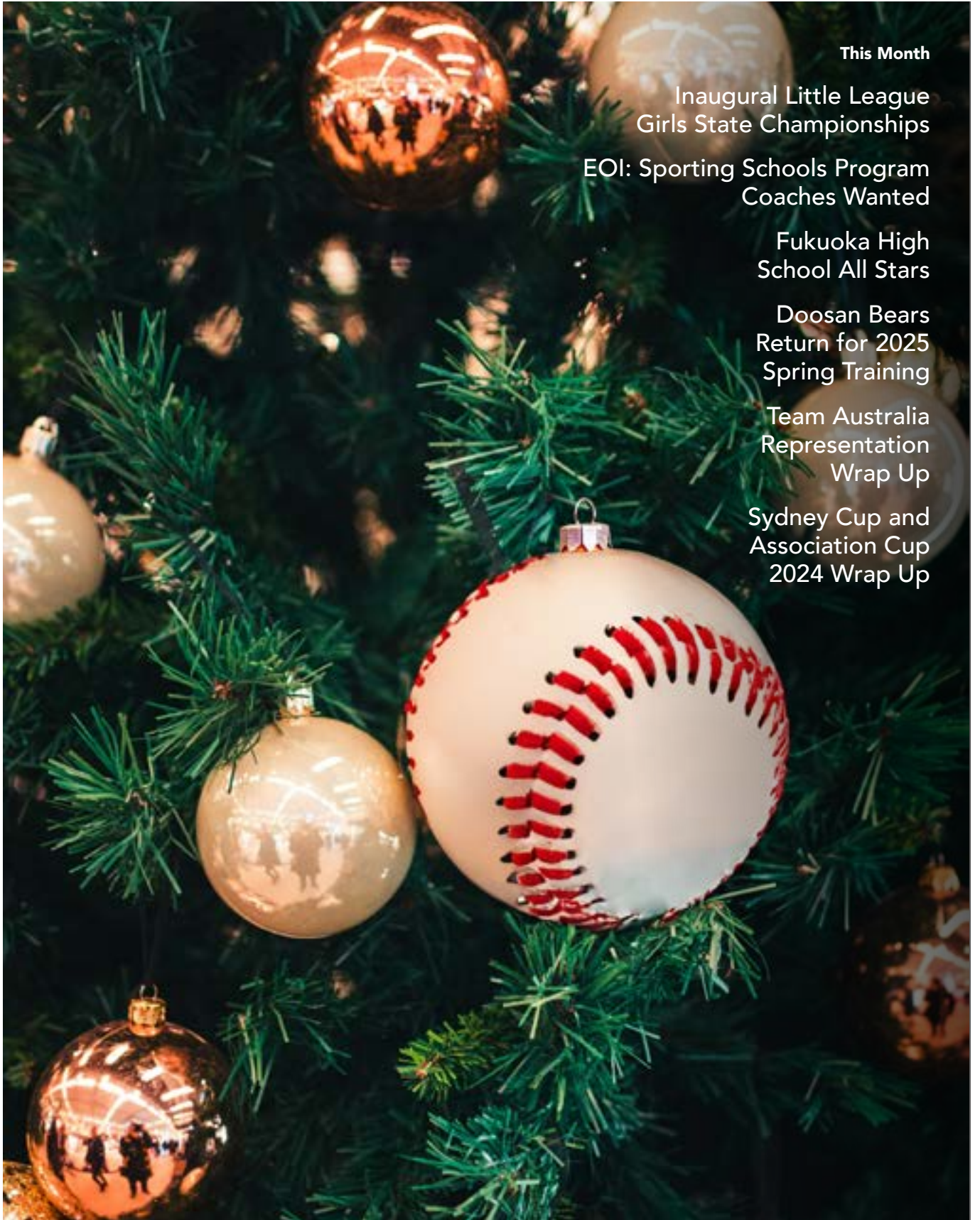




The Pitch



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CEO'S Christmas Message

Merry Christmas from Baseball NSW

Dear Baseball NSW Community,

As the year draws to a close, I want to take a moment to thank each and every one of you for your continued support throughout what has been a very busy and, at times, challenging year.

