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2023 March entries



Photo by Marcel Andrieux-Dibben – 'Concord Super Volunteer, Ed Sweeney.'



Photo by Kirsty Tavae – 'You're safe.'



Photo by Mick Goddard – 'Doomsday @ Doosan Series – Game 1.'



Photo by Simone Kenyon – 'Hot Rods Honour Ladies Day.'



Photo by Mike Vlack – 'Final victory of the season.'

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: Amanda Dalton –
Yarrawarra Tigers Baseball

Coach: Bradley Percell –
East Hills Raptors Baseball

Umpire: N/A

Scorer: Judy Clifford –
Northern Pirates Baseball

March Game Day Photo Winner

Congratulations to our #NSWGameDayPic winner this month, photo #6 by Mike Vlack - 'Final victory of the season.'

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

**Bradley Percell -
East Hills Raptors Baseball**

Great Coach, always supporting the kids. He's so passionate and teaches them so well. They all love him and see him as a role model.

Scorers

**Juliane Bowen -
Camden RedSox Baseball**

Always stepping in to score grandsons baseball, from club to reps.

**Judy Clifford -
Northern Pirates Baseball**

Judy has been scoring and keeping stats longer than most have been around baseball, and she does it so well!



Volunteers

**Amanda Dalton -
Yarrawarrah Tigers Baseball**

Amanda is our current canteen manager. Not only does she make sure all the baseballers are fed and hydrated, but she also goes above and beyond as a committee member making sure the kids are put first!

**James Rogers -
Sawtell Dodgers Baseball**

James has been absolutely tireless in preparing and maintaining our association grounds, week in, week out, year in, year out.

Strike Zone

Hanging up your cleats?

With the end of most summer competitions upon us, are you considering hanging up your cleats? Do you still want to be involved in baseball and give back to this great game? Don't coach, become an umpire...

Like all sports, baseball needs volunteers and what better way to give back to the game than by becoming an umpire. If you would like a discussion on how you might be able to help, or those who are already umpiring and want to take the next step, reach out to [NSWBUA](#) who would be happy to discuss your options and provide some guidance and advice on an umpiring career



100 Years of NSWBUA – Awards Night

This year marks 100 years of umpiring baseball in NSW. To mark the occasion, a cocktail dinner will be held on 17th June, 2023 at Bankstown Sports Club.

Anyone interested in attending, contact the [Secretary NSWBUA](#) or refer to our [website](#) for further details.

Tickets are now on sale for the 100-year awards night of NSWBUA on June 17, 2023 at Bankstown Sports Club.

Visit our [website](#) to purchase tickets.

Club Corner

Campbelltown Ghosts Baseball plants 18 trees to honor her Majesty Queen Elizabeths Jubilee.

On 28th of February, the Campbelltown Ghosts Club had the privilege to host Dr. Mike Frelander, the Federal Member for Macarthur, for the unveiling of the plaque following their recent tree planting program.

Eighteen trees were planted around the Woodland grounds and will serve as a reminder about the Queen's Jubilee Project which aims to honor the late Queen Elizabeth II 70th year of reign over the commonwealth.

The trees themselves were planted back in December and once fully grown, the grounds for players, officials, and spectators will feature a lovely tree line that enhances the comfort of Campbelltown Baseball events at Woodland and provide environmental benefits to the community.



Many guests, volunteers, and Dr. Frelander himself helped and ensured that this project would be possible and has allowed Campbelltown to grow the game of baseball through their local teams and through the local community as well.

Campbelltown Ghosts Planting Tree Program 2023 Gallery



Club Corner cont.

Blacktown City's Mayor visits Doosan Bears

On the 22nd of February the Mayor of Blacktown City, Tony Bleasdale OAM, arrived at Blacktown International SportsParks to meet the members of the Doosan Bears.

