



# The Pitch



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2023 State Championships

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at Nationals

Baseball5 Participate in  
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# BNSW Game Day Pics

## 2023 April entries



Photo by Josh Gately – 'For the love of the game.'



Photo by Kirsty Tavae – 'Take a knee and reset.'



Photo by Jo Lawrence Stewart – 'Safe on 3rd.'



Photo by Simone Kenyon – 'Big smiles from Ivy White.'



Photo by Peter Spanidis – 'Association Cup Presentation.'



# 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:** Ainslee Coyle –  
Greenway Giants Baseball

**Coach:** Rodger Morris –  
Macarthur Orioles Baseball

**Umpire:** N/A

**Scorer:** Kylie Corrigan –  
Wyong Wildcats Baseball

## Monthly Game Day April Photo Winner

Congratulations to our #NSWGameDayPic winner this month, photo #4 sent in by Josh Gately - 'For the Love of the Game.'

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

### **Amanda Long - Thornleigh Baseball**

We have just had Amanda as coach and she was amazing, so encouraging and engaging with the kids. She had a team of boys and girls with a broad range of ages.

### **Rodger Morris - Macarthur Orioles Baseball**

Rodger is the definition of hard working and passionate. He spends countless hours running programs and teams for women's baseball with his only goal being the development of the players. He is the first person to put his hand up to assist with training or any other high-performance endeavours on top of his own commitments. Rodger is a valuable asset to women's baseball and continues to create opportunities for the future generation.

## Scorers

### **Kylie Corrigan - Wyong Wildcats Baseball**

Kylie scores 4 out of 5 games played on Saturdays. Two games she doesn't even have family members in. She's there from 10:40am until 6:30pm unable to watch games properly or socialize. It is such a thankless job that she does week in, week out.

## Volunteers

### **Paula Bourke - East Hills Raptors Baseball**

Paula not only coaches a Zooka team but can be found working in the canteen on the weekends. In between she also fits out all our teams with uniforms. Her welcoming smile and hardworking nature makes her a very valuable asset to our club. Every club needs volunteers like Paula!

# Recognising Hard Work

## BNSW Monthly Award Nominees



### **Scotty Blacklock - Illawong Marlins Baseball**

Scotty's passion and love of the sport is shown through his volunteer coaching of t-ball teams.

### **Ainslee Coyle - Greenway Giants Baseball**

Ainslee has committed several years to Greenway Giants, starting as Uniforms and Scorer coordinator before moving on to Juniors Coordinator, doing social media posts, organising merchandise and the Canteen Manager. Many will have had her special nachos that have become a favourite for Friday night dinners at Greenway and a request from visiting clubs. Ainslee has volunteered countless hours over her tenure on the Committee for both Juniors and Seniors including running pop-up canteens for SWBL and cooking up a storm for the Tournaments at Greenway Giants.

### **Mitch Janik - Wyang Wildcats**

This year Mitch helped out with junior try baseball days. He coached one of our three t-ball teams. Was on both junior and senior committees and was always happy to help in any way he could. Helped in numerous junior and senior canteens. Was an integral part of his own team and was always happy to back up for other teams.

### **Matt Saunders - Illawong Marlins Baseball**

Matt Saunders is not only my sons coach, he volunteers his time to grow baseball in local public schools, is our club's groundskeeper and when the Colts Rugby League line broke two weeks ago he was the first to the fields again volunteering his time and the equipment to ensure trial games went ahead. He also umpires. What a legend!

### **Peter Klianis - East Hills Raptors Baseball**

Peter has been our groundsman for years; he is always there when you need him to help out. The white lines appear magically every week, all year round. He also assists with teams, coaches and plays in our senior team's during winter and summer. He attends all our meetings and is an active member of our Executive. Every club needs helpers like Peter!

### **Amanda Long - Thornleigh Baseball**

Our social media presence is amazing and better than most professional clubs. Amanda's efforts behind the scenes in curating and sharing this content is what helps continue to grow the game in our area.

# Strike Zone

## **2023 NSWBUA Seminar – Baseball NSW Umpire School**

NSWBUA announces the 2023 Umpire School is to be held on 8-9 July at Blacktown International Sports Park (BISP) Baseball Complex.

