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Photo by Coral Susie – ‘Jacob Susic pitching for the Schofield Scorpions’



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BNSW Game Day Pics 2025 February entries



Photo by Karen Jeffs – 'Mexican stand off.'



Photo by Henry Twaddell.



Photo by Amy Winn – 'Smells like team spirit.'



Photo by Kirsty Tavae – 'Strike.'

Congratulations to the BNSW Monthly award winners!

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](#)

February Game Day Photo Winner

Congratulations to our #NSWGameDayPic winner from Mick Goddard - 'shhhh.... it's a secret.'

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!



Photo by Mick Goddard - 'shhhh.... it's a secret.'

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 are fast approaching alongside the 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
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

2025 Major Events

Dates & Venues Announced cont.

Event	Date	Host	Venue
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 Apr 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
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

What a day it was at the Cronulla Sharks Baseball Club for the Colour Run!

The Sharks Club community came together this month for a fantastic day filled with fun, energy, and plenty of colour.

From the before shots in fresh white t-shirts to the after shots covered head to toe in bright colours, their players, managers, coaches, families, and committee embraced the event with enthusiasm.

The event was loads of fun, starting with the Miranda Fire Station hosing down teams before they hit the track! Colour Stations included: hula hoops, bat twirl, frisbee, slip & slide (into a base), bear crawl, agility ladder and a dance party. There was plenty of post run fun, with the canteen and bar open for food & drinks, announcements & prizes awarded, and the top fundraising team had the honour of powdering the President or colouring the Head Coach!



It was brilliant to see everyone running, laughing, and celebrating what makes the club so special – the amazing community! A shoutout to everyone who made this day happen and helping the club fundraise for much-needed resources.

Club Corner cont. Cronulla Sharks Baseball Club Colour Run 2025 Gallery



Club Corner cont.

Thornleigh Baseball Celebrate Liz McKewin Pink Day



On Saturday, 8th February, Thornleigh Baseball Club held its annual fundraiser for the Crown Princess Mary Cancer Centre Westmead, in memory of Liz McKewin, who tragically passed away from cancer in 2010.

The event was a great success, bringing the community together to raise funds for an incredible cause and keep Liz's memory alive.

The whole club gets behind the event, with players of all ages switching their usual royal blue jerseys for pink ones to show their support. The day is designed to be a fun-filled event for both junior and senior players, as well as parents, creating an atmosphere of unity and support for those affected by cancer.



Club Corner cont.

Thornleigh Baseball Celebrate Liz McKewin Pink Day

It's a day that not only raises funds but also strengthens the bond within our entire club.

The Crown Princess Mary Cancer Centre Westmead has been doing amazing work since it opened in 2007. The facility is dedicated to cancer research, treatment, prevention, and rehabilitation, and it has made a huge difference in the lives of countless patients and their families.

Over the past decade, Thornleigh Baseball Club has raised over \$60,000 for the Centre. This money has gone towards buying things like a specialized chemotherapy chair, helping to refurbish the chemotherapy centre and C5 Cancer ward, and more recently, supporting families who are going through tough times while their loved ones receive treatment.

This year, the club raised over \$7,000 for the Centre, an incredible effort from everyone involved. Club President Ash Harrigan said, "I'm always humbled by the generosity from the entire club, players, sponsors, and our committee members who all put so much effort into making this event a success. It's all of us coming together that really makes this possible."

The A1 game starts with a minute silence followed by a ceremonial first pitch, this year thrown by Local MP Julian Leeser, which helped set the tone for a fantastic day.

