



The Pitch



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with Japan

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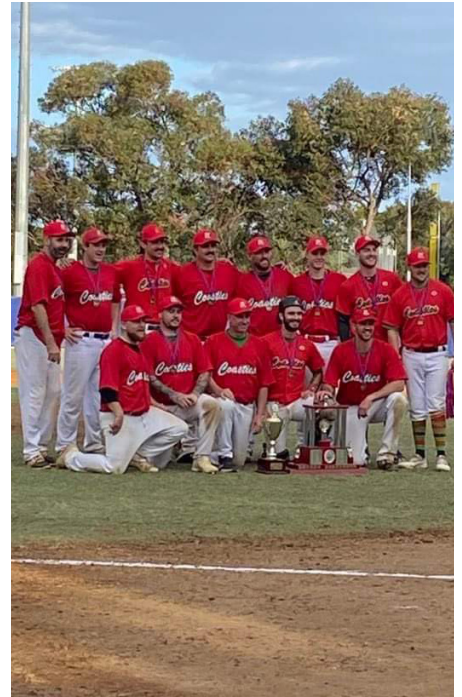
2023 August entries



Photo by Chris MacDonald – 'These sliding gloves are getting out of hand.'



Photo by Carla Warren – 'Oops I did it again.'



Picture by Chris Goss - "Coast wins A Grade Mens Country Champs"



Photo by Jammilea Wall – 'Friendships built on the field that form into sisterhoods.'



Photo by Curtis David – 'The smile says it all.'



Photo by Mick Goddard – 'Baseball at 1/20th of a second...'

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: Renee Phegan – Forest Baseball
Coach: Shaun Bowen – Penrith Panthers Baseball
Umpire: Aaron Muxlow – Central Coast Bears Baseball
Scorer: N/A

Monthly Game Day August Photo Winner

Congratulations to our #NSWGameDayPic winner this month, photo #2 by Curtis David 'The smile says it all.'

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

Shaun Bowen - Penrith Panthers Baseball

Shaun is a dedicated servant of the sport, not only for our great club but the entire Sydney Western region. As a development officer for Penrith Baseball, he architected and ran a development program for 8 weeks which was open to all juniors across the west of Sydney who were interested. We had over 60 participants in all age groups.

Umpires

Aaron Muxlow - Central Coast Bears Baseball

Aaron works tirelessly to keep the club in order. He plays a crucial role in organising umpires for the games or even umpiring himself so the games can go ahead. Aaron also on top of that, organizes the canteen, or even does scoring or coaching, as well as running things in the background. There isn't anything this guy wouldn't do for this club and his love for the game. He also helps to develop a junior team. He is an inspiration to all.

Volunteers

Renee Phegan - Forest Baseball

Renee does absolutely everything for baseball. She is our social media coordinator, organises and attends our school Try Baseball sessions and fronts the registration desk at Try Baseball. On top of that she has been instrumental in organising and starting up the Manly Winter Development program to allow kids within the area to continue their baseball development in winter at a local venue. On top of all this, she manages to also be Secretary of the entire Association (and wrangle three boys of her own!) A true superstar of club baseball.

Rick and Sue Cone - Petersham Leichhardt Baseball

What don't they do? Canteen, stocktake, scoring, purchasing for the club. All with a smile and no desire for recognition!

Joe Weller - Manly Warringah Minor League

MWML doesn't exist without Joe. He works tirelessly on our grounds and is the reason so many games go ahead. He helps plan and run our competition, together with Helen. He's why so much is happening regarding the growth and development of grounds and facilities. The man is a legend, and his incredible contribution needs to be recognised. Thank you!

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Kerry Roper - Camden Red Sox Baseball

Kerry's dedicated leadership and tireless efforts have elevated the Camden Red Sox community. Through selfless commitment, she has empowered players, organized events, and fostered a strong camaraderie in the club. Kerry's invaluable contributions make her a standout nominee for the Baseball NSW Volunteer of the Month Award.

