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Volunteering Amanda Coles - Camden Red Sox

As a dedicated volunteer with the Camden Red Sox in Southwest Sydney, Amanda has been a true powerhouse behind the scenes.

Her tireless efforts on our socials and everything else she does to keep the club running smoothly don't go unnoticed.

We're beyond grateful for her hard work, passion, and commitment to keeping our baseball family connected and in the loop.

Thank you, Amanda!
You are truly appreciated!



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

BNSW Game Day Pics 2025 March entries



Photo by Kirsty Tavae – ‘Campbelltown Ghosts player Callum Symington pitching during a Little League Majors game.’



Photo by Megan Clifton – Framing pitches and making calls, just another day at the office!’



Photo by Jill Singleton – ‘Safe at 3rd.’

BNSW Game Day Pics 2025 March entries



Photo by David Rowley – 'Dad & Son celebrating grand final win!'



Photo by Louise Rudling – 'Celebrating an awesome season of U8 T-ball.'



Photo by Sam Hutton – 'Waiting for the pitcher Miss Izzy to warm up.'



Photo by Louise Clancy – 'We did it!'

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](#)

March Game Day Photo Winner

Congratulations to our #NSWGameDayPic winner from Louise Rudling - 'Celebrating an awesome season of U8 T-ball.'

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 Louise Rudling - 'Celebrating an awesome season of U8 T-ball.'

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 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
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

2025 Major Events

Dates & Venues Announced cont.

Event	Date	Host	Venue
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

Baseball New South Wales is excited to offer two incredible school holiday camps this April!

Whether you are looking to refine your baseball skills or introduce your young athlete to teeball, our holiday programs provide the perfect opportunity to learn from experienced coaches in a fun and supportive environment.

We have two camp locations to choose from:

Blacktown International Sports Park (BISP) – April 15th & 16th

Location: Diamond 1, Blacktown International Sports Park

Registration Closes:

Sunday, April 13th at 11:59pm

Baseball Camp (Ages 9-14):

9:00am – 3:00pm (\$264)

TeeBall Camp (Ages 6-8):

9:00am – 12:00pm (\$132)

[Click here](#) to register for Baseball – BISP

[Click here](#) to register for T-ball – BISP

Blacktown International Sports Park is the home of Baseball NSW's High-Performance Squads and the Sydney Blue Sox. This two-day camp will focus on baserunning, fielding, hitting, and pitching (for baseball participants only). Each player will receive a Baseball NSW t-shirt and gain valuable skills in a professional training environment.

Oakleigh Reserve, Thornleigh – April 22nd & 23rd

Location: Oakleigh Oval, 15 Giblett Ave, Thornleigh NSW 2120

Registration Closes:

Friday, April 19th at 11:59pm

Baseball Camp (Ages 9-14):

9:00am – 3:00pm (\$264)

TeeBall Camp (Ages 6-8):

9:00am – 12:00pm (\$132)

[Click here](#) to register for Baseball – Thornleigh

[Click here](#) to register for T-ball – Thornleigh

As part of our commitment to expanding baseball development programs across Greater Sydney, Baseball NSW is thrilled to

Club Corner cont.

Register Now for Baseball NSW April School Holiday Clinics!

bring a school holiday camp to the Ryde district. Hosted at Oakleigh Reserve, home of the Thornleigh Baseball Club, this two-day camp will provide the same elite-level instruction in baserunning, fielding, hitting, and pitching (for baseball players). Participants will also receive a Baseball NSW t-shirt.

Important Information for Both Camps

Check-in & Check-out:

Parents must sign their children in and out at the front desk daily.

Food & Drinks:

There will be no canteen facilities available, so parents must pack food and drinks. Baseball NSW will provide water coolers, and players should bring a reusable water bottle.

Sun Safety:

Sunscreen will be provided to ensure all players stay protected from the sun.

Attendance:

No discounts are available for partial attendance.

Don't miss this fantastic opportunity for your child to develop their baseball skills in a fun and engaging environment!

Register for the camp that best suits you using the links on previous page!