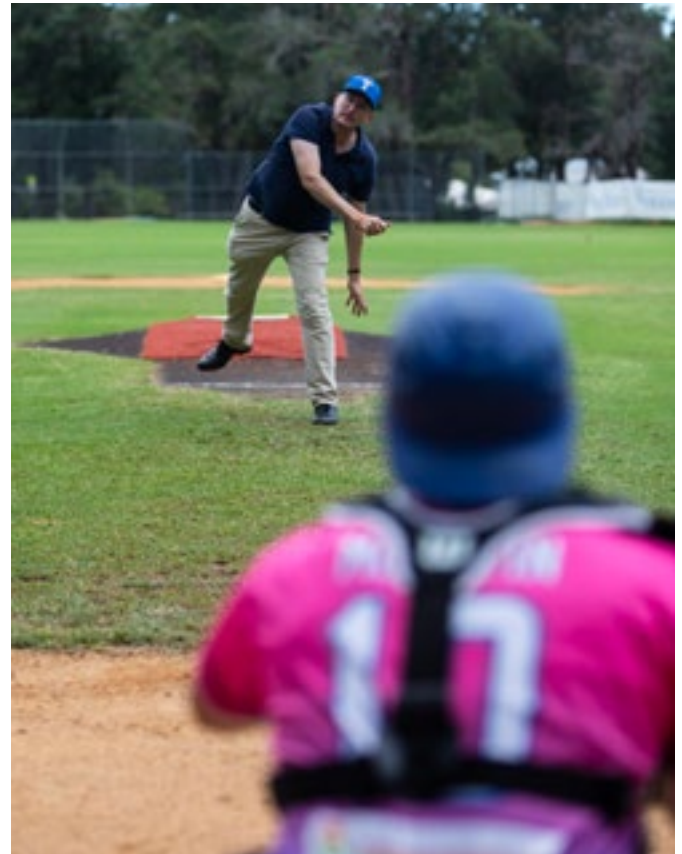


Photo credits: Thornleigh Baseball Club

Club Corner cont.

Thornleigh Baseball Celebrate Liz McKewin Pink Day

The A Grade sides played against Ku Ring Gai Stealers - Redbacks in front of a great crowd, that included many ex-players, supporter and committee members that return year after year to the annual event. The A1 team fought hard and won 4-3 in a close game, while the A2 team came away with a 6-4 win earlier in the day. It was a great showing from all teams.

After the games, players and spectators had the chance to face off against former Olympic and Pro Softball pitcher Ellen Roberts in the batter's box. Many took up the challenge, but most found it tough to hit against Ellen's skills!

Huge thanks to Ellen and her catcher, Mon, for giving up their time to help make the event even more fun and memorable.

Gary McKewin, former Thornleigh Baseball President and Liz's husband, also shared a heartfelt message: "Thanks again to you and all of the Thornleigh Baseball Club committee, players, and parents for the massive effort that goes into this wonderful fundraising in Liz's name. I love you all!"

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make this event a success. We're incredibly grateful for the ongoing support of the community, and we look forward to your continued support as we continue to raise funds for the Crown Princess Mary Cancer Centre Westmead.

Together, we're making a real difference in the fight against cancer.

**Ash Harrigan, President
Thornleigh Baseball Club**



Club Corner cont. Thornleigh Baseball Celebrate Liz McKewin Pink Day Gallery



Photo credit: Thornleigh Baseball Club.

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Thornleigh Baseball Celebrate Liz McKewin Pink Day Gallery



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Club Corner cont. Castle Hill Knights Pink Day



Huge shoutout to everyone who supported the Castle Hill Knights Pink Day!

The generosity and spirit around the diamonds made the day an incredible success as the club came together to raise awareness and funds for Breast Cancer Network Australia.

All the teams donned their pink uniforms and accessories for an awesome day of baseball!

If you didn't get a chance to donate, there's still time! You can contribute via the link below and continue making a difference. Keep the momentum going.

A huge congratulations to the Castle Hill Knights Baseball Club on a great day for a great cause.

[Click here to donate.](#)



Club Corner cont. Castle Hill Knights Pink Day Gallery



All Photo credits: Castle Hill Knights Baseball Club Facebook

Club Corner cont. Castle Hill Knights Pink Day Gallery



Club Corner cont.

Camden Red Sox

Celebrating

Ladies Day

The Camden Red Sox Baseball Club recently celebrated its annual Ladies Day during Round 16.

Creating a vibrant sea of pink, players donned pink accessories with their uniforms to honour the remarkable women in their lives.

The event was filled with joy and appreciation, with players and fans

alike coming together to celebrate the contributions of mothers, caregivers, grandmothers, and all the ladies who support the club in so many ways.

The sight of so many people in pink was truly heartwarming and a testament to the strong community spirit within the Camden Red Sox family.

The club look forward to making next year's Ladies Day even bigger and better!

– **Amanda Coles, Publicity Camden Red Sox.**



Club Corner cont. Camden Red Sox Celebrating Ladies Day Gallery



Photo credit: Kirsty Tavae.

Coaches Corner

Stay Ahead in Coaching: Find Everything You Need Online!

Coaching is at the heart of baseball development, and at Baseball NSW, we're here to support you on your journey. Whether you're just starting or looking to advance your skills, we've made it easier than ever to access all the coaching information you need!

Looking for resources and guidance? Visit our [Coaching Hub](#) for up-to-date coaching materials, guidelines, and development pathways.

