



The Pitch



This Month

Doosan Korea
Coming to Australia

Manly Pink Hope
Ladies Day

NSW Women's
Opens and Youth
State Team Trials

Returning to the
State League
Diamonds

Australian Youth
Championships 2023

Photo: Metro Under 16's – 2023 Australian Youth Championship Winners.

BNSW Game Day Pics 2023 January entries



Photo by Betty Hsiao – 'A Line Drive.'



Photo by Jo Lawrence Stewart – 'Going vertical for the catch!'



Photo by Kaydee Wilmott – 'Go, go, go....'



Photo by Kelly Hunt – 'Monday Mates.'

BNSW Game Day Pics

2023 January entries cont.



Photo by Joe Vella – 'Matthew at full stretch.'



Photo by Kirsty Tavae – 'Following that ball.'



Photo by Cath Dokter – 'The beginning of a big dream.'

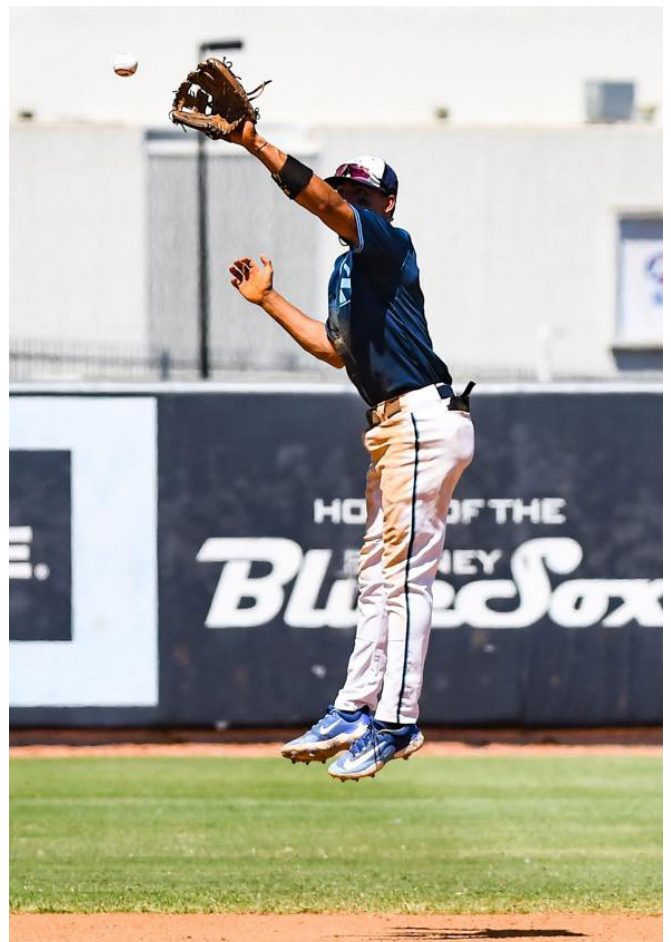


Photo by Mick Goddard – 'I got it!'

BNSW Game Day Pics

2023 January entries cont.



Photo by Adam Cotter – 'Player of the Match x 2.'



Photo by Karen Jeff's – 'Stop! No, go go go.'



Photo by Michael Hagarty – 'Don't like my call... Bite Me Bakehouse.'



Photo by Robyn Turton – 'Foul Ball on MickG's windscreen!!'

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: Claudine Te Ahuru-Kostic – Penrith Baseball

Coach: Ernie Christensen – Moorebank Royals Baseball Softball

Umpire: N/A

Scorer: N/A

November Game Day Photo Winner

Congratulations to our #NSWGameDayPic winner this month, photo #4 by Betty Hsiao - 'A Line Drive.'

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!



