



# The Pitch



## This Month

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# BNSW Game Day Pics

## 2023 September entries



Photo by Victoria McMartin – 'Meeting of the minds.'



Photo by Ebony Van Eynde – 'Popping' our way to the Grandfinal!'

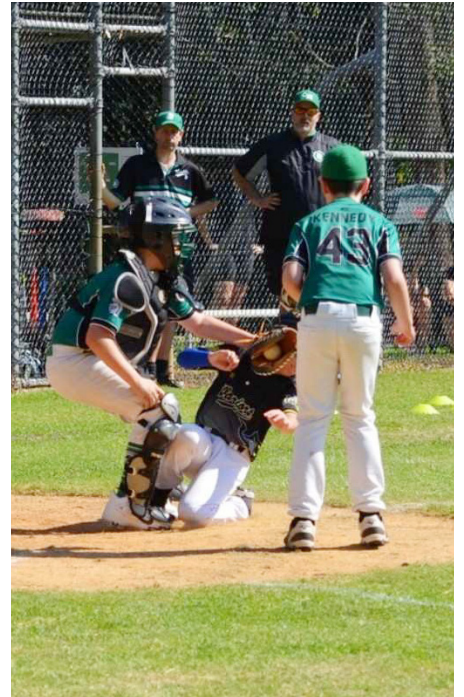


Photo by Karen Jeffs – 'Keep your eye on the ball!'



Photo by Ashleigh Bromell – 'Over!!'



Photo by Kirsty Tavae – 'Sliding home.'



# BNSW Game Day Pics

## 2023 September entries cont.



Photo by Mick Goddard – 'The Champs.'



Photo by Greg Dalton – 'Let's Play Ball.'



Photo by FNC Baseball Club – 'YOU ONLY GET OLD WHEN YOU STOP PLAYING SPORT.'



# 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:** Peter Neads –  
Eastern Suburbs  
Dolphins Baseball

**Coach:** Paul Van der Westhuizen –  
Macquarie Saints Baseball

**Umpire:** N/A

**Scorer:** N/A

## September Game Day Photo Winner

Congratulations to our #NSWGameDayPic winner this month, photo #2 by Ebony Van Eynde - 'Popping' our way to the Grandfinal!'

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

### **Michael Hagarty - Rangers Baseball**

Michael gives an amazing amount of time to Baseball at the Rangers Baseball Club and Ryde Hawks Baseball League. He coaches club teams, imparts his knowledge to the kids and is always a valuable resource to get coaching tips from.

### **Paul Van der Westhuizen - Macquarie Saints Baseball**

Pauly works tirelessly to provide excellent coaching and support to his team, the Macquarie Saints Disco Turkeys Zooka team. He takes time out of his busy schedule, and has even started training the team on Sundays prior to the upcoming 2023/2024 season start.

## Volunteers

### **Peter Needs - Eastern Suburbs Dolphins Baseball**

Peter is well known for his outstanding work as a volunteer coach with NSW Women's Baseball. What many may not realise is that Peter has been a dedicated volunteer at Eastern Suburbs Junior Baseball for over twenty-five years. Peter is part of a team that puts in many hours maintaining and improving the Chifley Sports Reserve Baseball fields and facility. Peter is mentoring players, coaches, and other volunteers and helping administer the club. Baseball is truly blessed to have Peter as one of its dedicated servants.

[Click here](#) to vote for someone in your club who deserves recognition.



# Strike Zone

## 2023 NSWBUA Annual Seminar – Junior Baseball

Best of luck to all those attending the new and improved annual seminar hosted by NSW Baseball Umpire's Association, this week.

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.