Your dedication and passion for baseball have been the driving force behind everything we do, and I'm incredibly grateful to have such a strong and united community by our side.

Looking ahead, I'm excited for what 2025 holds for Baseball in New South Wales. There's so much to build upon, and I can't wait to see what we can achieve together.

From all of us at Baseball NSW, I wish you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and a safe, happy New Year.

Enjoy the holiday season, and we'll see you on the field in 2025!

Warm regards,

Mark Marino
Chief Executive Officer
Baseball NSW



Recognising Hard Work BNSW Monthly Award Nominees



Thank You to Our Volunteers

As we close out another year, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to the incredible volunteers who make baseball in New South Wales possible.

Your time, dedication, and passion are the backbone of our community, and we are truly grateful for all that you do.

Wishing you all a happy and successful New Year filled with joy both on and off the field. We look forward to another fantastic year of baseball with your continued support.

Thank you for everything!



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

BNSW Game Day Pics 2024 December entries



Photo by Kelly Mkc – Junior League Div 2 - Giants vs Giants.'



Photo by Lily Atkins – 'Waiting for the perfect pitch.'



Photo by Peter Archer – 'Is that you dad? - Santa and his daughter.'



Photo by Jeanette Williams – 'Home Run Celebrations.'

Merry Christmas and Thank you to all of our Volunteers in 2024

A huge thank you to our volunteers and all your hard work throughout the last 12 months.

We value all our members and it's for that reason we want to see more of YOU being acknowledged for all your hard work, all year round!

You can submit someone you know who's doing a great job via the link below!

[To vote for someone who deserves recognition CLICK HERE](#)

December Game Day Photo Winner

Congratulations to our #NSWGameDayPic winner from Jeanette Williams - 'Home Run Celebrations.'

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!



Winner: Jeanette Williams - 'Home Run Celebrations'

2025 Major Events Dates & Venues Announced

Baseball NSW is pleased to announce the dates and venues of our major tournaments from now, into the new year!

The Rookies Cup and NSW State Championships will follow national tournaments such as the Australian

Youth Championship and Australian Women's and Youth Women's Championships early in 2025.

We have an exciting year ahead.

Be sure to mark your calendars as some of the best competitions of the season approach!

We can't wait to see everyone out there!

Event	Date	Host	Venue
NXTGen Ignition Camp	3rd to 6th Jan 2025	NxtGen	Baulkham Hills Baseball Club
Australian Youth Championships	7th to 15th Jan 2025	Baseball Australia	Blacktown International Sportspark
NSW Little League Girls State Championships	25th to 27th Jan 2025	Baseball NSW & Rangers Baseball Club	Rofe Park, Hornsby Heights

2025 Major Events

Dates & Venues Announced cont.

Event	Date	Host	Venue
Doosan Spring Training	26th Jan to 16th Feb 2025	Baseball NSW	Blacktown International Sportspark
NSW Rookies Cup	2nd March 2025	Baseball NSW & Greenway Giants	Greenway Park
Australian Women's Championships	13th to 19th April 2025	Baseball Australia	Melbourne Ballpark
Australian Youth Women's Championships	15th to 19th April 2025	Baseball Australia	Melbourne Ballpark
NSW Intermediate League State Championships	12th to 14th April 2025	Baseball NSW & RHBL Club – TBD	Pioneer Park, Marsfield
NSW Little League & Div II State Championships	14th to 19th April 2025	Baseball NSW	Blacktown International Sportspark Softball
NSW Senior League State Championships	22nd to 25th April 2025	Baseball NSW	Blacktown International Sportspark
NSW Junior League State Championships	24th to 27th April 2025	Baseball NSW & Castle Hill Knights Baseball Club	Castle Glen and Knights Fields
Australian Senior League Championships	21st to 25th May 2025	Baseball Australia	Geelong Baseball Centre

2025 Major Events

Dates & Venues Announced cont.