Recognising Hard Work

BNSW Monthly Award Nominees



Coaches

Ernie Christensen -

Moorebank Royals Baseball Softball

Ernie has coached the junior teams for 4 years now, taking them to back-to-back titles while continually improving his knowledge and skills of the game through courses and working alongside other coaches. He has also stepped into the role of coaching the association representative teams. He is calm and patient with every player he coaches. He is an asset to the club!

Nathan Holloway -

Newcastle White Sox Baseball

He's improved results at the club by working with all grades to improve player knowledge and skill from new to experienced players.

Jules Southwell -

Cronulla Sutherland Sharks Baseball

Jules's approach to coaching allows each player to build confidence in their ability.

Peter Needs -

Greenway Giants Baseball

He is dedicated and tireless in his efforts in coaching (women's) baseball. He is genuine, encouraging, and a great coach who is well-liked.

Volunteers

Mitchell Heath -

Moorebank Royals Baseball Softball

Mitchell has been a member of the club for 19 years. In this time he has coached, umpired and held the role of treasurer. Currently, he is the head groundsman that spends hours preparing the fields. He takes great pride in the fields, which is obvious by our quality fields.

Nathan Holloway -

Newcastle White Sox Baseball

Nathan assists in a variety of roles at the club; from club Treasurer to 1st Grade Coach to volunteer umpiring other grades and playing when necessary. He's always willing to assist with running a fundraiser and lending a hand to all that need it.

Mick Goddard -

Red Socks Baseball

Always willing to take professional photos, for all baseball events, for many years now.

Claudine Te Ahuru -

Kostic Penrith Baseball

Claude is the new president of Penrith. She spends countless hours weekly, dealing with the council and sponsors and campaigning for the club. She's breathing new life back into Penrith Baseball.

Club Corner



Manly Eagles Baseball will be hosting the 4th Annual Pink Hope Ladies Day in the Round 13 Fixture on Wednesday 1st, Friday 3rd & Saturday 4th February.

All Manly Eagles Players & Coaches will be donning Pink Jerseys and other apparel and we encourage the members to partake in the event by wearing pink clothing, equipment & accessories during this round as well!

Manly will be hosting a number of different events and there will be opportunities for all to participate in during the round. So head out and support the Pink Hope Ladies day at Manly for Round 13 of the Women's League

LOCATION: Location as per Round 13 on the State League draw is Aquatic Reserve.



Photo: Manly's Pink Hope Day 2022

Baseball NSW Farewell Trent D'Antonio

Baseball NSW would like to farewell and acknowledge one of the greats of the game, Trent D'Antonio, who retired from the ABL in the final round of the season.

Following the Bluesox final home series of the 2022/23 Australian Baseball League (ABL) season, Trent D'Antonio announced that he will be leaving professional baseball. Trent has had a long and distinguished career with the NSW and Sydney Bluesox teams.

Trent has made a huge impact on Baseball in NSW. He has played across a few clubs from juniors all the way up to State League, spending most of his time at the Canterbury Vikings. He's been a NSW representative in the Claxton Shield and has played over 450 games combined with the ABL. We wish Trent all the best as he retires after thirteen amazing years. It is a remarkable example of resilience and dedication.



Enjoy these images on the following page from Trent's debut ABL game in the 2010/11 season against the Canberra Cavalry, who he competed against in his last games neatly tying off his ABL career.

Baseball NSW

Farewell Trent D'Antonio

Photo Gallery



Doosan Korea Coming to Australia

The Korean Baseball Organisation (KBO) team, Doosan Bears, are returning to Blacktown International Sportspark this summer/autumn for their pre-season training from January 30th to March 6th.

They will commence their spring training at the end of January using the facilities on offer at BISP to prepare for the 2023 KBO season. At this time, there is potential for Doosan to play a game against Team Australia as well as a local All-Star team.

This is their fourth time returning to Blacktown and we are excited to welcome them back with open arms, and further grow the relationship between Baseball NSW and Korean Baseball.



NSW Women's Opens and Youth State Teams Trial Information

Baseball NSW are calling upon players wishing to trial for the NSW Women's Country Teams to compete in the Australian Women's Country Championships.