# Coaches Corner

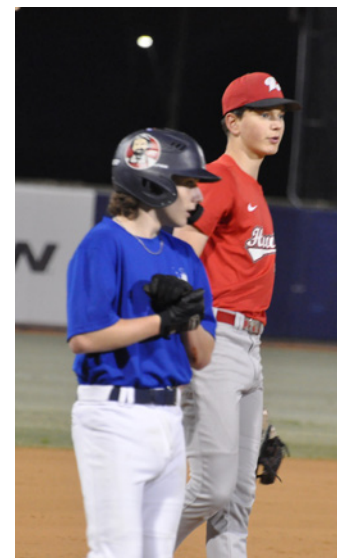
**Welcome to Coaches Corner. Here we feature notable coaching news or stories within the Baseball NSW network.**

## **Another Successful Year of High Performance:**

Baseball NSW prides itself in player development, with key programs run throughout the year to ensure our state players are equipped to be amongst the top in the country. With development programs across both genders and in both metro and country regions, the selected players have access to top coaches and high-performance programs

over the winter (off) season. We have now concluded the Winter High-Performance Programs.

The Performance (U18's) and Developing (U16's) Pathway Programs, the Emerging Pathway Program (U12-14's) and the Women's Development Program (Opens) were run by our State Development Team of Grahame Cassel and Coen Wynne, in collaboration with an array of experienced coaches.





# Coaches Corner cont.

## Another Successful Year of High Performance

### PPP/DPP

This year, 32 players were selected in the PPP and DPP programs. These players were judged the best U18's and U16's talent that turned up to trial. They went through a 10-week program, with the U18's training three times a week and U16's twice a week. There were games thrown in as well, to develop the players in game situations.

They had instruction in throwing, hitting, fielding, base running, pitching, strength & conditioning and game awareness. We have worked hard with these players to refine their craft over the winter so they can put these skills to use this coming summer.

### EPP

Our youngest winter program was once again run over three venues. Run by State Development Officer, Coen Wynne, this program that caters for U12s-U14s sees an array of position and skill-specific work being done, helping them prepare for their future in progressing into state-based programs.

"Thank you to the three clubs that played host to us again this year and the many coaches who put in multiple hours to help our players lock down the basics and hone their skills through our 8-week program."



### WDP

This year saw a new layout of our Women's Development program with distinguished 'Futures' and 'Elite' groups working on a more skill-level focused program. With a large influx of participants, Coen believes "it was great to give these players a platform to continue their growth in the game, learning new skills and sharpen existing skills along the way."

Developing Women's Baseball has been a focus for Baseball NSW, with many exciting opportunities such as the Barclay Cup and our partnership with Fukuoka, Japan, coming to fruition in the last couple of years.

Finally, a huge thank you to all the coaches who assisted in this year's high-performance programs! We could not have run these programs without your dedication and assistance. See you all next year!

# Club Corner

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:communications@baseballnsw.com.au) with your availability and interest.



# Club Corner cont.

# Changes to GameChanger Scoring

The GameChanger scoring platform will be undergoing huge changes at the end of this year!

In order to prepare for the upcoming transition from web to app, we encourage all of our members to download the new GameChanger app as soon as possible to begin adjusting to the new platform.

Baseball NSW and the NSW Baseball Scorers Association will be running all major competitions on the new GameChanger moving forward.

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

To download the app [click here](#).



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# Club Corner cont.

# Archer Cup

# All Girls Gala Day

# Expressions of Interest

East Hills Baseball Club are running the Inaugural All Girls Pitch Ball - Archer Cup Tournament to be held on Sunday 26th of November at Kelso Park, Panania.

This tournament will be a fun day of baseball, open to Club and Club composite teams of Girls aged League Age 10, 11, and 12.

The club would like to thank Paul Muir and his company, Compliance Advocacy Solutions, for their generous support of this tournament.

Please complete Team Expression of Interest via the website [here](#).

For more information please contact Jill Archer, East Hills Baseball Club 0418 668 919.





# Club Corner cont.

# Another Successful Year of Curl Curl Cup

**The Manly Seaside Baseball Club brought us another successful Curl Curl Cup competition this Spring, kickstarting the 2023-24 junior baseball season.**

The day was jam-packed with great baseball, fun activities around the diamond and unreal weather!

Congratulations to all the teams who participated and to the South West Rhinos on winning the Curl Curl Cup.

This Zooka pitch tournament is an annual event that is a great segue into junior baseball. Well done to the Manly Seaside club on running an awesome day!