Event	Date	Host	Venue
Australian Junior League Championships	28th May to 1st June 2025	Baseball Australia	Albert Park, Lismore
Australian Intermediate League Championships	28th May to 1st June 2025	Baseball Australia	Albert Park, Lismore
Australian Little League Division I Championships	8th to 13th June 2025	Baseball Australia	Blacktown International Sportspark
Little League Invitational	8th to 12th July 2025	Baseball Australia	Redcliffe Baseball Club
Little League Girls Division	8th to 12th July 2025	Baseball Australia	Redcliffe Baseball Club



Club Corner

Join the Wagga Baseball Association at their Come and Try Day! The Wagga Wagga Baseball Association are excited to invite everyone interested in experiencing baseball to their Come and Try Day on Sunday, February 2nd, 2025!

This event is open to anyone 15 years and older who's ready to sign up and play in our senior competition.

If you're under 15, don't worry – you're still welcome to come along, have some fun, and learn more about the sport!

Not ready to play but want to be involved?

Still feel free to come along! Ask one of the members how you can contribute and get involved with the WWBA.



On the day, they'll have representatives from all the clubs to chat with you, offer tips and skills advice, and provide all the information you need to get started in this fantastic sport.

Got questions before the event? Feel free to send them a message on Facebook – one of their friendly members will get back to you as soon as possible.

Save the Date: Season Starts March 2nd!

Club Corner cont.

Volunteer Resource Hub website by Sport Australia

The Volunteer Resource Hub, created by Sport Australia, is an essential online platform designed to support and empower volunteers in sport.

This free resource offers a wealth of tools, templates, and practical guides tailored to the unique needs of sports organizations and their volunteers. Whether you're looking for strategies to recruit and

retain volunteers, improve governance, or enhance your club's operations, the Volunteer Resource Hub has you covered.

Perfect for anyone involved in grassroots sports, this hub simplifies the volunteer journey, helping clubs and associations thrive while making volunteering more rewarding.

Visit Volunteer Resource Hub to explore how it can benefit your organisation today!

[Click here](#) for Volunteer Resource Hub.

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Club Corner cont. Start Off 2025 with **NxtGen** Baseball Camps and Clinics!

Baseball NSW is excited to share that NxtGen Baseball is bringing an incredible lineup of camps and clinics this January!

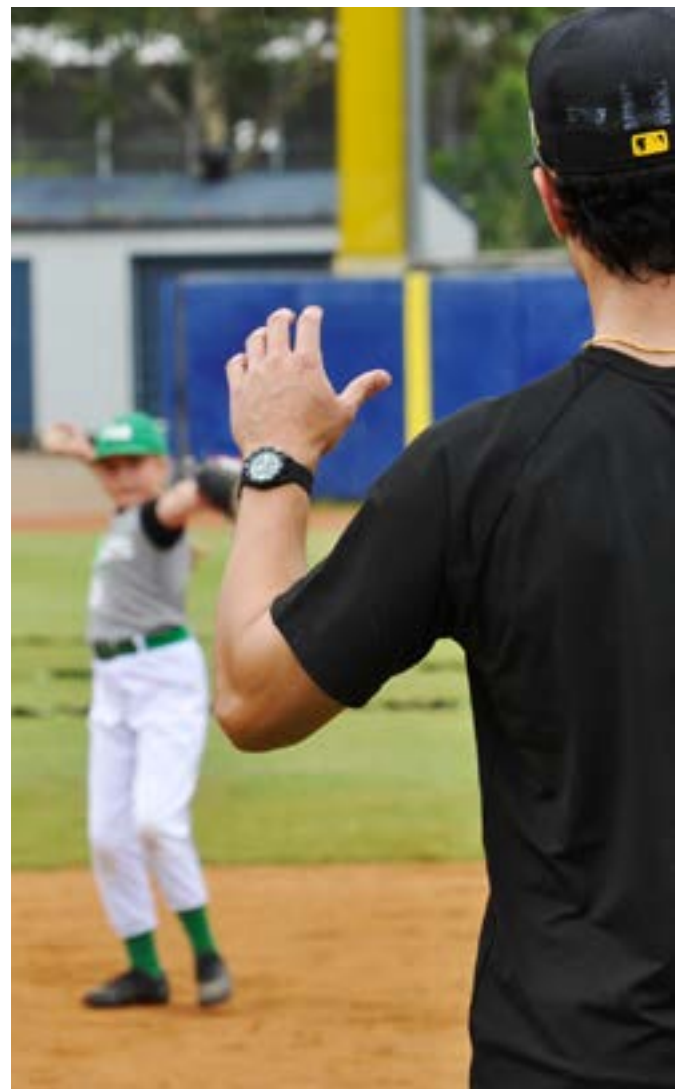
Whether you're a beginner eager to learn the fundamentals or an experienced player looking to sharpen your skills, these events are designed to ignite your passion for baseball and elevate your game.

