKLAND | RD 8 JAN 6-8      | VS   | MELBOURNE |
| RD 4 DEC 2-4   | VS   | ADELAIDE | RD 9 JAN 12-15    | AWAY | BRISBANE  |
| RD 5 DEC 8-11  | AWAY | PERTH    | RD 10 JAN 20-22   | VS   | CANBERRA  |

## New National Award Celebrates Volunteers'

The Australian Sports Commission (ASC) will continue to celebrate the important role volunteers play in sports by launching a new national award.

The Sport Volunteer of the Year award will recognise volunteers who have made an outstanding contribution to sporting organisations, clubs, teams or programs over the past year.

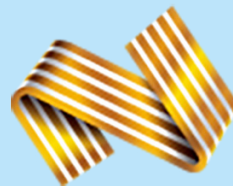
The award will be presented at the [Australian Institute Of Sport](#) Australian Sport Performance Awards Night on 15 December 2022 by the Chair of the Australian Sports Commission, Josephine Sukkar.

Read more [here](#).



**Australian Government**

**Australian Sports Commission**



**AIS**

## Women in Sport Scholarships Applications Open

**The University of Canberra  
is investing in 12 PhD  
Scholarships co-funded with  
industry partners focused on  
women in sport.**

Co-funded by the University of Canberra and Sport Integrity Australia, the project will support a PhD scholar to complete a doctoral research program that will seek to identify mechanisms to reduce the insidious and increasing levels of toxic abuse online and cyber hate directed at women involved in the sports industry. In this project, they broadly define cyberbullying as hurtful messages that are threatening, humiliating, or intimidating to individuals. Cyber-hate and trolling are specific types of cyberbullying that are often experienced by women in sports, and are more prevalent against women of colour and women with a disability.

They seek to undertake research that seeks to understand the nature and impact of online harm such as cyber-hate and trolling upon elite female athletes. The research will also canvass and make recommendations for change. The negative impact of cyber-hate and trolling upon women in other industries has been identified as a barrier to entry and retention. They believe solution-focused research in sports is transferable to other industries and will have a significant impact on progressing gender equity.

**For more, please see the article by  
Ginger Gorman [here](#).**

## Rebel to Sponsor NSW Champions of Sports Ceremony

**Sport NSW has announced Australia's leading sporting goods retailer, rebel, will sponsor the NSW Champions of Sport Ceremony for the next two years.**

The 2022 rebel NSW Champions of Sport Ceremony will be held at the International Convention & Exhibition Centre in Darling Harbour on November 28 and celebrates the achievements and successes of NSW athletes, coaches, teams, officials, events, administrators, and organisations across 12 award-winning categories.

Attended by the elite of NSW sport, the Ceremony will also see six NSW sporting greats inducted into the NSW Hall of Champions where they will join a galaxy of outstanding NSW sports stars who have been the trailblazers of sporting success over several generations.



Rebel is the inaugural naming rights sponsor of the Awards and will also sponsor the Event of the Year Award category.

**To read more about the partnership [click here.](#)**

**Tickets are now on sale so secure yours today!**

## Sporting Grants Now Open for Application

Each year there are various grants provided by organisations and government departments that can provide much-needed support and funds to nurture sporting talent, help build sports facilities and develop the sports industry as a whole.

### **Purpose:**

As part of Sport NSW's commitment to advocating for and strengthening the sports sector – grants information and updates are a regular feature of the fortnightly Blues eNews newsletter.

Join the network and subscribe to Blues eNews [here](#).



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The full Sport NSW Grants Schedule Summary document is regularly updated and details available grants with the view to making this information easily accessible and in one place.

Bookmark the [Sport NSW Grants page](#) and check back regularly for updates.

The full summary of all grants available throughout the year can be downloaded [here](#).

# Baseball NSW Partners with Raging Waters Sydney

Are you looking for some fun this summer? Raging Waters in Blacktown is offering Baseball NSW members a promotion to enjoy the fun at the park.

Raging Waters Sydney is so much more than a water park! With over 30 slides and attractions including a whole zone dedicated to little water adventurers and adrenalin-pumping action on some of the tallest and fastest water rides in the world, the whole family can enjoy a day out in the water!