As the premier seminar on the calendar for this year, we encourage umpires of all levels to attend. Join us to gain your accreditation, or enhance and improve your skills of umpiring from some of the best instructors in the country,

Whether your interest lies in local junior or senior baseball, State League, Women's League or National Champions, join us to gain your accreditation, or enhance and improve your skills of umpiring from some of the best instructors in the country.

[Click here – tickets are now on sale!](#)

## **2023 SWBL**

The 2023 Sydney Winter Baseball League begins in late April. Anyone wishing to umpire during the season, please reach out to the Association by emailing us at [secretary@nswbua.org](mailto:secretary@nswbua.org)



## **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.

A number of past members, including those who have worked on the international stage, will be in attendance. Come and join us for a great night.

Tickets are on sale now!

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

# College Catchups

This month, two athletes who have come from NSW and been through the BNSW pathways as juniors, featured in a Baseball Australia's "HITTERS MAKING WAVES OVERSEAS" article.

Bazzana and Cavill are just two of the many names you should be keeping on your radar! Keep up the great work guys.

[Click here](#) to read the story.



Photo: Travis Bazzana (OSU image)



Photo: Brett Allen.

At the start of this month, Brett Allen of Barton Community College (KS) has signed with 4-Year University – Reinhardt University.

Barton is currently ranked 9th in the Nation and has a record of 32-3. Brett is from Newcastle and has been a member of the NSW Country U16 & U18 teams for four years. As a player who has been through Baseball NSW HP pathways and a member of Belmont Baseball Club, Newcastle, Allen is really stepping into his comfort as a player!

Best of luck to Brett in his new endeavours and we cant wait to follow along his journey!



Photo: Brett Allen.



# Club Corner

**Clubmap are offering a FREE WEBINAR in April to assist clubs with grants. They will run through how to ask for grants, and secure more financial support and funding!**

For those who don't know, [Clubmap](#) are a dynamic and responsive ally for all community clubs.

They are a part of major community groups and commercial partners who work with organisations from 65 sports. They're trusted by 7500+ volunteer administrators from 3000+ clubs across Australia and internationally.

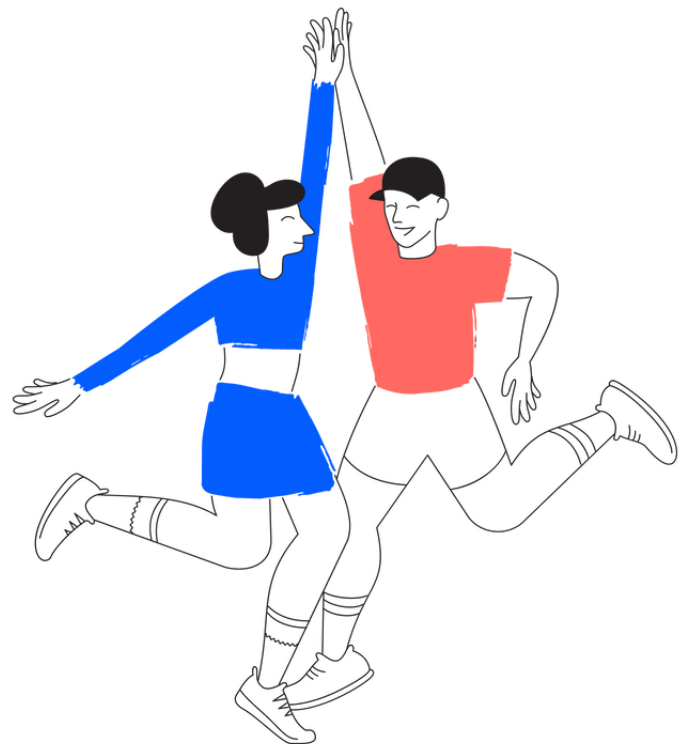
**For those clubs that are interested, here are the details of the seminar:**

**When:** Monday April 24th

**Time:** 7pm - 7:40pm

**Where:** TBA

[Click here](#) to register.



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# Representative Events 2023 Dates & Venues Announced

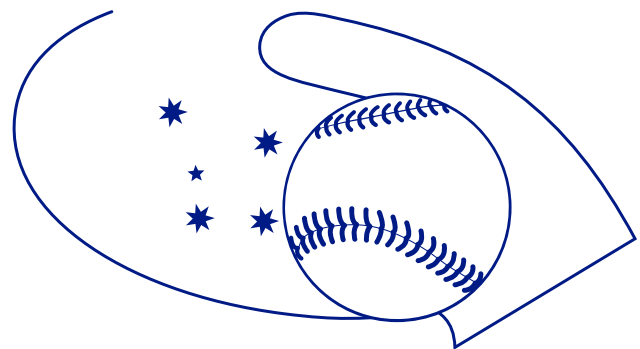
**Baseball NSW is pleased to announce the dates and venues of our major tournaments taking place in the new year.**

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!