**Thank you to the umpires and volunteers who gave up their time to assist at this event.**





# Club Corner cont.

## Another Successful year of Curl Curl Cup 2023 Gallery





# Club Corner cont.

## Another Successful year of Curl Curl Cup 2023 Gallery





# NSW Stars feature at U18's World Cup 2023

**The WBSC Under 18's World Cup was played this month, with seven NSW players in the squad.**

Our boys lit up the international stage alongside their teammates, and finished up in the Placement Round of this prestigious event, with four going on to be named in the MLB World Select team and Adam Bates (Macarthur Orioles) officially signing with the Boston Red Sox!

Whilst not achieving their desired outcomes, this young squad gave it their all at the World Cup! With a few returning for their second crack, multiple players were debuting at this tournament. The team showed great resilience ending their U18 World Cup campaign with a win over the World #6 ranked team, Venezuela.

Read all the NSW player highlights here:

## **ADAM BATES**

Adam was back for his second U18 World Cup, leading the pitching staff. He was the Game One starter against Chinese Taipei, going toe-to-toe with his opposition Yi-Lei Sun, who was regarded as one of the top prospects at this event. He also had great

outings against Korea and Venezuela. Bates finished the tournament with a 3.00 ERA while striking out 7 in 7 innings pitched. He signed a professional contract with the Boston Red Sox while at the U18 World Cup.

## **KOBY CHESTERTON**

Koby had a 2.10 ERA out of the bullpen in games against Mexico and the Czech Republic. He was a strong pitching addition to the team, with his stand out performance being when he closed out Team Australia's win against Mexico in a close 4-2 game.

## **JOSH NATI**

Josh never ceases to amaze us. He entered the competition as one of the youngest players in the world to play at the U18 World Cup. He was the designated hitter for most of the tournament and also caught a game. He hit in the middle of the line-up every day finishing with a .300 batting average.

## **BEN KARAKASIS**

Ben, a first year player who was a key bullpen piece, pitched in three games at his debut tournament. He came into Game One against Chinese Taipei with multiple runners on base and none out



# NSW Stars feature at U18's World Cup 2023 cont.

and managed to get 3 outs in 4 pitches without allowing a run. He also did not give up a run against Chinese Taipei or Panama. What an effort from the first timer which was rewarded with his selection in the MLB World Select Team for 2023.

## DANIEL MILLS

Another first-year U18 pitcher, Millsy who after a rough start against the Czech Republic was able to bounce back really well and close out the win against Venezuela on the last day of the tournament. That game really highlighted the resilience of these players and they finished on a high!

## JACOB PALMER

Palmer was used out of the bullpen against Puerto Rico and the Czech Republic, two big games where, unfortunately, the opposition pulled away and Australia just couldn't hold on. As a first-year U18 player he still went out there and held his own, striking out 3 hitters in 2.2 innings and finished the tournament with a 2.63 ERA.

## LACHLAN ROSSER

NSW Country representative, Rosser, had the most appearances by an Australian pitcher at the tournament throwing across four different games out of the bullpen. He finished with a 3.82 ERA after pitching against Chinese Taipei, Korea, Panama and Venezuela. He only gave up earned runs in 1 of his 4 outings.

## CALLUM DONNELLY

Callum, another NSW Country boy (Illawarra), played centre field and hit leadoff in almost every game! He led the team in walks with five showing a great eye at the plate compared to only two strikeouts all tournament. Andrew Riddell from Baseball Australia commented "the stats don't show everything as he put the ball in play almost every at-bat and also hit a lot of balls hard, but right at fielders." Donnelley played great defence in the outfield and did not make an error all tournament.

Congratulations to all our NSW players on their efforts at this World Cup!! It is a huge achievement to represent your country and these are memories that last a lifetime.

*\*\*Thank you to Andrew Riddell for providing player highlights*









# Adam Bates Signs Professional Deal With Boston Red Sox

**Congratulations to Adam Bates who has been signed by the Boston Red Sox MLB organisation!**

Bates joins the growing list of NSW players that are playing professionally overseas. At just 18 years old, Adam continues to impress across the board. At the Under 18's World Cup just passed,

Adam posted a 3.00 ERA in three appearances and opened the tournament for Team Australia going toe-to-toe with one of the highest-regarded pitchers in the competition, Yi-Lei Sun. Bates has also been an impressive player in our local NSW State League competition, playing First Grade for the Macarthur Orioles who finished runners-up in the 2022/23 Season. He was also a Sydney Blue Sox development player in the ABL.