Key figures like Korean Baseball Organisation legend, and first-year manager Lee Seung-Yuop and the Doosan Bears General Manager and Assistant General Manager, were able to discuss their time in Australia and how the training has gone thus far with the Mayor, as well as what the future looks like for the relationship between Doosan, Baseball NSW and Blacktown City Council.



Club Corner cont.

Blacktown City's Mayor visits Doosan Bears

Blacktown International SportsPark continues to be a home for international baseball and will further grow the game across Australia and relationships around the world.

This is Doosan's 4th time returning to Blacktown for Spring Training and has been training since the end of January for the upcoming season in the KBO League. Doosan's players have been able to use all 3 diamonds around the facility, along with partaking in some live competitions with the Exhibition Series vs some of ABL's All-Stars along with intrasquad games in their preparation.

Baseball NSW would like to thank the Mayor for continuing to support Baseball NSW's efforts to develop the sport of baseball through opportunities like these. We look forward to strengthening the relationships with the Doosan Bears and Korean Baseball for years to come and will continue to welcome them with open arms back to BISP. We wish Doosan the best of luck and are honored that Baseball NSW is a part of their 2023 season.



Club Corner cont.

Thornleigh's

Liz McKewin

Pink Day

Recently, Thornleigh Baseball Club celebrated their 13th Annual Liz McKewin Pink Day. In celebration, the club unveiled an exclusive A Grade Jersey, a first for the annual fundraiser.

The day, which supports the Crown Princess Mary Cancer Centre is in honour of Liz McKewin. Liz, who is known to many in the baseball community, was a special member of the Thornleigh Club and lost her battle with breast cancer thirteen years ago.

President Ash Harrigan remembers Liz was always the first to put up her hand and help out, whether it was in the canteen, scoring a game or supporting other baseball families and was the Baseball "Mum" to the players. Harrigan believes that "being able to honour Liz and her memory while continuing to help those battling cancer makes this day really special for all our club members and the McKewin family."



Photo: McKewin Family with President Ash Harrigan.

The club offers all players a chance to be able to swap their regular jerseys and hats with special pink day merch, which was taken up by many of the clubs players. They also held an action-packed day of pink fun at their home ground of Oakleigh Oval.

"Every year it is amazing to see how our club members support this cause and we believe it really brings us all together as a club," says Harrigan

It was a fantastic atmosphere as the crowd enjoyed the A1 and A2 game, with the A2 game going right down to the wire finishing in a draw at the end of the 7th innings.

Club Corner cont.

Thornleigh's

Liz McKewin

Pink Day

"Being able to walk out on the diamond wearing the McKewin name 13 years later was something really special and we hope to keep the memory of Liz alive for many more years to come"

Not just content with entertaining those at the ground, Thornleigh had a live stream of both the A2 and A1 game which can be watched via their You Tube channel.

Closing out the day was Olympic Softball Legend Ellen Roberts who took the mound back where she started her career. Beginning as a Thornleigh baseball junior, Ellen eventually moved into softball where she went on to represent Australia in the Tokyo Olympics. A number of players, kids and spectators paid to have a hit against this local legend, although there were more strikes than hits!

Over the past 13 years, Thornleigh has raised over \$50,000 for the Crown Princess Mary Cancer Centre. This has helped the centre purchase a specialty chemotherapy chair, and refurbish the chemotherapy centre as well as the C5 Cancer ward.

This year the club will be donating \$9,400 to the Crown Princess Mary Centre Centre thanks to everyone who got behind the day and donated.

Thornleigh President Ash Harrigan, has said "On behalf of all the members of the Thornleigh Baseball Club we would like to thank the Crown Princess Mary Cancer Centre for all they do for their patients and hope this is able to contribute to continuing to help support those battling cancer"

Congratulations to Thornleigh Baseball Club on another successful Liz McKewin Pink Day.



Thornleigh Liz McKewin Pink Day 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.

With the Australian Youth Championships and Rookies Cup completed for this year, our representative season continues with the 2023 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!