Want to attend a coaching course?

Check out upcoming opportunities under our [Events Tab](#) or explore courses on Canopi, our dedicated coaching education platform.

Don't miss out on the latest coaching insights – stay informed, stay prepared, and help grow the game! Check out our upcoming Level C Courses below which are filling up quickly!

For any questions, feel free to reach out to us at coaching@baseballnsw.com.au.



Coaches Corner cont.

Baseball NSW Coaching Accreditation Level C

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Course Option 1:

BNSW Level C Practical Accreditation - Tamworth, March 14 & 15.

This session will run from 8:30AM – 5:00PM. The course will be held at Riverside Sporting Complex in Tamworth.

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

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.

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

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!

NSW State and Women's League Fast Approaching

The most exciting time of the year for State and Women's League baseball in NSW is fast approaching!

The NSW State League and Women's League Finals are around the corner, bringing top-tier baseball action to Blacktown International Sports Park (BISP). Over the coming weeks, the top teams in our premier League's will battle it out for championship glory, and we invite all fans, families, and supporters to be part of the excitement!

After months of fierce competition, the stage is set for the final rounds, culminating in Grand Final weekend from March 26th to March 30th. With everything on the line, expect high-intensity matchups, incredible plays, and a showcase of the best baseball talent in NSW.

Key Grand Final Matches:

Wednesday, March 26

– 1st Grade Grand Final Game 1
(7:15 PM)

Friday, March 28

– 2nd Grade Women's Grand Final
(7:30 PM)



NSW State and Women's League Fast Approaching cont.

Saturday, March 29

- Under-18 Grand Final
(11:00 AM)
- 1st Grade Women's Grand Final
(3:00 PM)
- 1st Grade Grand Final Game 2
(6:00 PM)

Sunday, March 30

- 3rd Grade Grand Final
(10:00 AM)
- 2nd Grade Grand Final
(2:00 PM)
- 1st Grade Grand Final Game 3
(If Required) (6:00 PM)

With everything on the line, expect clutch hits, dominant pitching, and unforgettable moments as teams fight for the ultimate prize.

There's nothing like watching baseball live, and we encourage all fans to head to BISP to soak in the atmosphere, passion, and thrilling competition.

Canteen will be open on weekends –
Grab a bite to eat and refuel
between innings!

Bar Open – Enjoy a drink while
watching the action (RSA rules apply).

**Can't Make It? Watch Live on
Streamer Sports!**

If you can't be at the ballpark, don't worry – you won't miss a pitch! All finals will be streamed live via Streamer Sports, bringing the action straight to your screen.



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[Click here](#) for State League live streams.

[Click here](#) for Women's League live streams.

With so much on the line, now is the time to show up, cheer loud, and be part of the best baseball NSW has to offer. Gather your family, teammates, and baseball community and be there to witness the action!

[Click here](#) for the full schedule.

Girls Free Clinic with Japan's Risa Nakashima

This past weekend, Baseball NSW hosted an unforgettable event at Riverside Park, Chipping Norton, as youth girls from across the state gathered for a special baseball clinic led by visiting Japanese Women's National Coach, Risa Nakashima.

The event, held on Sunday, February 9th, drew in girls aged 8 to 13 who were eager to learn and improve their skills under the guidance of one of the sport's most accomplished figures. Nakashima, a figurehead in women's baseball, brought her extensive experience to the field, having played professionally for four seasons in Japan, competed in five Women's World Cups, and served as head coach of the Samurai Women's National Team. With six gold medals to her name and a 6-6 batting average in World Cup play, her insights and expertise were invaluable to the young players.



It was a morning of smiles, teamwork, and inspiration, as the young athletes gained valuable tips on fielding, hitting, and game strategy. There were 32 girls in attendance led by Risa and her amazing team of coaches. Baseball NSW would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to Risa Nakashima for her time and dedication and the AWC and AYWC coaches who worked alongside her, ensuring the clinic was a smooth and successful experience for all involved. Their commitment to growing the game and empowering young female players was evident in every aspect of the clinic.

Girls Free Clinic with Japan's Risa Nakashima cont.

Thank you as well to the Canterbury Vikings Baseball Club – Rob Cooke and Fady Karam – for hosting the clinic at the club.

Thank you to everyone who came out to support and participate in this special event. With initiatives like this, Baseball NSW continues to foster opportunities for young athletes to develop their skills, build confidence, and enjoy the game we all love.