Photo credit: [baseball.com.au](https://baseball.com.au), Adam Bates signing with Red Sox.



# Adam Bates Signs Professional Deal With Boston Red Sox cont.

Adam boasts an impressive resume for such a young player, and when asked how he feels taking those next steps towards his dream of playing professionally, his response was "I feel much more at ease and happy with my decision. It feels like a dream come true, and to be able to call myself a professional is the best feeling I've ever had."

Baseball Australia reported that the "Red Sox have kept a close eye on the development of Bates and other Australian prospects. They visited Adam at the Under-18 National Camp on the Gold Coast in August, [and] that's when negotiations really started to heat up." Bates has been on the Red Sox radar for multiple years and the conversations sparked early on about the option of professional baseball or going to college.

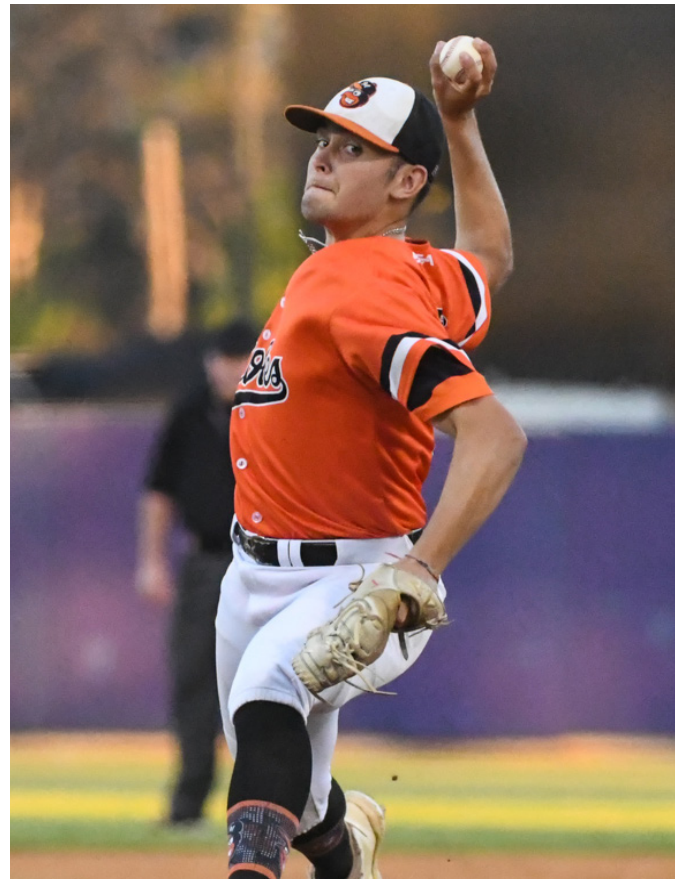


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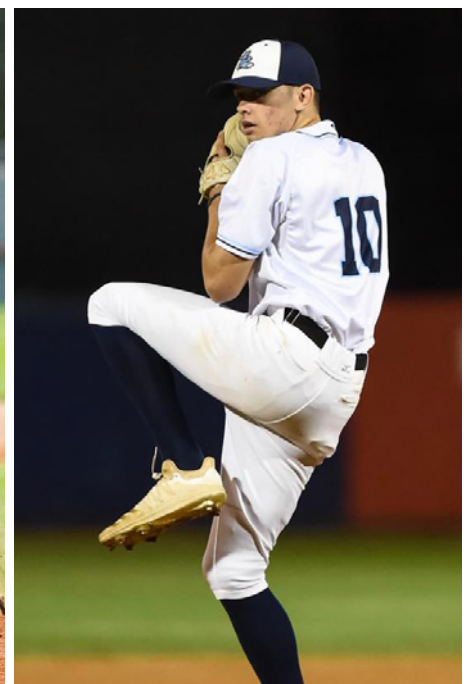


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# Adam Bates Signs Professional Deal With Boston Red Sox cont.