NxtGen Ignition Camp

When: January 3–6, 2024

Where: Baulkham Hills

What to Expect: Four days of intense skill-building with expert coaching from Ryan Rowland-Smith and Grant Balfour, focusing on all aspects of the game. This camp is perfect for players who want to jumpstart their 2025 season with high-energy training and cutting-edge techniques.



Club Corner cont.

Start Off 2025 with NxtGen Baseball Camps and Clinics!

MLBPA Free Camps

The Major League Baseball Players Association (MLBPA) is teaming up with NxtGen to deliver FREE baseball clinics across several locations! Don't miss this rare opportunity to meet the pros and experience great coaching starting at the fundamentals.

Baulkham Hills: January 6th

Illawong: January 7th

Lismore: January 9th

Redlands, QLD: January 10th

Check out each of the events on the [NxtGen website](#) for times and age ranges!

Why Attend?

These camps and clinics are more than just training—they're a chance to meet new teammates, build your confidence, and discover how far baseball can take you. With NxtGen's experienced coaches and MLBPA's world-class insights, you'll leave the field feeling inspired and ready to play at your best.

Register Now

Spots are limited, so don't miss out! Visit [NxtGen Baseball's website](#) for all the details, schedules, and registration information.



Club Corner cont.

BNSW Hall of Fame & Heritage Committee Reminder

In early August of 2024 we informed all clubs & associations of the official launch of the NSW Hall of Fame and Heritage Committee.

The objective of the Hall of Fame is to recognise and acknowledge those who have contributed to the growth of NSW Baseball, through outstanding or continued achievements within the sport.

NSW baseball has had a long and rich history and has significantly contributed to the development of the sporting landscape within NSW and Australia, which we are keen to recognise and would love your help to do so.

If you wish to submit a nomination, you can find the criteria and nomination form on our website under "Resources."

Nominations close on the 31st December!!



BASEBALL NSW HALL OF FAME

[Click here](#) to visit the website.

Thank you to all those who have been involved in establishing this committee

Please stay tuned for further communication regarding the official Hall of Fame Launch Event scheduled for early March 2025.

If you have any questions or queries please email us [here](#).

Coaches Corner

Baseball NSW Coaching Accreditation Level C

Course Option 1:

Weekly Sessions starting Monday,
3rd February through to Monday,
10th March, 2025 @ 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm.

The Level C coaching course is being run
at Blacktown International Sports Park.

Sessions will run weekly for 6 weeks
from Monday, 3rd February through
to Monday, 10th March, 2025 inclusive.

This is the highest current practical
component of the Coaching Accreditation.

You must have achieved your Level B
prior registering for your Level C!

All those wanting to partake in the course
MUST pre-register and have completed all
pre-requisite learning prior to attending.

**Please register through your
[Canopi account here!](#)**

Country Course Option:

February 8th – 9th in Wauchope,
Mid North Coast.

Level C Coach Accreditations are
for Head coaches in junior charter
baseball, club head coaches, NSW
and Australian coaches.



Coaches Corner cont.

Baseball NSW Coaching Accreditation Level C

This 2 day course will cover the practical components of the Level C Coaching Accreditation. You must be a Level B coach before applying for Level C.

The course will be held at Blackbutt Reserve in Wauchope.

The Level C is a pre-requisite for coaching at the State Championships in 2025!

Minimum Age – 18 years of age

Length of Accreditation – Lasts 3 years

Cost – \$150

If you require assistance please email: learning@baseballnsw.com.au

Course Option 2:

Weekly Sessions starting Monday, 16th June through to Monday, 4th August, 2025 @ 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm

The Level C Coach Accreditation is replacing the previous Level 4, and is designed for Head coaches of junior charter baseball eg. All Star Coaches, State League Club Head Coach/ Manager, NSW and Australian coaches.