Stefanie Steele - Penrith Baseball

Stefanie has been the registrar of the club for 3 seasons - Through the change to GameDay, she has been looked to by not only Penrith but other GWBA clubs for assistance. Not only this, but she is also always switching hats to help with supporting the executive committee and assisting with all aspects of the club. We couldn't do it without her.

Ed Sweeney - Concord Comets Baseball

Ed is always available for the club at any given time. He is our specialist ride on lawn mower, he even writes words of inspiration in the grass with the mower. He rallies all the coaches and kids.

Julie Ferguson - Campbelltown Ghosts Baseball

Julie has worked extremely hard and effectively to increase the playing membership of our club in the lead up to the summer season. Although she has a young family and works, she has found time to organise and manage information stands at 3 of our local shopping centres with outstanding success.



Meet the Team

Bill Langer

Independent Director to Board of Management



Baseball New South Wales (BNSW) is pleased to announce the appointment of Bill Langer as an Independent Director to its Board of Management. Bill brings a wealth of experience, passion, and expertise to the organisation, making him a valuable addition to the leadership team.

Bill's baseball journey started at the tender age of eight in Lismore, where he quickly fell in love with the game. Over 30 years, he played and coached baseball in Coffs Harbour, contributing significantly to the growth and development of the sport in the region. Bill's dedication to the sport was recognised when he served as the Bench Coach for the NSW Country Under 18 team which was victorious at the Australian National Championships in 2016. Moreover, he served as the Country League Standing Committee Chairman for over 10 years, further showcasing his strong commitment to promoting and nurturing baseball in the community.

Bill holds degrees in Economics and Law from Australian National University and has practised as a solicitor with Mbt Lawyers for 30 years, becoming

a partner in 2004. This legal experience complements the diverse skill set of the Board which, coupled with his long-standing commitment to representing regional and country interests in baseball, will ensure BNSW continues to address the unique challenges faced by the various communities and regions within our sport.

Bill's appointment follows the resignation of BNSW Chair, Ross Morrison late last year which led to Jason Chabi accepting the role of President and Chair. Of the belief that the role should be an elected position by voting Members, Jason Chabi chose to resign his Independent Director position and in accordance with the Constitution, was subsequently voted in as an Elected Director.

Bill's addition to the Board comes at an important juncture for BNSW and we look forward to his contribution to furthering the growth and professionalism of baseball across the state.

Strike Zone

2023 NSWBUA Annual Seminar – Junior Baseball

NSWBUA will be offering a new and improved Annual Seminar, relative to Junior Baseball, to coincide with Greenies Cup on Thursday and Friday, 28-29th September.

Focused on small diamond baseball, including little league rules and mechanics, this seminar will assist and develop current and aspiring umpires who wish to focus on junior baseball.

This course will take the skills learnt at community seminars to the next level by offering detailed practical components to support the associated theory. In addition, during the Friday of Greenies Cup, our presenters will spend time mentoring umpires in 'real life' game situations.

For further details, [click here](#).



Club Corner

Attention all Club & Association Members who wish to achieve their Member Protection Information Officer (MPIO) qualification for the 23/24 Season!!

BNSW in conjunction with the Office of Sport (OOS) are running a Baseball MPIO Certification for all members who have COMPLETED the online course component. The certification course will take place on Wednesday 6th September 2023 6pm-8pm via Microsoft Teams.

Due to the changes in the National Integrity Framework (NIF) and Sports Integrity Australia (SIA) now only handling Child safeguarding & Discrimination (Race, Religion, Gender & Age), the Club & Association MPIO's will have a significant role in the handling of complaints.

Baseball NSW wishes to remove any obstacles to our members in being able to complete their MPIO accreditation and invite all those interested members to participate in the certification.



BASEBALL
NEW SOUTH WALES

The online component can be found [here](#).

Members can register via the following link [here](#).

If you have any questions or queries, please get in contact at: mpio@baseballnsw.com.au

Club Corner cont.

Curl Curl Cup

Register Your

Interest Now

We are excited to inform you that the Manly Seaside Baseball Club is bringing back the Curl Curl Cup this year on Sunday, September 17th.