With many eyes on Adam, we asked what goes through the mind when faced with being scouted on such a big stage, such as the Under 18's World Cup, just passed. "Performing in front of scouts is always a tiny bit stressful, seeing radars and video cameras on you, but knowing I had already signed (or agreed to sign) I just wanted to show them why I did and honestly why they should've signed me earlier."

As a young athlete who has taken every opportunity given to him, Bates has been through multiple NSW development

pathways and sought advice from the baseball community that continues to support him. His advice that he now passes along is to "never say never to your dreams. If you want it, then go out and get it. Even if it means making sacrifices... this is what puts you ahead."

Finally, "Don't let anybody tell you what you can and can't do it's your life, not theirs"

All the best in your future Adam!

**You can read more about Adam's signing via [Baseball.com.au news](https://baseball.com.au/news).**



Photo credit: [baseball.com.au](https://baseball.com.au)

# NSW Players Named in the 2023 MLB select team

**A huge congratulations to the NSW players who have been named in the MLB World Select Team, following their efforts at the Under 18's World Cup with Team Australia.**

Josh Nati (INF), Jacob Palmer (LHP), Lachlan Rosser (LHP), and Ben Karakasis (RHP) will join six of their Australian teammates on a trip to Arizona this month, to compete against college and professional players in the Arizona Fall Classic. There will be many scouts and recruiters keeping their eyes on these athletes!

This team is considered to be made up of the best players from outside the USA! The exposure to universities and professional teams shows these players what the next level of baseball looks like in the U.S.



Best of luck to our guys! What an incredible achievement to be participating in an event of such high calibre at just 18 and under!

**Read more about the event [here](#).**



# NSW Players named in the 2023 MLB Select Team cont.



Josh Nati.



Lachlan Rosser.



Ben Karakasis.



Jacob Palmer.

# Baseball Australia's National U16's Camp

**Best of luck to our NSW players who are currently in Canberra as part of Baseball Australia's National Under 16's Camp.**

The players will spend a week on campus at the Australian Institute of Sport. They'll play baseball everyday at Narrabundah Ballpark – home of the Canberra Cavalry!!

An amazing development opportunity for these players, who will be eligible for Under 18's World Cup selection just a couple of years.

NSW Players: Riley Cooper, Mason Malkoun, Lachlan Vella, Ethan Bickel, Sam Davis, Lucas Gallardo, Lincoln Gruppelaar, Campbell Harris, James Lander and Damien Wilson.

To read all about the camp, head to [Baseball.com.au](https://baseball.com.au)





# NSW Women participating in the Fukuoka Tour

**Baseball NSW is very excited to announce the roster of female players who will be embarking on a tour to Fukuoka, Japan in mid-October of this year.**

At the beginning of August, Baseball NSW and the Fukuoka Prefecture entered a Memorandum of Understanding. This partnership aims to surge a path forward in growing the game of baseball across both countries. The inaugural tour will see prominent female NSW representatives, Claire O'Sullivan, Maddison Heath, Jordan Richardson and Ticara Geldenhuis travelling to Fukuoka to partake in training and games with the Kyushu Honey's. The players will be accompanied by Laura Neads as their coach.

Baseball NSW CEO, Mark Marino, is "excited to see our girls given the opportunity to participate in these internationally renowned events and look forward to continuing the development of our game through this partnership"

All the best to these players in their travels!

## Selected on Tour

Ticara Geldenhuis

Claire O'Sullivan

Maddison Heath

Jordan Richardson

## Coach

Laura Neads

# NSW Women Participating in the Fukuoka Tour



Above: Claire O'Sullivan.



Right: Laura Neads



Above: Ticara Geldenhuys.



Above: Jordan Richardson.



Above: Maddison Heath.



# Youth Baseball5 World Cup WBSC Team Announced

## Congratulations to the inaugural team representing Australia at the WBSC Youth Baseball5 World Cup.

Australia's participation in this event is a great opportunity to promote the growth of Baseball5 across the country. This team will be the first Australian side to partake in a WBSC Baseball5 World Cup since its inception, which has created a unique pathway for our athletes into future World Cup and Youth Olympic teams.