Limited spaces are available for the Level C courses, and preference will be given to the above.

This session will run weekly for six (6) weeks from Monday, 16 June through to Monday, 4th August, 2025 inclusive. **Coaches must attend all sessions to achieve their Level C Accreditation.**



Each session will start at 6 pm and finish at approximately 9.30 pm. Each session will cover a different skill.

- Monday 16 June 2025
- Monday 23 June 2025
- Monday 30 June 2025

NSW SCHOOL HOLIDAY BREAK

- Monday 21 July 2025
- Monday 28 July 2025
- Monday 4 August 2025

Please note that a minimum of 15 attendees is required for the course to proceed.

Coaches Corner cont.

Expression of Interest: Sporting Schools Program Coaches Wanted

Baseball NSW is excited to announce an opportunity for baseball coaches to inspire the next generation of players by delivering baseball and tee-ball programs in schools across New South Wales as part of the Sporting Schools Program.

The Sporting Schools Program is an Australian Government initiative designed to encourage school-aged children to participate in sports and connect with their local sports communities. As an affiliated partner of this program, Baseball NSW aims to introduce baseball to young people and foster their passion for the game.

Role Overview: As a coach in the program, you will

Teach baseball fundamentals and skills to school-aged children.

- Represent Baseball NSW in schools, promoting a love for the game.
- Deliver sessions during school hours on weekdays over multiple weeks.

Requirements: To be eligible, you must

- Hold a current Baseball Level 'A' Coaching Accreditation.
- Have a valid Working with Children Check.
- Be available during weekdays and within school hours.

This is a unique chance to play an integral role in growing baseball at the grassroots level while inspiring a new generation of players.

If this opportunity interests you, please email your Expression of Interest to coaching@baseballnsw.com.au

We look forward to hearing from passionate coaches who are eager to make a difference!

Fukuoka High School All Stars Inbound Tour

Baseball NSW will welcome back the Fukuoka prefecture to our facilities in Blacktown for an inbound tour before heading into the holiday break and the New Year.

We will be hosting the visiting High School All Stars team from Fukuoka, Japan from the 19th to the 22nd of December. This unique series of events will feature training sessions, performance testing, and thrilling games as the Fukuoka All Stars take on Baseball NSW's U18 Metro and Country Australian Youth Championship Teams.

Below is the schedule for this exciting week of international baseball:

Friday, 20 December

5:00pm

– Fukuoka All Stars vs
Baseball NSW U18 Metro

Saturday, 21 December

2:00pm

– Fukuoka vs
Baseball NSW U18 Country



Sunday, 22 December

9:30am

– Fukuoka vs
Baseball NSW Combined

This event is a celebration of our international collaboration with the Fukuoka Prefecture to develop the quality of our players across both countries. This is our second year conducting both inbound and outbound tours with Fukuoka, with some of our top NSW female players given the opportunity to play and train with professional women's baseball team, the Kyushu Honey's, in October of 2023 & 2024 in Japan.

The park will be open for games to viewed!

Doosan Bears Return for 2025 Spring Training

We are thrilled to announce that the Doosan Bears, one of the powerhouses of the Korean Baseball Organization (KBO), will return to Blacktown International Sports Park for their 2025 Spring Training from January 26th to February 16th.

Their annual Spring Training is a highlight event on our calendar, and we are excited to once again host this

prestigious team as they prepare for another KBO season. Since 2016, the Bears have made Blacktown their training ground, showcasing their commitment to excellence and strengthening their bond with Baseball NSW and the Blacktown City Council.

The Doosan Bears are coming off an impressive 2024 KBO season, finishing in the top 4 with a strong showing across the board. Whether it's their standout pitching staff or explosive hitters, the Bears have proven why they are one of the most respected teams in the league.

This year, Doosan are looking forward to building on their success as they



Doosan Bears Return for 2025 Spring Training cont.

prepare for the 2025 season, and their time in Blacktown will be critical to their preparations. They will be one of multiple KBO teams training in Australia in 2025!