BASEBALL
NEW SOUTH WALES

Representative Events 2023

Dates & Venues

Event	Date	Host	Venue
Australian Women's & Youth Women's Championships	7th-13th Apr 2023	Baseball Australia	Melbourne Ballpark
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
Australian Schoolboys Championships	7th-13th May 2023	TBA	TBA (NSW)
Tamworth Baseball Carnival	10th-12th Jun 2023	TBA	TBA
NSW Country Mens Europe Tour	13th-28th Jun 2023	TBA	Vienna and Prague
NSW Country Senior League and NSW Womens Country Championships	24th-25th Jun 2023	TBA	Tamworth
Senior Mens A and B Division Country Championships	4th-6th Aug 2023	TBA	Blacktown International Sportspark
Coasties Cup	Aug 2023	TBA	TBA (Central Coast)
Junior Country Championships	30th Sep - 2nd Oct 2023	TBA	Coffs Coast Sport and Leisure Park

2023 State Championships Merchandise

2023 State Championships merchandise is still live in the 'shop'! Be sure to get on the Baseball NSW webpage and grab the latest gear for this year's tournament!

This year we have cleat bags, t-shirts, hoodies and travel mugs, available in different association colours! We also have umbrellas available in black with the State Championships logo on it.

All merchandise must be pre-ordered and will be collected from BNSW State Championships on the day of the event.

Head to the 'shop' tab on the BNSW website by [clicking here](#) and get your merchandise.

Orders Close Friday 31st March @ 11:59pm.



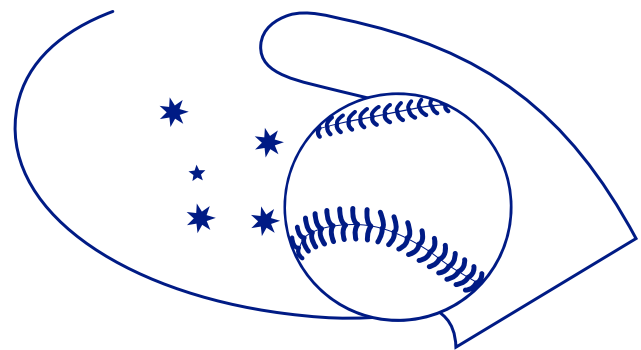
Australian Women's Championships Teams Announced

Baseball NSW would like to congratulate the Open's and Youth Women's players who have been selected in the NSW state teams, and the NSW Composite team players that will represent at the Australian Women's and Youth Women's Championships.

The NSW Opens Women's composite team was picked to create an opportunity for players from NSW Metro, Country, ACT and Victoria, to combine and compete at the upcoming AWC's

We wish all the teams the best of luck at the championships.

The competitions are set to take place at Melbourne Ballpark, Altona, VIC, beginning on the 7th of April and concluding on the 13th. The AWYC's will run in conjunction to the senior event, from the 8th - 11th of April, providing



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NEW SOUTH WALES
WOMENS LEAGUE

a great opportunity for our youth team to see the Open's championships while they are there.

Baseball NSW would also like to thank all of the coaching staff who will be leading the teams through the competitions. We appreciate your contribution to growing the women's game further!

Australian Women's Championships Team Lists

NSW Women's Team

Maddison Tabrett

Angelique Iredale

Mackenzie Jackson

Ticara Geldenhuis

Isobel Lambert

Maddison Erwin

Ashley Patton

Brianna Hosie

Lisa Nakashio

Molly Donald

Ebony Van Eynde

Claire O'Sullivan

Sayaka Mori

Ashleigh Bruce

Chloe Jones

Mahaela O'Neill

Elise Izzard

Jordan Richardson

Head Coach: John Gaynor**Pitching Coach:** Jack Dormor**Assistant Coach:** Trent D'Antonio**Executive Officer:** Marilyn Jackson