We look forward to hosting more clinics and events like this in the future. Keep an eye on your inbox and spam mail accounts as well as social media for upcoming opportunities in women's development and holiday camps and clinics!



Girls Free Clinic with Japan's Risa Nakashima Gallery



Doosan Bears Spring Training in Sydney Comes to a Close

Baseball NSW bids a fond farewell to the Doosan Bears, who have now wrapped up their 2025 Spring Training in Sydney.

Over the past few weeks, it has been an incredible experience hosting one of the KBO’s most storied franchises, as they prepared for the upcoming season with top-tier training and development.

The Bears now continue their journey to Japan, where they will complete the final leg of their pre-season preparations before heading into what promises to be another exciting KBO season.

We are proud to continue our strong partnership with the Doosan Bears and look forward to future opportunities to collaborate and grow the game of baseball between Australia and Korea. We’re happy to announce that we will be extending our partnership agreement for another three years with the Bears.



Photo credit - Doosan Bears Media.

Mark Marino, the CEO of Baseball NSW has said that “with the advent of the enhanced Team Australia program, we look forward to the opportunity to host games against Doosan in coming years.”

From all of us at Baseball NSW, we wish the Doosan Bears the very best of luck for the 2025 season—Go Bears!

Doosan Bears Spring Training in Sydney Comes to a Close Gallery



Photo credit - Doosan Bears Media.

High Performance Partnership Announced

Baseball NSW are excited to announce the partnership between Diamond Advantage and our High Performance and Development Programs.

Baseball NSW has been a major collaborator in the development of 'Diamond Advantage'. We have a joint objective of providing state of the art programming and technology for our athletes through advanced motion capture and sports science and making this more accessible to Australian baseballers and softballers.

Diamond Advantage are very fortunate to have Australia's leading sports scientists working alongside them, with internationally recognised advisors and coaches to help our baseballers continuously refine their skills. This program has the support of state and national sporting bodies across both baseball and softball such as Australian Catholic University, LaTrobe University and University of Nebraska.

The program utilises advanced technology specifically designed for sports biomechanic analysis to improve baseball



and softball performance. The resounding feedback in establishing Diamond Advantage has been that this style of program will help Australia to continue our growing prominence in college and professional baseball.

David Nines is the founder for Diamond Advantage's and has been involved with Baseball NSW at multiple levels as a high-performance specialist coach. Dave has said that he is "deeply passionate about helping baseballers and softballers in Australia achieve their goals through this venture". CEO of Baseball NSW, Mark Marino has said "adding this level of sophistication to our high-performance programs will be an important step

High Performance Partnership Announced cont.

forward to helping ensure our basballers have access to the world-class technology and expertise”.

Diamond Advantage have begun accepting applications for the Fall session. The session will include baseline testing, development, training, and analysis that can be used by the athlete to improve their own athletic advantage. If this is something you're interested in participating in, the next sessions are running on the 23rd and 24th of April, and spots are limited...

We don't want you to miss out!

For all the details email info@diamondadv.com.au.



Newcastle Women's Program Hits a Home Run!

Women's baseball is thriving in Newcastle, and we couldn't be more excited! With a strong focus on growing the women's game, the Newcastle Baseball Association has been overwhelmed by the incredible response to their 8-week Women's Baseball Program.

They kicked off the program with a fantastic turnout, and the enthusiasm has only continued to build. With over 50 players registering, it's clear there's a huge appetite for women's baseball in the community. Even as the weeks progress, they're still welcoming new registrations – proof that the game is gaining serious momentum!

This program isn't just about skill development – it's about building a supportive and fun environment where women of all experience levels can step onto the diamond, improve their game,



and connect with others who share their love for baseball.

Whether participants are picking up a bat for the first time or returning to the sport, the energy and passion on the field have been amazing to witness.

We can't wait to see what the future holds for women's baseball in Newcastle, and this is just the beginning!

A huge thank you to all the players, coaches, and supporters who are making this program such a success.

Let's keep growing the game – one pitch, hit, and home run at a time!

Newcastle Women's Program Hits a Home Run Gallery



Photo credits: Newcastle Baseball Association

Rookies Cup 2025 Draw Announced

The highly anticipated NSW Rookies Cup 2025 is set to take place this Sunday, March 2nd, at Greenway Giants Baseball Club, Greenway Park.

The tournament will showcase some of the most talented young baseball players from across the state, with teams battling it out across eight diamonds in a full day of exciting matchups.