Mark your calendars for this enjoyable Zooka pitch event, perfectly timed early in the new summer season.

It's an opportunity for all our players to pick up their bats and dive back into the swing of things. Moreover, they can also test their skills against the speed gun and pitching target, showcasing the pitching abilities they've been honing during the off-season.

The team registration fee for the day is \$170, and teams can be composed of players aged 9 to 11, following league regulations. Umpiring demands are minimal, requiring each team to provide an umpire for two, or at most, three games. Alternatively, we offer the option of providing umpires for a fee.



Any questions, or to enter a team, please get in contact with Manly Seaside President, [Mark Gibson](#), and the club will get back to you with details!

Club Corner cont.

Help Wanted Expressions of Interest

Paid Commentary Position

Be the Voice of Baseball!
Commentate for Baseball NSW!
We're searching for a commentator
for BNSW events this season.

Responsibilities:

- Engage audiences with exciting event commentary.
- Convey the game's energy through your words.

Requirements:

- Solid baseball knowledge.
- Great communication skills.
- Past commentary experience is a bonus.
- Availability on weekends/evenings.

Benefits:

- Get paid for talking baseball!
- Gain exposure in sports broadcasting.
- Join an energetic team of like-minded fans.

Join us in bringing the thrill of baseball to life!

Express interest by emailing
competitions@baseballnsw.com.au.

Canteen Staff/Co-ordinator

Fuel the Fans! Run Our Canteen!
Calling all individuals, teams, and clubs!
We're seeking canteen operators for
BNSW events throughout the year.
Be part of the game-day experience and
keep fans satisfied.

Roles Available:

- Canteen Operators
- Weekly Canteen Coordinator
- Catering Teams

Responsibilities:

- Provide delicious food and drinks to hungry fans.
- Ensure smooth canteen operations.
- Run a weekly canteen or be part of a catering team.

Benefits:

- Fundraise for your club or team.
- Connect with the baseball community.
- Contribute to the event's success.

Interested in fueling the fun?

Reach out to communications@baseballnsw.com.au with your availability and interest.

Club Corner cont.

Get Started –

Try Baseball Today!

We Have Days

Near You

Have you ever wanted to play baseball? Have you watched baseball, idolising players in the Australian Baseball League or the U.S. Major Leagues? Have you ever wanted to hit a home run or strike someone out?

Let us guide you on how you can get involved in one of Australia's fast-growing team sports!

Our clubs host introduction days where players can come along and give baseball a go. The coaches are there to help and answer any questions you may have about the game. The days are often focused on Baseball, T-Ball, Zooka and Baseball5.

All coming dates can be found on our dedicated try baseball site [here](#).



Baseball NSW Joins Partnerships With Japan

Baseball New South Wales and the Fukuoka Prefecture of Japan have agreed to a new partnership.

Friday 4th August marked a momentous day for Baseball NSW with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Fukuoka Prefecture of Japan.

Baseball NSW was joined by the Fukuoka Prefecture Delegation, Baseball Australia and Baseball NSW Board Member Mark Burns with the formal signing of the MOU, on the main baseball Diamond at Blacktown International Sportspark.

The Fukuoka SoftBank Hawks of Nippon Professional Baseball and the Women's baseball team, Kyūshū Honeys, are among the premier baseball teams in Japan and are committed to sharing players, coaches and touring teams with visiting teams this coming December.

Baseball NSW are looking forward to the vast range of opportunities this partnership will afford our members with a strong focus on developing men's and women's baseball.



Australia To The World

Ryde Hawks SL

World Series

Success!

Australia was proudly represented by NSW based Ryde Hawks Senior League team, at this year's Senior League World Series. They stunned many at the prestigious competition, which was held in Easley, South Carolina in the USA.

In their first game against Mexico, Ryde held off a late charge to win 3-1 and advanced to the tournament quarterfinals, where they fell to the Caribbean. The Hawks gave everything they had this tournament and left it all out on the diamonds. They were a team that went undefeated through NSW State Titles, a club that didn't lose a game at the National titles, and a side that fought all the way to the World Series quarterfinal.