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NEW SOUTH WALES

# Representative Events 2023 Dates & Venues

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

# Players Shine at the 2023 State Championships

## We have come to the end of another NSW State Championships!!

This month, Baseball NSW, with help from Pittwater Baseball Club and many volunteers, hosted the State Championships over three consecutive weekends... and what a jam packed few weeks we had.

Thank you to all of the associations who participated. Congratulations to our champion and nationals qualifying teams. In just under two weeks, it starts again as senior league head to Mandurah to begin the first of the Australian Championships.

**The below teams in the following divisions will be representing NSW this year at the Nationals.**

Senior League	Little League Majors
Ryde Red	Cronulla
Cronulla Blue	Hills
	Ryde Red
Junior League	Little League Division II
Cronulla Black	Hills Red
Ryde Red	Hills Blue
Intermediate League	
Hills	
Ryde	

# Players Shine at the 2023 State Championships

We would like to formally wish all of the Senior League players who have finalised their time in Little League, the best in their future senior baseball endeavours!

These tournaments would not be the success that they were without the help of amazing people behind the scenes. Thank you to all the association reps and Baseball NSW volunteers that donated their time to help run the events. Once again to Marc Roberts our tournament director for the Junior/Intermediate League and Little League Majors/Minors tournaments and to Andrew Clements who was the tournament director for Senior League. We appreciate all the time and effort that goes into your jobs!

To Mark Gilmour, Jerry Cobb and the umpires, and Vera and her scorers, plus her amazing helper Janine who also doubles as ground announcer! All of these people were an amazing team to work with over the three weeks and we hope they have enjoyed a well deserved rest!

Finally, a huge thank you goes out to the parents, spectators, supporters (around the diamonds & at home) and the PLAYERS!! We would not be able to play any baseball without your participation and dedication to representing your



associations so we hope you have enjoyed the 2023 State Championships.

Please remember that all the images of the tournaments have been made available via TeamApp to the respective Access Groups, so to be able to see all the images from each day of the event, please sign up to your team's group in the 2023 State Championships TeamApp.

**To see the details of the the upcoming Nationals, head to the events calendar on the BNSW website by [clicking here](#).**

See you all next year!



# 2023 State Championships

## Senior League Gallery





# 2023 State Championships

## Junior League Gallery





# 2023 State Championships Intermediate League Gallery





# 2023 State Championships Little League and Division II Gallery



Above: Little League Division II winners and runners up, Hills Red and Blue!



# 2023 State Championships

## Little League and Division II Gallery



Above: Little Majors Winners and Runners Up: Cronulla and Hills



# 2024 Women's World Cup Tournament

**Off the back of our Australian Women's Championships and a successful Youth Womens Championships in Victoria, we share with you Australia's pathway in the 2024 Women's World Cup of Baseball.**

Baseball Australia have reported that Australia will be one of six teams placed in Group A with Canada, USA, Mexico and two qualifiers coming from the upcoming Asian Women's Baseball Championship. The Emeralds will battle the competition in Group A action in Thunder Bay, Canada in August 2023. Group B will take part in Japan in September.

Unlike other years and editions of the World Cup, this competition will take place over two years.

The Top Two teams from each group, plus two wild cards, will advance to the final group stage in August 2024 where the competition will return to Thunder Bay to determine the World Champion.

The 2024 tournament will be the ninth edition of the Women's Baseball World Cup. Australia has traditionally fared well at the World Cup. They've finished in the Top 4 on six occasions with their best result being a silver medal in 2010.

For the full release from WBSC [click here](#).



# NSW Youth Women's Team Secure Silver at Nationals

**Congratulations to our NSW Youth team who have finished second at the Australian Women's Youth Championships!**

A hard fought game against Queensland on Wednesday afternoon saw them come away with silver at this years Youth Women's Nationals, which is no easy feat.

The team really stepped up to the challenge in their round games to make the gold medal match! Going 1-2 in their first two days of the tournament, these losses meant they had to win their last two games to be in with a chance.