The Youth Baseball5 World Cup will be held next month in Ankara, Turkey from the 10th to the 15th of October. Australia will be in Group B, with their first game scheduled for October 11th against Ghana.

[Click here](#) for all the schedule details.

The team, comprised of both NSW and Victorian players, will be coached by NSW Baseball5 Director, Adrian Medina. Adrian as a Cuban Native grew up playing the original version of this game in Cuba since a very young age. He has been pivotal in developing the sport as coordinator



NSW Coach and Players (L to R) Top row - Lachlan Miller, Wil Kelin-Schiphorst, Adrian Medina, Nathan Paes. Bottom - Mattea Karn, Tyrese Medina

# Youth Baseball5 World Cup WBSC Team Announced cont.

of B5 under the NSW Sporting School's program, running B5 programs for Disability Sports Australia 'Activate Inclusion Day's' and recently launching Wheelchair Baseball5.

He will be assisted by Alison Bebbere as the Executive Officer (Baseball Victoria). Alison has represented Victoria at multiple Australian Women's Championships, and most recently, Team Australia at the Women's World Cup. Allie offers a wealth of tournament experience to these young

players. Also helping prepare the team will be Gil Reyes who is a recognised international Baseball Scorer and analyst that has worked with the Venezuelan professional league and other MLB organisations.

**To follow along the World Cup, head to the official [WBSC Youth Baseball5 World Cup page here.](#)**

## Team List

Jessica Warwick

Amelia Wright

Chelsea Nunn

Mattea Karn

Nathan Paes

Tyrese Medina

Wil Klein - Schiphorst

Lachlan Miller



**Coach:** Adrian Medina - Scull

**Executive Officer:** Alison Bebbere

**Baseball5 Analyst:** Gil Reyes



# WBSC Baseball5 Rules Updated 2023

View the updated Official  
WBSC Baseball5 Rulebook  
for 2023 by [clicking here](#).



# Coaches Selected for the 2024 Australian Youth Championship

**Thank you to the following coaches who have been appointed to lead the Under 16's and Under 18's Australian Youth Championship teams for NSW Metro and Country.**

Baseball NSW has had a long and proud history of representation at past AYC's, with the 2023 Under 16's NSW Metro team proving victorious at the AYC's in January this year.

With a solid foundation of coaches across the board, we are hopeful for another successful year at the upcoming 2024 Nationals.

All the best to the teams in their preparation for the tournament.  
Team lists to follow!





# Australian Youth Championships

## 2024 Metro Coaches List

### U16's

Head Coach:	Matt O'Neill
Assistant Coach:	James Morley
Pitching Coach:	Nathan Willard
Development Coach:	Justin Chou
Development Coach:	Jaedan Cavill
Executive Officer:	Sean McNally



### U18's

Head Coach:	Gavin Fingleson
Assistant Coach:	Scott Tunkin
Development Coach:	James Sammes
Development Coach:	Brad Griffin
Executive Officer:	Stephen Dredge



# Australian Youth Championships

## 2024 Country Coaches List

### U16's

Head Coach:	Duane Harrison
Pitching Coach:	Jason Brommel
Assistant Coach:	Liam Weekes
Assistant Coach:	Clint McCarthy



### U18's

Head Coach:	Ian Hook
Pitching Coach:	Rowan Street
Assistant Coach:	Chris Beath
Assistant Coach:	Jake Amos





# Australian Women's Championships Applications Open

**Baseball NSW are calling for Expressions of Interest in Coaching the NSW Metro teams at the Australian Women's and Youth Women's Championships in 2024.**

The Championships will be held at Easter in late March/early April of 2024 at Melbourne Ballpark. The exact dates are yet to be announced by Baseball Australia.

Baseball NSW has a very rich and successful history competing at National Championship level and this is your chance to lead our teams to success. There are multiple voluntary positions available!

If this sounds like something that will interest you, please view the expression of interest documents.

Applications including Coaching Experience and Resume (No longer than 2 pages) should be sent via email to BNSW Baseball Development Manager, [Grahame Cassel](#).



**Applications close COB Tuesday October 31st, 2023.**

[Click here](#) to download NSW Metro Youth Women's Coaching EOI.