A highlight of this tournament is their very own Isobel Lambert, who is not only a Ryde Junior but has been selected in



this year's BNSW Women's Development program. Lambert made history, becoming the first Australian female to participate in a Senior League World Series. She was excellent on the mound as a pitcher, and in an interview with Isobel prior to attending the World Series, she was eager to "show that girls can still play at a high level" and she really went out there and proved that!

The Ryde Hawks team made the most of their trip, also visiting fellow Hawk Todd Van Steensel at his Atlantic League game one of their nights! Congratulations Ryde and we hope you made memories to last a lifetime.

Ryde Hawks Senior League World Series Success! Photo Gallery



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Australia To The World Hills, Making Memories at LL World Series

The Hills Little League team were this year's Australian representative at the esteemed Little League World Series, which is one of the biggest junior baseball events in the world.

The players, coaches and families were eager for their first game against the Caribbean where they were only just defeated. It was a great effort in a sensational atmosphere, but Curacao got up 2-1. Unfortunately, Hills then fell to Cuba in their next elimination game. Post-elimination, this team have been sure to keep their spirits high and make the most of the trip. They have stayed in Williamsport to take in all the event festivities, including the MLB Little League Classic game – Phillies vs. Nationals. The Hills players were super stoked to also be able to meet with the Nationals team. Following that game, they've sought out more MLB action, heading to the Pirates vs. Cardinals game in



Pittsburgh. What great opportunities to watch the sport they love, live and in action.

Hills went a perfect 7-0 during June's Australian Little League Championship - which included a 3-2 grand final win over Brisbane North. This team represented Australia proudly. Well done, boys! As our youngest representative team, this is just the beginning. We're they will treasure the experience of travelling around the world with their mates, playing baseball, and competing in front of thousands of fans.

You can check out the Little League highlights from Baseball Australia here: <https://baseball.com.au/internationalhub/>

Hills, Making Memories at Little League World Series Photo Gallery



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#LIVEYOURSERIES



Australia To The World 2023 WBSC U12's World Cup Campaign

A huge congratulations to the Team Australia U-12's and our NSW players and coaching staff on their successful WBSC Under-12 World Cup campaign.

Earlier this month they returned from Taiwan after competing against the best age-level talent in the world.

Overall the Australian World Cup squad played 8 games, scored 25 runs and recorded 37 Hits as a team. A big highlight included a decisive win over New Zealand early in the tournament, and many other hard-fought games.

A valuable experience for everyone involved and everyone at BNSW is proud of how you represented Australia on the big stage!