To be eligible to trial and be eligible for selection in the Women's Opens division, players must be fifteen years of age before the commencement of the tournament.

To be eligible for selection in the Youth divisions, players must be at least twelve years of age before the commencement of the tournament but not have turned sixteen years of age as of 31st December of the preceding year.

Example – Player who turns sixteen on 31st December is not eligible, whereas a player who turns sixteen on 1st January is eligible for the U16 AYWC.



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WOMENS LEAGUE

Anyone looking to Trial for either Metro or Country teams, can appear at any of the scheduled trials.

Should you have any questions or need further information, please contact Grahame Cassel via [email here](#).

Click on the following links to see the trial information and register your interest:

Open Women's Trials [Click here.](#)

Youth Women's Trials [Click here.](#)

Returning to the State League Diamonds

And just like that, we're back out on the diamonds for State League 2023! We're so excited to be entering the final rounds of the State and Women's Leagues.

State League washout rounds were held over the holiday period for games to be caught up in preparation for the final rounds. Thanks to Mick Goddard who got out and took some awesome photos of Cronulla against Macarthur during washout round 2.

Stay up to date with the schedule and results for State League, including the standings, draw, Team App and Gamechanger results, on our website [click here](#).



State and Women's League

2023 Club Championships Standings

CLUB	1st GRADE	2nd GRADE	3rd GRADE	U18	Bonus	Total
Ryde Hawks	2,673	1,018	445	859	-	4,995
Blacktown Workers	2,542	1,209	668	573	-	4,992
Macarthur Orioles	3,150	636	191	334	-	4,311
Baulkham Hills	2,653	255	318	859	100	4,184
Cronulla Sharks	2,600	573	64	573	-	3,809
Manly Eagles	1,600	891	127	382	-	3,000
Greater Western	630	764	509	191	-	2,094
Canterbury Vikings	840	255	477	430	-	2,001

*Standings as of Round 11



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* Incomplete Game

Australian Youth Championships 2023

The Australian Youth Championships for 2023 were held this month and our four NSW teams gave it their all out on the diamonds at Blacktown International Sportspark.

It was a great tournament for the teams with some big wins, close games, gut-wrenching draws and a few losses over the six days.

At the finalisation of the round games, our Under 16's Metro finished in first place and NSW Country in sixth. In the Under 18's NSW Metro held second place heading into the playoffs and Country seventh.

Our Under 18's Metro team made it to the bronze medal match following a draw with Western Australia, seating them third overall after playoffs. They had a tough loss in the bronze medal game, with nine runs scored early in the game to give Victoria a strong lead. They worked hard to come back with Karakasis and Palmer combining for six strikeouts and Grant,



Fergie and Morris driving in their four runs. Unfortunately, it just wasn't enough to get the medal and they finished fourth overall.

The Under 16's smashed it out of the park on the final day, both teams victors in their own games, sending them home on a high! NSW Country defeated South Australia 8-5, rallying to score eight runs in just the 5th and 6th innings! Riley Cooper led the hitting with 2RBI's from four at-bats. Matthew Trainor also had four innings pitched with seven strikeouts.

Our standout match of the finals was the Gold Medal victory for the NSW Metro Under 16's!! The boys were on fire finishing up 12 - 2 to a strong Western Australian outfit. Malkoun lead the batting with 3RBI's closely followed by Gruppelaar and

Australian Youth Championships 2023 continued

De Fiesta Clarke who also had 2RBI's each. Matthew Harris' arm is what really secured the game for NSW though, pitching 5.1 innings only allowing three hits and two runs while striking out six. Matt O'Neill's team ran Western Australia out of the game with seven total stolen bases, showing strength in their speed.

The Golden Arm awards in both divisions were granted to NSW Metro players, Damien Wilson (U16) and Jacob Palmer (U18). Congratulations to these players for their efforts during the tournament to earn these awards.