**15% off Day Tickets**

**Promo Code: BBALL**

**Redeem your offer [here](#)**

**Offer expires 23/4/2023.**

Head to their [website](#) to explore all they offer.



# Shoosh for Kids Encouraging Positive Spectator Behaviour



Shoosh for Kids is a collaborative effort between the Office of Sport and sector partners to promote positive behaviour to their members, clubs and associations. The general rule is, if you can't say anything nice, don't say anything.

## Helpful Links:

[NSW Office of Sport – Shoosh for Kids](#)

[Shoosh for Kids Campaign Resources](#)

## Shoosh for Kids

Register your club/association for the Shoosh for Kids!

Help us make junior sport a safe, fun and inclusive experience for kids on and off the field.

Sign up today to access and download FREE assets and resources that will help us promote the Shoosh for Kids message and ensure kids keep coming back to junior sport!

[Click here](#) to register today.



Learn More [sport.nsw.gov.au/shoosh-for-kids](https://sport.nsw.gov.au/shoosh-for-kids)  
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# CLAIM TWO \$100 ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS



All NSW school-enrolled children are eligible for **two \$100 Active Kids vouchers** each year. The vouchers can be used with any approved Active Kids provider, to help cover costs towards registration or membership fees for sport and active recreation. **Voucher one is valid January to December** and **voucher two is valid July to December**. After 1 July 2020, the second voucher can be claimed immediately after the first voucher.

## HOW TO CLAIM YOUR VOUCHERS



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- 1** Visit [service.nsw.gov.au](https://service.nsw.gov.au) and login to your MyServiceNSW Account
- 2** Click on the Active Kids icon found in your SERVICE tab
- 3** Fill out the requested information (you will need your current Medicare card)
- 4** Print a copy of each voucher or email it to yourself

Visit [sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids](https://sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids) for terms & conditions and FAQs

## HOW TO USE YOUR VOUCHERS

- 1** Find a provider by visiting our website: [sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids](https://sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids)
- 2** Once you have chosen an activity give the voucher number to your activity provider, or log onto your provider's website and enter the voucher number



\*Vouchers can always be found in your MyServiceNSW account by looking in the My Applications tab

Sporting Schools is a \$100 million Australian Government initiative designed to help schools increase children's participation in sport and to connect children with community sport. The Australian Sports Commission (ASC) has partnered with more than 30 national sporting organisations (NSOs) to extend the delivery of the program across Australia via their networks of aligned organisations and coaches, ensuring a consistent and quality experience for all.

Does this sound like something you would like to be involved in?

If yes, then get your school to complete the following steps.

1



## REGISTER

Your school needs to first [register](#) with Sporting Schools to be [eligible](#) to apply for funding. Find out how to [get started](#) on the Sporting Schools website or for information on registration visit our [help centre](#)

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## APPLY FOR FUNDING

If your school meets the [eligibility](#) criteria, you can apply for funding each term to deliver Sporting Schools activity (sport packages) before, during or after school hours using one of our NSO partners. For more information about [funding](#) visit our [help centre](#)

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## BOOK A PROGRAM

Once your school has had their funding application approved you can view, search and apply for sport packages that meet your needs via the online booking system. The booking system will allow your school to administer and manage booking requests including cancellations.

NOTE: Schools without approved funding will only be able to view and search for sport packages. For more information about the booking system visit our [help centre](#)

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## REPORT PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Sporting Schools values your feedback and your school is encouraged to participate in research and evaluation so that we can evolve the program to meet your needs.

In addition it's vital that your school provides information regarding its activities, so Sporting Schools can measure the impact it's having on children's sport participation across Australia. For more information visit our [terms and conditions](#)

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## SUBMIT YOUR ACQUITTAL

It's important that your school completes the ASC acquittal process. Acquitting is the ASC's assurance that your school has used the funds according to the [program parameters](#) and [terms and conditions](#). For more information about [funding acquittals](#) visit our help centre.

**[Watch the video here.](#)**



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