2023 WBSC U12's World Cup Campaign Gallery

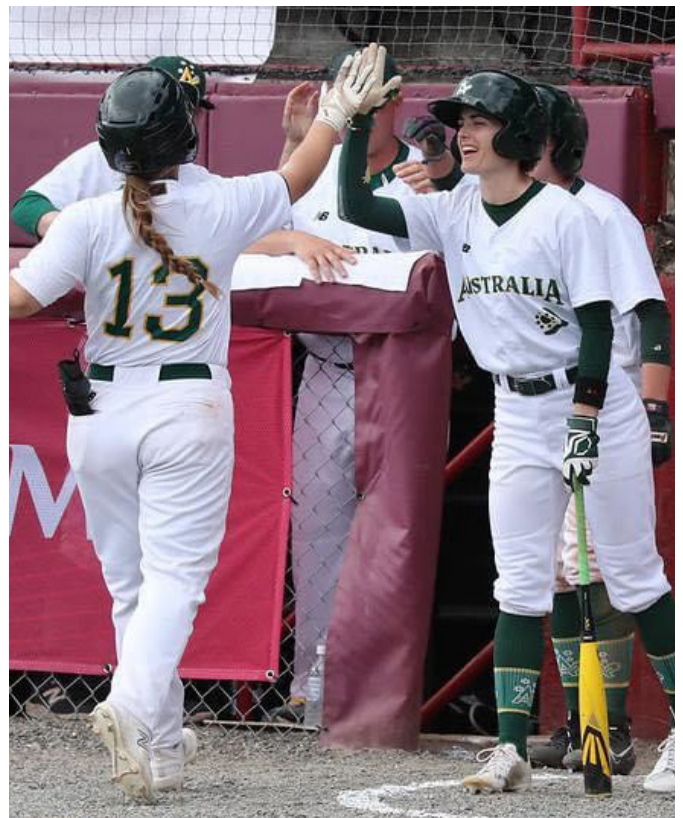


Australia To The World 2023 WBSC Women's Baseball World Cup

Congratulations to the Team Australia Baseball Emeralds and our NSW players and coaching staff on their successful run at the 2023 WBSC Women's Baseball World Cup!

The Emeralds hit .276 as a team, garnering 42 hits, and scored an average of just over 7 runs per game. New South Wales' own Ticara Geldenhuis blasted one of just 9 home runs hit cumulatively during the tournament, and the only one for Australia, in their 10-3 victory over Korea. The squad closed out the World Cup in Thunder Bay, Canada with a decisive 9-2 win over Hong Kong, bumping the Emeralds up to finish 4th overall.

It was an amazing World Cup campaign from this Women's Squad and we're very proud to have had such great NSW representation on the team. We hope you have all made memories to last a lifetime!



2023 WBSC Women's Baseball World Cup Photo Gallery



Australia To The World Aussies Going for the Ultimate Glory in America

Baseball NSW boasts an impressive list of players who have succeeded in our state's junior pathways and are now playing overseas!

We are super proud of the achievement of all of these players, who are currently contributing to boosting the profile of Australian baseball internationally.

Baseball Australia, this month, have spotlighted the many athletes in their 'Aussies Abroad' article. They highlight

that Australia made international baseball waves by making the quarterfinals of the World Baseball Classic. Curtis Mead and NSW junior, Travis Bazzana are two big names who have also helped keep Australia on the baseball map lately, too.

The NSW list is expected to grow even more, with many of our Under 18's players set to take on the world representing Australia at the upcoming World Cup. Scouts will have their eyes peeled on the Aussies at the fast-approaching event!

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



Photos left to right: Josh Gessner, Liam Doolan, Clayton Campbell.

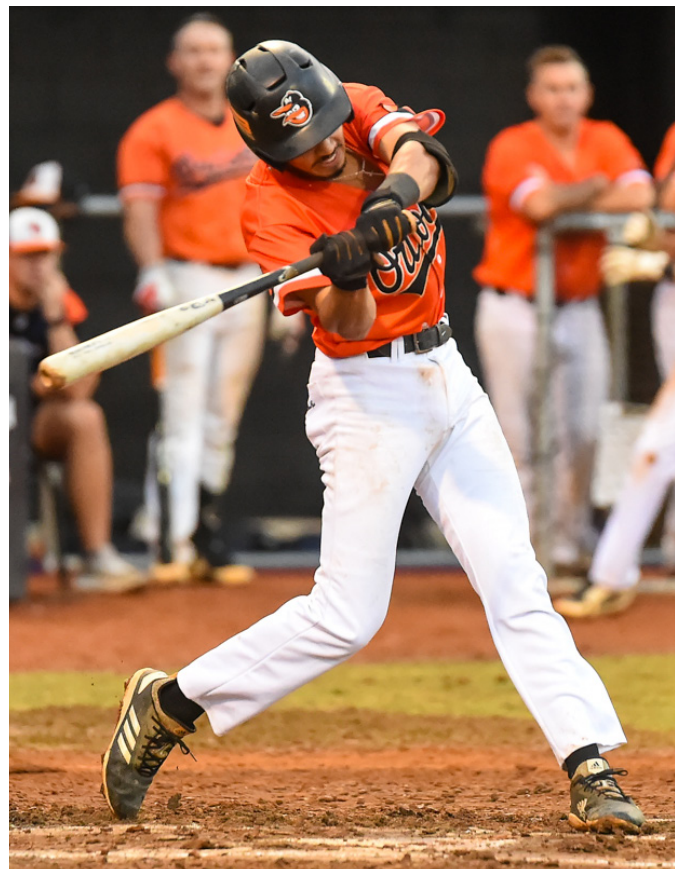
2023-24 State and Women's League Season, Around the Corner

We are once again approaching a new season of the State and Women's League, and we couldn't be more excited!