Australian Women's Championships Team Lists

NSW Youth Women's Team

Mariam Arifaki

Rhiannon Bojarski

Jessica Burnett

Ryleigh
Delacour-Batch

Alyssa Frame

Sienna Gledhill

Tayla Jones

Jessica Sowell

Tallara Joseph- Riogi

Keira King

Tamryn Love

Alysha Mobberley Barreto

Bree Pekert

Brydi Peppard

Jessica Rosser

Ashleigh Young

Head Coach: David Gledhill

Pitching Coach: Stephen Dredge

Assistant Coach: Maddison Heath

Executive Officer: Mazhouda Arifaki

Australian Women's Championships Team Lists

NSW Women's Composite Team

Breanna Green

Felicity Clissold

Emma Hooper

Baylin Rousell

Olivia Jackson

Lily Kevelham

Erin Partridge

Lauren Romanin

Kaitlyn Wolin

Beatrix Cobon

Violet Gruppelaar

Macy Priamo

Ellen Bently

Mattea Karn

Jess Bennett

Kirra Hamilton

Kira Jansen

Head Coach: Chantelle Cornick

Pitching Coach: Matt Hosie

Assistant Coach: TBD

Executive Officer: Annette Green

Team Australia Make History at the World Baseball Classic

The World Baseball Classic is an international baseball tournament that is held every four years. It features national teams from around the world, and it is organised by the World Baseball Softball Confederation.

The 2023 World Baseball Classic was a huge step in the right direction for Baseball in Australia. This month we saw some of the best of the best in the current Australian Baseball League, unite to take on the World Baseball Classic.

Team Australia competed in Pool B, which featured world No.1 Japan, as well as Korea, China and Czech Republic. The opening game of Team Australia's WBC campaign would be the biggest game in Australian history, but they didn't know that yet! When the Australian team clinched the game against Korea, every baseball fan back home was cheering.



What that win meant for the sport, was that the chance of a first-time quarter final spot was achievable. And they did it! Coming out of Pool B in 2nd place – Team Australia, for the first time in history, progressed to the quarter finals and were set to play Cuba.

Baseball Australia this month, highlighted the immediate impact that this progression had on our sport. In the article "[Australian Baseball Gone Viral](#)", they highlight this fact – Baseball has been played in Australia since the 1850s but it enjoys a small fraction.

Team Australia Make History at the World Baseball Classic

Participation in Baseball is around 57,000 [with a majority of those numbers coming from right here in NSW]. To put it in perspective, there are 30 registered cricketers in Australia for every baseballer. But Australia potentially caught the attention, and the hearts, of many people both nationally and internationally, by making history.

These are some of the standout figures from Baseball Australia's Article:

- Team Australia received coverage across Major News outlets such as ESPN, Japan Times, ABC, The Athletic, MLB.COM, MSN
- Tim Kennelly's Daughter was caught by Japanese TV saying "Let's go Georgie".
- Seen by 3 million people and trending on Japanese twitter.
- Broadcast had a 44% market share vs Japan in Japanese's households = 60,000,000
- Images from SMP Website on Team Australia baseball were downloaded in 71 different countries on digital news services and news tracking services found a reach of 148 million.
- Over 22,000 photo downloads from news agencies with media subscriptions
- 36% increase in Instagram followers over past 30 days for Team Australia
- From that an extra 13.5% increase in Instagram followers over past 30 days for Baseball NSW
- Eleven of Australia's players have MLB affiliate contracts. Fifteen have played in Triple-A or higher. Two have played in the Major Leagues. Another has played in the Japanese Big Leagues.

Although Team Australia went down to Cuba in the quarter final, in what was certainly a nail-biting game, it is a great day to be a baseballer in Australia. We are extremely proud of the Team that represented our Nation, but also the several players who have come from NSW pathways and represented Baseball NSW or the Sydney Bluesox at a point in their career.

Team Australia Make History at the World Baseball Classic

We can't wait to see what happens next for our great sport, off the back of what has been a successful World Baseball Classic.