We encourage all our members to come down to Blacktown International Sports Park during their training dates to watch the Bears in action. It's an incredible opportunity to see professional baseball up close and experience the energy and precision these athletes bring to the field.

Stay tuned for the release of their full training schedule and dates. We'll be sharing more details in the coming weeks so you can plan your visit and make the most of this unique event.

Let's show our support for the Doosan Bears and celebrate the fantastic partnership between Australian baseball and the KBO. Mark your calendars now – we'll see you at the park!



Team Australian Representation U12 & U18's World Cup Qualifiers

What a great start we had to December!!

With both the U12 and U18 World Cup Qualifiers being held this month, our NSW players and coaches shone both on and off the diamonds in the green and gold.

Congratulations to all BNSW representatives who competed in Guam and at Blacktown for the World Cup

Qualifiers. You have done us all very proud! Team Australia will now progress to the 2025 World Cups in both age groups.

Australia will join world No. 1 Japan, No. 2 Chinese Taipei, No. 5 USA, No. 6 Korea, No.9 Cuba, No. 10 Panama, No. 12 Dominican Republic and No. 17 Germany, in next year's WBSC U-12 Baseball World Cup. The U12 World Cup is scheduled to



Team Australian Representation U12 & U18's World Cup Qualifiers cont.

be held in Tainan city (TPE) from July 25 to August 3 at the Asia Pacific International Baseball Stadium, the only U-12 purpose-built venue worldwide.

Australia swept New Zealand, to secure a spot in the WBSC U-18 Baseball World Cup 2025. The green and gold squad beat New Zealand in all five games played at Blacktown's Sydney 2000 Olympic Games venue. Australia join world No. 1 and hosts Japan, No. 2 Chinese Taipei, No. 5 USA, No. 6 Korea, No. 8 Panama, No. 9 Puerto Rico, No. 10 Cuba, No. 14 Italy and No. 17 Germany as the qualified nations for the World Cup. One National Team from Africa and a Wild Card will complete the set of 12 participants. The U18 World Cup will be in Naha City, Okinawa Prefecture, Japan from 5 to 14 September.



Best of luck to both teams next year!



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Team Australian Representation U12 & U18's World Cup Qualifiers cont.



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Sydney Cup and Association Cup 2024 Wrap Up

Baseball New South Wales wish to thank you everyone for helping make the 2024 Sydney Cup a resounding success!

From the first pitch in September to the final outs on December 8th, this tournament was a celebration of everything that makes the NSW baseball community special. It's a collaborative effort that begins as soon as the previous years tournament concludes.

We took some major strides this year both on molding this tournament to reflect the aspirations of the associations,

as well as attempting to create opportunities and pathways for people to get involved in the sport.

We were happy to see the utilization of the Development Coaching Role from a few associations, as well as the success of the inaugural Gaynor Cup, allowing young girls the opportunity to play representative baseball in a supportive and competitive environment. It's a tremendous starting point for a section of the game that is growing everyday here in New South Wales and Australia.

We are excited to see a large percentage of our Gaynor Cup participants, both players and coaches, back in action at



Sydney Cup and Association Cup 2024 Wrap Up cont.

the end of January in the inaugural NSW Little League Girls State Championships!

The collective effort of the associations' patience, and dedication created a positive and healthy environment for all participants. Together, you have helped make baseball stronger and contributed to its growth in Sydney.

A big thank you to CSJBA, Eastern Suburbs, East Hills, and MWDBA for putting their hands up to host Sydney Cup Semi-Finals and Sydney Cup Finals. It's a difficult job to get fields ready, especially when the weather decides to act up the way it did on Finals weekend, and without the volunteers at those associations and clubs, we would not have been able to get the games in.

A special congratulations to our championship-winning teams:

U12 Sydney Cup: Manly

U14 Sydney Cup: Hills

U16 Sydney Cup: Ryde Grey

U12 Association Cup: Manly Maroon

U14 Association Cup: Hills

U13 Gaynor Cup: Hills

We are grateful to everyone who played a role in this journey, coaches, parents, supporters, players, umpires, club volunteers, and everyone in between. Whether you were on the field, in the dugout, cheering from the stands, or working tirelessly behind the scenes, your contributions made this tournament memorable and impactful.