Baseball NSW's highly anticipated competitions will begin in the coming month with the State League Competition scheduled to commence at the start of October. The State League draw extends to late February, and the Women's League will begin next month.

The two competitions will once again run alongside each other showcasing the best senior talent in NSW. This season, the first games will begin on the **15th of September for the women and the 4th of October for the men.**

Baseball NSW is expecting another great season of exciting baseball across both leagues and all grades. Be sure to get out and support your teams! You can follow along weekly through the links which are provided on the BNSW website.



View the State League website [here](#).

View the Women's League website [here](#).

2023 Sydney Cup Scheduled for September!

The Baseball NSW Sydney Cup is just around the corner and is scheduled to begin in September of this year.

The Sydney Cup provides greater opportunities for players across the metropolitan and surrounding Sydney Associations to enjoy higher levels of competition. Aimed at our U/12, U/14, and U/16 players, the three age groups are derived from highly influential baseball legends, Worboys, Balfour, and Shipley, all of whom have had significant roles in shaping Baseball in NSW.

The round-robin tournament will begin on Sunday, September 10th and will run through to mid-December. It is played on a fortnightly basis in conjunction with the associations' regular season competitions, allowing our junior associations to compete against each other regularly.

The Sydney Cup competition is a highly competitive event that Baseball NSW runs as a mandatory pathway through to the Little League programs. This year, the prestigious event will showcase players from across Sydney.



This is a representative-selected tournament. Associations can enter one team with 14 of their best players into the Sydney Cup. This year, Baseball NSW has reformatted the competition in accordance with the team numbers provided across all associations.

Baseball NSW State Development Officer, Coen Wynne, will be the designated contact for the Sydney Cup. The schedule for this year's competition is being finalised and will be released as soon as possible.

If you have any further questions regarding the competition, please get in contact with Coen via email [here](#).

Men's Country Championships 2023

The NSW Country Baseball Senior Championships were a smashing success this month! The tournament was played at Blacktown International Sportspark from August 4th - 6th.

The all-day competition was filled with intensity, love of the game (a bit of rain) and plenty of great moments on the diamond. Big shoutout to all the teams, scorers, family and friends for making the trek to Blacktown and to the players and coaches for leaving it all on the field and representing BNSW and Country Baseball in the best ways possible.

Congratulations to the Central Coast who were this year's champions of the Mens A Grade Division, Coffs Harbour who were the B Grade Majors champions and Newcastle who were Champions of the B Grade Minors division.

We hope every had a great time!



Finals Scores:

A Division –

Central Coast (7) v Newcastle (3)