A notable mention to Baseball NSW State Development Officer Coen Wynne, who also received a late call up to play for Team Australia. The change came as he replaced Tim Atherton (personal reasons) on the roster. Coen joined the

team in Japan off the back of the huge win against Korea and was immediately immersed in the exhilarating atmosphere of the Tokyo Dome. Following his inning pitched against China, Coen received a feature [on the MLB.com site](#), stunning everyone on one of the biggest baseball stages in the world. Congratulations once again Coen and we're really glad we get to work alongside you.



Team Australia World Baseball Classic 2023 Gallery



Thank you Doosan Bears

Baseball NSW were joined by the Doosan Bears at Blacktown International Sportspark for the entirety of February, as the Korean Baseball Organisation (KBO) powerhouse team completed their Spring Training.

Doosan Bears provided many highlights through the month, with regular high intensity training, multiple intersquad scrimmage games and the pinnacle of their visit - the Doosan Exhibition Series.



We were very grateful to have the opportunity to showcase Australian competition against one of the top KBO Professional Baseball teams, the Doosan Bears.



Thank you Doosan Bears Cont.

Baseball NSW CEO, Mark Marino has worked hard to engage with the Doosan Bears and Asia, saying "We are really excited to bring quality levels of baseball back to the park. It's a great opportunity for our local talent to be on display against some world class competition and it was fantastic to see the uniqueness of Korean fan engagement come through at the game."

Thank you for being here with us in Sydney and wanting to have a scrimmage game against the Australian Players! We hope that you enjoyed the series as much as we did.

This is the fourth year that we have hosted the Doosan Bears Spring training in Sydney, and the relationship with the Korean Baseball Organisation has been built over six years. Baseball NSW staff and Board look to maintain this relationship into the future as we continue to grow the game in our state.

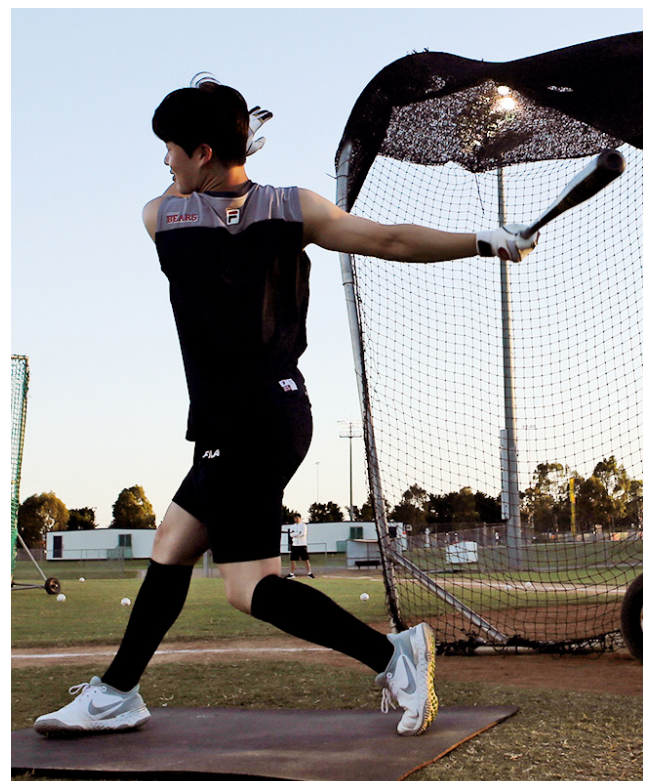
Baseball NSW express sincere gratitude to the Doosan Bears organization for the time we shared both on and off the field. We wish you all the best in your competition during the 2023 KBO Season.



Doosan Bears Spring Break 2023 Gallery



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Baseball NSW Online Coaching Accreditation

Are you interested in obtaining your Baseball Coaches Accreditation?

Baseball NSW offers an online coaching accreditation program through the Canopi platform. It aligns BNSW practices with the Baseball Australia revisions for coach accreditations. There are 3 levels (A, B and C) that are recognised nationally. As such, we have updated our coach accreditation requirements, with the USA Baseball Certification being a mandatory component of the BNSW accreditation.