Photo credit: Ben Pyke photography – Manly U12 Association Cup Champions.



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A special shoutout to Andrew Clements with the NSWBUA, whose efforts behind the scenes ensured the tournament ran smoothly and allowed kids to get out on the field and enjoy the game. Your dedication does not go unnoticed, and we thank you deeply for everything you have done and continue to do for baseball in New South Wales.

Thank you all for your passion and commitment. We look forward to seeing you soon after the Holiday period as we roll into the 2025 NSW State Championships.

Sydney Cup and Association Cup 2024 Gallery

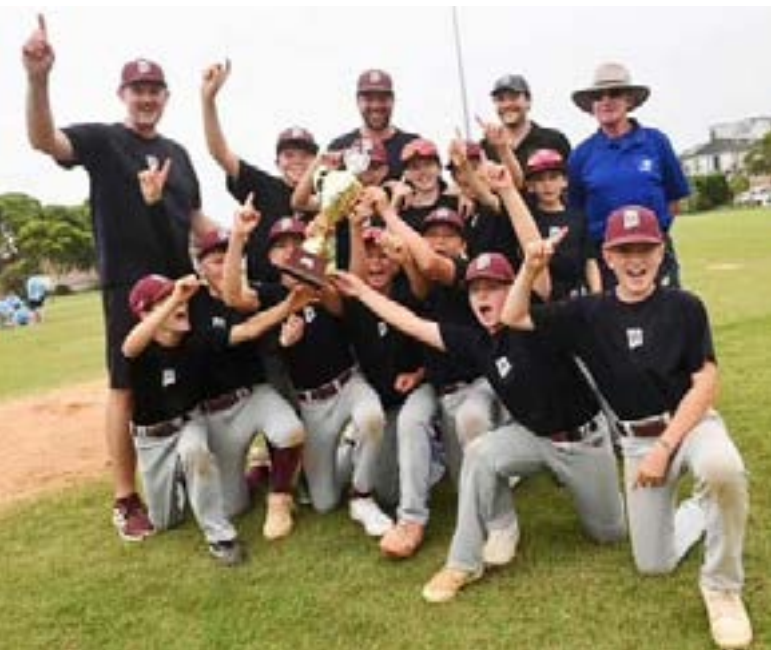


Photo credit: Ben Pyke photography – Manly Worboys (U12) Cup Champions pictured with Peter Worboys.



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Photo: Hills Gaynor Cup Champions pictured with Katie & John Gaynor, alongside BNSW Director Beth McVicker-Murphy.

e-Safety in Sport

How to Stay Safe Online



In today's digital age, online safety is more important than ever, especially within our sporting communities.

As baseball clubs across New South Wales increasingly use online platforms to connect, engage, and grow their communities, it's essential that we all stay informed about the best practices for ensuring a safe and positive online environment.

The Australian eSafety Commissioner provides a wealth of resources specifically tailored for sports organisations. These tools are designed to help clubs, coaches, and players protect themselves and their communities online. We strongly encourage all our NSW baseball clubs and members to take advantage of these resources to enhance their understanding of e-safety and to implement effective strategies within their teams.

The eSafety website offers valuable information on a range of topics, including how to manage online abuse, protect personal information, and create safe online spaces for all participants. Whether you're a club administrator, coach, player, or parent, there's something relevant for everyone.

Key Resources Available:

- **Online Safety for Sports Clubs:** This guide provides practical advice on how to create a safe and supportive online environment for all members.
- **Managing Online Abuse:** Learn how to recognise, prevent, and respond to online abuse, ensuring that all interactions remain respectful and positive.
- **Protecting Personal Information:** Understand the importance of safeguarding your personal information and the information of others when engaging online.
- **Creating Safe Online Spaces:** Get tips on how to foster a community culture that values respect, inclusion, and safety, both on and off the field.

We urge all members to visit the [eSafety for Sport Communities](#) page and explore the available resources. By doing so, you are not only protecting yourself but also contributing to a safer online environment for our entire baseball community.

Let's work together to ensure that our love for the game extends to a safe and supportive online experience for everyone involved.

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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