On Tuesday afternoon, NSW Youth came up against Western Australia and secured the win 7-3! A seven run rally in the bottom of the third was kickstarted by Mariam Arifaki. In this game we saw another solid outing from Brydi Peppard going 2IP, 2ER, and 4SO.



# NSW Youth Women's Team Secure Silver at Nationals cont.

Following this, the team went on to defeat Victoria 12-7. Some stand out performances from Eden Neave, who went 2/3 with 2 RBI and Lily McKenner also had 2 RBI.

The competition ran alongside the Australian Women's Championships which saw the top opens women's baseball players across the country compete. This year we had the pleasure of sending two NSW teams away! In interviews with Baseball Australia, NSW player Claire O'Sullivan mentioned "the girls learned a lot this week and we really enjoyed ourselves." Our NSW Composite Team Head Coach, Chantelle Cornick, spoke to BA saying "The fact that we're here, we've got this team together... getting this experience under their belt... it's been a win-win regardless of the results."

Baseball Australia awarded Spirit of the Game Awards in both competitions. Congratulations to recipients Alyssa Frame (NSW Youth), Sayaka Mori (NSW Opens) and Beatrix Cobon (NSW Composite Opens). The award is

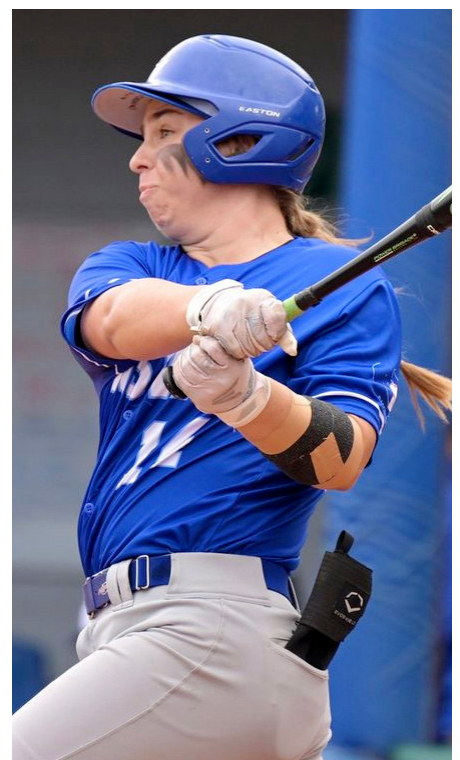
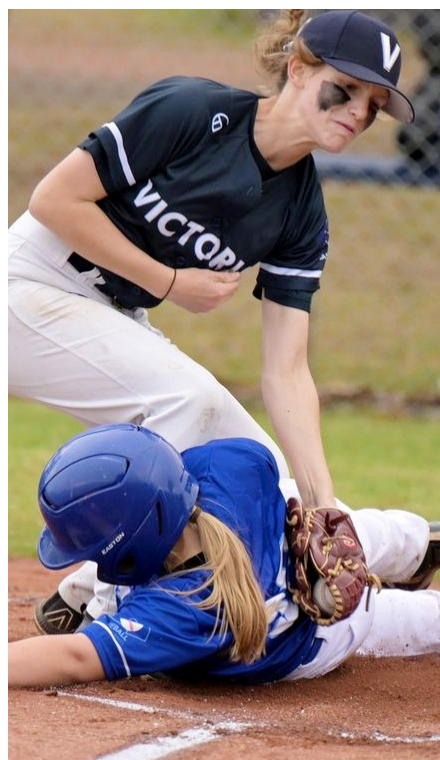


given to a player from each team who displays the values and attributes of fair play, teamwork, community and team respect. Well done ladies!

Congratulations to all who attended the Womens Nationals events! Baseball NSW appreciate your time and effort dedicated to continuing to grow the Women's game and we're excited to see what the future holds.



# NSW Women's Youth Team Secure Silver at Nationals 2023



# Baseball5 Team at Fairfield Council's 'Bring It On Fest'

**Baseball NSW Baseball5 team had the pleasure of participating in Fairfield Council's 'Bring It On! Fest' in celebration of Youth Week in NSW.**

The festival was a huge success, with huge thanks to Fairfield City Council and the many volunteers who assisted in setting up and running the day. Baseball NSW especially appreciate the assistance offered by members of the Moorebank Baseball Club and BNSW players and parents who came out to participate in the first official game of Baseball5 in Sydney! It was very exciting to see people enjoying the game, and it was evident that the game welcomes all, as young boys and girls from all over the festival showed interest in the stall throughout the day.