Anyone interested in partaking in our courses can now access everything through the 'Education' section of our updated BNSW website. The online courses allow those interested in acquiring accreditation to do so during the times that work best for them.

To assist with the transition to online education, we've put together a full document outlining the requirements and changes.



Download the document [here](#).

To begin your accreditation pathway today, [click here](#).

For any queries relating to the coach accreditation requirements, please email: coaching@baseballnsw.com.au

Clearinghouse for Sport: Benefits of Physical Activity

We know that engaging in regular physical activity is essential for maintaining good health.

Sports offer a great way to stay active and healthy. There are numerous benefits of participating in sports, both physical and mental. Whilst sports help to improve cardiovascular health, regular exercise strengthens the heart and body as a whole. Sports also help to maintain healthy body weight and reduce the risk of obesity.

Clearinghouse for Sport evidence based webpage is a helpful and informative place for discovering the benefits of sport.

[Click here](#) to head to the website and view all the facts and statistics.

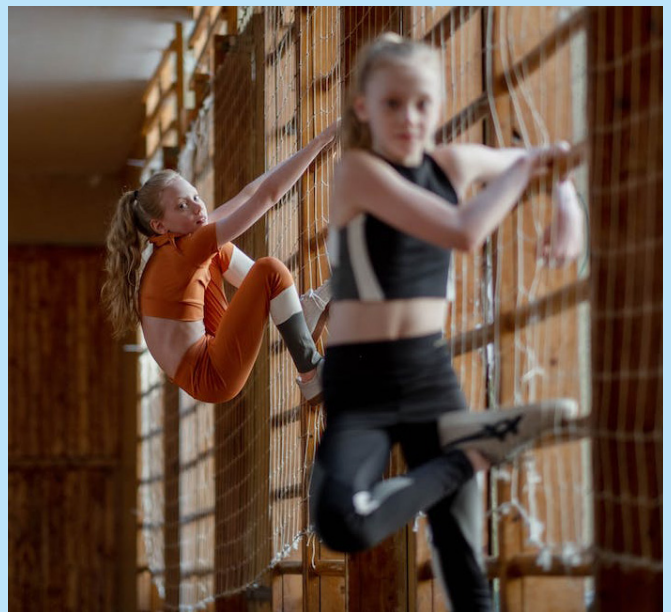


Photo from Pexels

Clearinghouse for Sport: Recruitment Opportunities

Are you a sports enthusiast looking for a career that aligns with your passion?

Look no further! The Clearinghouse for Sport "Sports Recruitment" page includes information on current scholarship opportunities, employment and volunteer vacancies provided by Australian sport organisations. Whether you have experience in coaching, event management, marketing, or any other field related to sports, have a browse.

Don't miss out on this chance to turn your love for sports into a fulfilling career. Apply now and take the first step towards your dream job in sports!

Visit the webpage [here](#).



Fast Track Female Coaches Course Applications Open

Sport NSW is pleased to announce expressions of interest are now open for the upcoming Fast Track for Female Coaches course, commencing in May 2023.

Fast Track for Female Coaches aims to connect aspiring female coaches, provide exclusive insight and further develop their coaching and leadership behaviours and competencies - building capability, confidence and readiness as they fast track through the coaching talent pathway.

The course will commence early May, with the final session to be held at the end of May.

The hybrid course, with two in-person sessions and four online sessions (Tuesday nights 6-8pm plus one afternoon of Sunday 28th May 2023),



will be delivered by ACPE academics plus industry leading experts and experienced coaches from a variety of backgrounds.

Places are extremely limited and expressions of interest are now open. Please click [here](#) to register your interest. Please note that successful applicants are required to provide a copy of a supporting letter from their State Sporting Organisations as part of their EOI.

For any further queries, please email us [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](#).

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.



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