The official draw has been released, and fans can expect a thrilling lineup of games from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM, culminating in a 4:45 PM presentation ceremony where all teams are encouraged to attend.

With fast-paced games, great competition, and a strong community atmosphere, the Rookies Cup is a must-attend event for early baseball lovers. Come down, cheer on the future stars of our sport, and enjoy a fantastic day of baseball!

For full game times and team matchups, check out the official draw and be sure to support your teams!

See you at the fields!



Rookies Cup 2025

Draw Announced cont.

Greenway Giants Baseball Club, Greenway Park - March 2nd

TIME	DIAMOND 1	DIAMOND 4	DIAMOND 3	DIAMOND 2
8:00am	Ryde Black	Ryde Red		
	VS	VS		
	Manly Maroon	GW Maroon		
BYE	Ironbirds Gold - Macarthur Blue - Cronulla Black			
9:15am	Ironbirds Gold	Macarthur Blue	Ryde Green	Manly White
	VS	VS	VS	VS
	Manly Maroon	Cronulla Black	Quakers Hill	Winston Hills
BYE	Ryde Black - Ryde Red - GW Maroon		Cronulla Blue & Macarthur Black	
10:30am	Ironbirds Gold	Macarthur Blue	Cronulla Blue	Macarthur Black
	VS	VS	VS	VS
	GW Maroon	Ryde Red	Quakers Hill	Winston Hills
BYE	Manly Maroon - Cronulla Black - Ryde Black		Ryde Green & Manly White	
11:45pm	Ryde Black	Cronulla Black	Cronulla Blue	Manly White
	VS	VS	VS	VS
	GW Maroon	Manly Maroon	Macarthur Black	Ryde Green
BYE	Ironbirds Gold - Macarthur Blue - Ryde Red		Quakers Hill & Winston Hills	
1:00pm	Ryde Black	Cronulla Black	Winston Hills	Manly White
	VS	VS	VS	VS
	Ironbirds Gold	Ryde Red	Ryde Green	Quakers Hill
BYE	GW Maroon - Manly Maroon - Macarthur Blue		Cronulla Blue & Macarthur Black	
2:15pm	Macarthur Blue	Manly Maroon	Winston Hills	Macarthur Black
	VS	VS	VS	VS
	GW Maroon	Ryde Red	Cronulla Blue	Quakers Hill
BYE	Ryde Black - Cronulla Black - Ironbirds Gold		Ryde Green & Manly White	
3:30pm	Macarthur Blue	Cronulla Black	Manly White	Macarthur Black
	VS	VS	VS	VS
	Ironbirds Gold	Ryde Black	Cronulla Blue	Ryde Green
BYE	GW Maroon - Manly Maroon - Ryde Red		Quakers Hill & Winston Hills	

Rookies Cup 2025

Draw Announced cont.

Greenway Giants Baseball Club, Greenway Park - March 2nd

TIME	DIAMOND 5	DIAMOND 6	DIAMOND 7	DIAMOND 8
8:00am	Ryde Blue	Cronulla White		
	VS	VS		
	Manly Grey	Baulkham Hills		
BYE	Ironbirds Blue - Macarthur White - GW Blue			
9:15am	Ironbirds Blue	Macarthur White	Ryde Pink	Oakville
	VS	VS	VS	VS
	Manly Grey	GW Blue	Cronulla Girls	Manly Blue
BYE	Ryde Blue - Cronulla White - Baulkham Hills		Macarthur Girls & Macarthur Orange	
10:30am	Ironbirds Blue	Macarthur White	Macarthur Girls	Macarthur Orange
	VS	VS	VS	VS
	Baulkham Hills	Cronulla White	Cronulla Girls	Manly Blue
BYE	Manly Grey - GW Blue - Ryde Blue		Ryde Pink & Oakville	
11:45pm	Ryde Blue	GW Blue	Macarthur Girls	Macarthur Orange
	VS	VS	VS	VS
	Baulkham Hills	Manly Grey	Ryde Pink	Oakville
BYE	Ironbirds Blue - Macarthur White - Cronulla White		Cronulla Girls & Manly Blue	
1:00pm	Ryde Blue	GW Blue	Manly Blue	Cronulla Girls
	VS	VS	VS	VS
	Ironbirds Blue	Cronulla White	Ryde Pink	Oakville
BYE	Baulkham Hills - Manly Grey - Macarthur White		Macarthur Girls & Macarthur Orange	
2:15pm	Macarthur White	Manly Grey	Manly Blue	Cronulla Girls
	VS	VS	VS	VS
	Baulkham Hills	Cronulla White	Macarthur Girls	Macarthur Orange
BYE	Ryde Blue - GW Blue - Ironbirds Blue		Ryde Pink & Oakville	
3:30pm	Macarthur White	GW Blue	Oakville	Ryde Pink
	VS	VS	VS	VS
	Ironbirds Blue	Ryde Blue	Macarthur Girls	Macarthur Orange
BYE	Baulkham Hills - Manly Grey - Cronulla White		Cronulla Girls & Manly Blue	

Rookies Cup 2025

Draw Announced cont.