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# Barclay Cup 2023

## Good Luck to NSW

### Best of luck to our two teams that will represent NSW at the 2023 Barclay Cup!

This year, all teams have been named in remembrance of Jacinda Barclay, a female athlete who had a major contribution to Women's Baseball and overall Women's sport in Australia. Jacinda was an Australian representative Baseball player and played professionally in three different sports over her career. Barclay was also a pioneer for equal rights in women's sports and hosting an event in her name for junior female athletes highlights the impact she had on many during her life.

The Sky Cinda Spirit and Navy Barky Ball-hers will travel to Perth to compete in the second iteration of the tournament from the 1st – 7th of October, hosted by Baseball Western Australia!

Baseball NSW is also very excited to announce an entirely female coaching staff. We are extremely privileged to have a roster of experienced female coaches, with four of our coaches having represented the Australian Emeralds at multiple Women's World Cups.



These ladies will provide a wealth of knowledge to our junior female players coming through this pathway.

Thank you to Laura Neads, Katie Gaynor, Amy Saliba, Claire O'Sullivan, Mackenzie Jackson and Tahnee Lovering for their commitment to these teams.

Best of luck to the ladies at the Barclay Cup and time to put in the preparation work ahead of the event!

We're super excited for our two teams, the NSW Sky Cinda Spirit and Navy Barky Ball-hers to compete at this year's event. A great event in commemoration of a great player.

**GameChanger – Pool Play Schedule [here](#).  
Full Schedule from Baseball WA [here](#).**



# Barclay Cup 2023

## NSW Team List, Sky Cinda Spirit

BNSW Sky Cinda Spirit	
Rhiannon Bojarski	Sophie Moon
Jessica Burnett	Gabriella Nutman
Audrey Chang	Bree Pekert
Ryleigh Delacour-Batch	Aaliyah Te Ahuru-Kostic
Tayla Gaynor	Amy Watson
Tayla Jones	Chelsea Wicks
Mattea Karn	Breearna Zavec
Coaches	
Laura Neads	Katie Gaynor
Amy Saliba	

# Barclay Cup 2023

## NSW Team List, Navy Barky Ballhers

BNSW Navy Barky Ballhers	
Nicola Blyton	Tamryn Love
Inez Dileo-Border	Jaimee Miles
Alyssa Frame	Alysha Mobberly
Sienna Gledhill	Brydi Peppard
Isla Hammond	Ivy White
Alina Hawron	Ashleigh Young
Quincy Hindmarsh	
Coaches	
Claire O'Sullivan	Tahnee Lovering
Mackenzie Jackson	



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

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

Baseball NSW's highly anticipated Women's League competition began this month, with the State League Competition scheduled to follow suit and commence at the start of October. The State League draw extends all the way to late February, giving us plenty of baseball to look forward to!

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.

[Click here](#) to view the State League website

[Click here](#) to view the Women's League website



# Sports Community News Helping Run Successful Clubs

## The Fast Five for Clubs

Are you looking to revitalise your club this upcoming season? If you're needing some help to ensure you're on the right path, Sports Community has you covered.



Here are 5 actionable things your community sports club can do:

### 1. Data-Driven Decision Making:

Utilise data for informed decisions. Gather feedback from club members, review registration numbers, and assess participation history to understand your club's trajectory.

### 2. Analyse and Assess:

Consider, discuss, and document your club's strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities. Identify areas for growth and improvement.

### 3. Smart Goal Setting:

Establish clear, realistic goals with achievable time frames for monitoring progress. Consider available time and resources when planning.

### 4. Create a Clear, Step-by-Step Plan:

Assign tasks to committee or club members, and maximize efficiency by completing tasks between committee meetings. Maintain regular check-ins and offer support as needed.

### 5. Utilise Resources:

Don't hesitate to seek assistance when required. Utilise online resources, tap into support from state or national sporting organizations, and explore potential grants or council funding opportunities.



# 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: BASEBALL**

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

Offer expires 23/4/2024.

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



# 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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Visual identity  
Brand strategy  
Print collateral  
Publication design  
Packaging design  
Signage & environments  
Internal communications

Websites  
Art direction  
Campaigns  
Social media  
Retail  
Video  
Photography

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