Baseball5 Co-ordinator, Adrian Medina has been working closely with many Latin professionals with a passion for Baseball5. The game had four accredited WBSC Baseball5 officials all sharing different responsibilities during the match. The result of the game saw the Moorebank Tigers win, beating the Moorebank Dogs.

Adrian, as our B5 Co-Ordinator has said "Special thanks to coaches John Brooke and Benjamin Taylor for the support and work done on and off the field promoting this great and inclusive game. As Baseball5 propels into the baseball community, B5NSW have high hopes to be able to set up a competition for our juniors."

With the first WBSC Junior Baseball5 World Cup on the horizon, we are hoping to be able to work with and develop interested NSW players so they have the opportunity to be able to participate at this great event.

Prior to the event Adrian and Moorebank Baseball Club were LIVE on Channel 10 to share news of our participation at Bring It On Fest!

The interview was a great opportunity to highlight how fun this sport can be and support B5 endeavours whilst still promoting the name of baseball.

It's great to see the sports of B5 and baseball, as a whole, getting media exposure and we hope to continue to grow our games in NSW!!



# Fairfield Council's 'Bring It On Fest' Baseball5 2023 Gallery





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# Barclay Cup Perth 2023 Announcement

**Baseball NSW have been formally invited to the Barclay Cup in 2023. Baseball WA is excited to confirm the Carine Cats Baseball Club will host this year's Barclay Cup from 1-7 October.**

After a successful inaugural event with this new national tournament for youth girls aged 13-16, Baseball WA is excited to welcome the Barclay Cup to Perth.

Carine's strong base of volunteers

is also excited about this fantastic opportunity to host a national event.

**[Click here](#) for the full announcement on Baseball WA's website!**

Final details are yet to be confirmed but stay tuned for more Barclay Cup updates in the coming months and follow the [Barclay Cup 2023 facebook page](#) for all the latest news.



# BNSW 2023 Pathway Programs Applications Open

**Baseball NSW will once again be conducting Winter High Performance Programs.**

Registrations are now open for the 2023 Under 16 Developing Pathway Program (DPP) and Under 18 Performance Pathway Program and Baseball NSW are now calling upon players who wish to trial for this program.

Details regarding age eligibility and the commitment required for these programs are all provided on the Baseball NSW website. Don't miss the chance to trial for these programs! Registrations close soon.

Registrations to trial for the PPP will end at midnight Friday 5th May, 2023.

Registrations to trial for the DPP will end at midnight Wednesday 17th May, 2023.

**Please read the information provided in the documents on our website, prior to registering by [clicking here](#).**



# 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](mailto:coaching@baseballnsw.com.au)

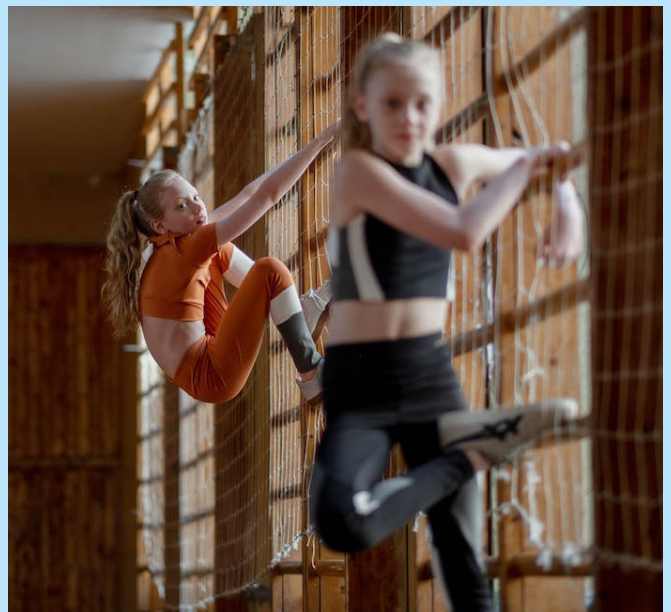
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**[Click here](#) to head to the website and view all the facts and statistics.**



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## 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](#).



# 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](http://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](http://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](http://sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids)
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