TEAMS	
Red Pool A	Blue Pool B
Cronulla Black	Cronulla Blue
GW Maroon	Macarthur Black
Ironbirds Gold	Manly White
Macarthur Blue	Quakers Hill
Manly Maroon	Ryde Green
Ryde Black	Winston Hills
Ryde Red	
Yellow Pool C	Green Pool D
Baulkham Hills	Cronulla Girls
Cronulla White	Macarthur Girls
GW Blue	Macarthur Orange
Ironbirds Blue	Oakville
Manly Grey	Manly Blue
Macarthur White	Ryde Pink (Girls)
Ryde Blue	

- Home team decided by coin toss. Coin toss does not decide dugout allocation.
- 4:45pm presentation ceremony – all teams encouraged to attend.
- All games are 60min duration finishing with last batter in the box.
- Please remember- our main focus is for the players to have fun and enjoy the game. For this reason, any arguments with umpires may result in a coach being suspended for a minimum of the remainder of the day.

Baseball NSW 2025 Staff Update

Farewell to Vassil Vasselou, Welcome Darren Kelly

Baseball NSW would like to inform our members that **Vassil Vasselou, our Operations Manager, has departed from our team.** We sincerely thank Vass for his contributions and dedication during his time with us and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

Baseball NSW CEO Mark Marino has said "It has been great working alongside Vass over these many years he has been with Baseball NSW. We wish him the best with his future ventures, either here in Australia or back in his home of South Africa. He will be missed"

For any operational enquiries, please direct them to:
admin@baseballnsw.com.au

At the same time, we are pleased to welcome **Darren Kelly** as our new **Participation and Partnerships Manager.** Darren brings a wealth of experience and a passion for growing the game across all levels in NSW.



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He will be focusing on expanding baseball's reach and strengthening relationships within the community.

Darren can be contacted at darren@baseballnsw.com.au for any participation or partnership related enquiries.

We appreciate your continued support as we move forward with these changes.

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.

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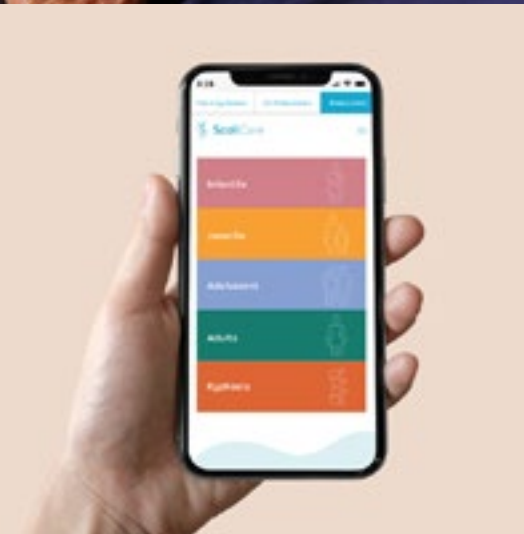
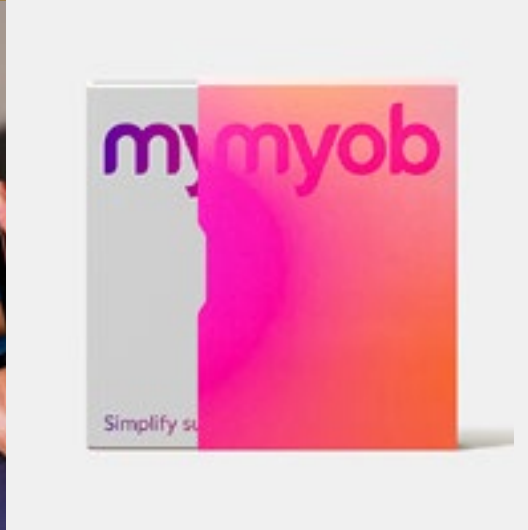


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