Thank you to all the players, coaching staff, officials, scorers and volunteers

who gave up their time to ensure that the AYC's could run as smoothly as possible. To all the families and supporters, thank you for showing up for the teams! The atmosphere out at Blacktown was amazing.

Lastly, a thank you to Baseball Australia for putting on the tournament for the teams so they can compete at such high levels and play great baseball! It was great to see all of the teams back out on the diamonds after a substantial break from the regular scheduled National Championships.

Looking forward to next year!



Photo: Metro Under 16's win gold at the 2023 Australian Youth Championships.

Australian Youth Championships 2023 Gallery



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Representative Events 2023 Dates & Venues Announced

Baseball NSW is pleased to announce the dates and venues of our major tournaments taking place in the new year.

Following the Australian Youth Championship will be the Rookies Cup and NSW State Championships, and we could not be more excited!

Be sure to mark your calendars as some of the most exciting junior competitions of the season approaches!

Thank you to the clubs who have volunteered to host these events.
We can't wait to see everyone out there in 2023!

Event	Date	Host	Venue
Rookies	26th Feb 2023	North Ryde RSL Junior Baseball Club	Magdala Reserve
Australian Women's and Youth Women's Championships	7th-13th Apr 2023	To be announced	To be announced
Junior and Intermediate League	7th-10th Apr 2023	Pittwater Baseball Club	North Narrabeen Reserve
Little League and Division II	13th-16th Apr 2023	Pittwater Baseball Club	North Narrabeen Reserve
Senior League	19th-20th Apr 2023	Baseball NSW	Blacktown International Sportspark

Baseball5 Baseball NSW Schools Programs

Baseball NSW has introduced Baseball5 to the school programs.

Baseball5 is a fast-paced, dynamic and inclusive game that can be played anywhere, anytime. All you need is a ball, some training equipment such as agility ladders, markers and throw down bases.

Instructor development programs are available to both Primary and High schools, also to Universities, Recreational Centres and Baseball Associations.

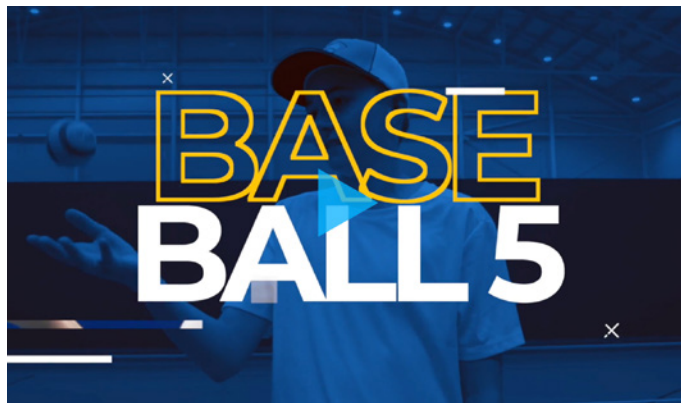
Baseball NSW is a member and contributor of the Federal Governments Sporting Schools program. The program coordinates sporting organisations, coaches, and teachers to deliver sport before, during and after school hours. Schools can apply for [funding](#) to deliver a program each term and is available to both primary and high schools. Parents and guardians are also able to use the \$100 [Active Kids Voucher](#) towards enrolling their kids in the Baseball5 program.

Furthermore, [Sporting Schools Club Connect](#) will enable eligible primary

schools to build on their involvement in the Sporting Schools program by establishing and building upon relationships with local sporting clubs.

For more information contact Adrian Medina, Head of Baseball5 at b5@baseballnsw.com.au or head over to our [Baseball5 Schools Program webpage](#).

Check out our [Baseball5 video here](#).



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](#).

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 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 for terms & conditions and FAQs

HOW TO USE YOUR VOUCHERS

- 1** Find a provider by visiting our website: 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](#)

2



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](#)

3



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](#)

4



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](#)

5



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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