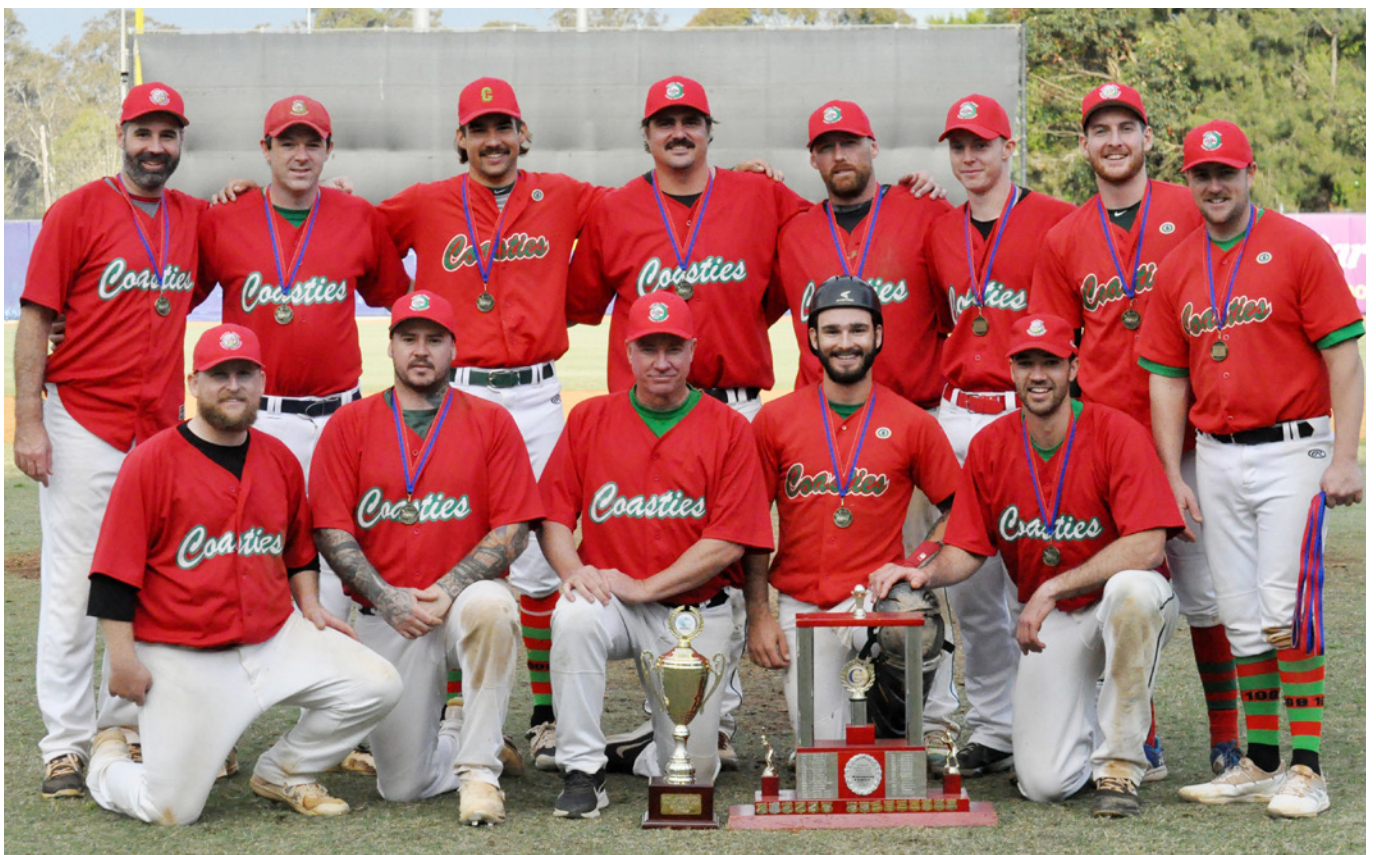
B Division Major –

Coffs Harbour (9) v Central Coast (7)

B Division Minor –

Newcastle (6) v Wagga (5)

2023 Men's Country Championships Photo Gallery



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Country Baseball League Announcements

The NSW Country Baseball League has seen great success at tours both internationally and domestically.

The Country League Standing Committee (CLSC) is calling for expressions of interest for the following upcoming events; Under 18's Europe Tour and the Great Barrier Reef, Cairns Tour in 2024.

Following the success in Prague this year, NSW Country Baseball (CLSC) is proposing an Under 18 Europe Tour for interested players aged between 16.5 years to Under 18 as of the 1st June 2024. The team will be comprised of between 20 to 22 players. Players are eligible if they participate in a NSW Country competition, and consideration will be given to a limited number of players from Sydney Metro competitions.

The dates for both of these events remain tentative, as the CLSC needs to gauge interest before committing. If either of these tours are of interest to you, please submit your EOI via the relevant links.



[Click here](#) for Cairns Tour 2024 – Coaching & Support Staff EOI

[Click here](#) for Under 18's Europe Tour 2024 – Players EOI

[Click here](#) for Under 18's Europe Tour 2024 – Coaches & Staff EOI

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](#).

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](#).



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