For any inquiries, please contact Baseball NSW State Development Officer, Coen Wynne, at coen@baseballnsw.com.au.

We look forward to seeing you on the field this April!



Club Corner cont. Illawarra Teams Training with Garry Everson

The Little League and Junior League teams trained with Garry Everson, bullpen coach for the Sydney Blue Sox earlier this year!

With over 30 years of experience in the dugout, Garry has provided invaluable knowledge and insights to the kids participating in the event.

Prior to his appointment as the Blue Sox's bullpen coach, Garry Everson has worked

with Baseball NSW for nearly 30 years. He worked as State Coach Accreditation and Development Officer for Baseball NSW, training and developing coaches while heading its coach accreditation program.

Everson had also coached various school teams and led youth clinics. He also won the 2007/08 Umpire Award from the NSW Umpires Baseball Association.

Baseball NSW would like to thank the coaches who assisted in the training, with special attention to Ben Garvey for arranging Everson's visit.



College Catchups

Outfielder Luke Donaghey has committed to Galveston College, a Texas junior college, joining South Australia's Flynn McKee and Ben Karaksis also from New South Wales who have committed in the past three weeks.

All three will start their academic and athletic journeys in the United States in August 2025.

Likewise, Nic Paparella of South Australia joins Donaghey at the Galveston Whitecaps as a freshman this season. Donaghey has played only for the Manly Baseball Club in his young career; after juniors with the Manly Seaside, he is now part of the Manly Eagles' first grade roster. His time with Manly and the NSW baseball system, representing the state at the Under-16 and Under-18 level, was key to developing his abilities.

What makes Luke Donaghey an interesting prospect is his speed and strong arm. He also has the ability to make contact to

every part of the field, both on offense and defense.

He also said in a comment to Baseball Australia that he believes his "great work ethic on and off the field" and his "positive mindset" would take him as far as he needs.

Additionally, he said he looks forward to the level of competition at Galveston, which should give him the opportunity to sharpen his skills while at school.

"I see a massive opportunity for development at Galveston as it is a high level of competition playing the best junior college players in the state. I'll constantly have the urge to fight for my starting spot and be motivated by my teammates and coaches which I am a part of a greater community."

The recruitment and coaching staff at Galveston College noticed his skill and potential to contribute when Donaghey played for Team Australia's Under-18 squad that joined the Perfect Game tournament in September 2024.

His stellar play earned him a spot to the MLB World Select Team, together with nine Australians, for a Showcase.

College Catchups cont. NSW Outfielder Luke Donaghey Commits to Texas' Galveston College

After his Under-18 experience for Team Australia, Donaghey said, "These really helped me realise some of the other talent in the world and what I am up against and helped me to realise I am a long way off the end goal."

He also noted several key influences on his baseball career, including his older brother, his father, and "one of [his] best friends," Zac Morris. Morris is Luke's teammate on the first-grade Manly Eagles team, and both will pursue their baseball dreams in different colleges.

"I was a little hesitant at first and they encouraged me to play," Donaghey said.

Another key motivation for the young outfielder is the former first overall pick of the Cleveland Guardians at the 2024 MLB Draft, Travis Bazzana, who hails from Sydney.

Currently, Donaghey plans to sharpen his abilities as a player and leader during his time at Galveston College.

"I am hoping to improve as a teammate and as a leader. I want to learn to deal with adversity and struggle. I am hoping to also improve my overall game sense and knowledge of the game to help utilize my strengths to a better advantage," he said.

Galveston College is part of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA), competing in the Region 14



South Conference. So far, they have produced seven Major Leaguers, including Gabe Klobosits, who is currently a free agent. This season, the Whitecaps have a 14-12 overall record, and they are third place in their own conference with a 6-4 record.

College Catchups cont. Cal Fingleson Commits to Texas' Tyler Junior College

Baseball NSW would like to congratulate utility man Cal Fingleson of Baulkham Hills for his commitment to Tyler Junior College in Texas beginning June 2025.

As part of his recent commitment, Fingleson will play "Summer Ball" before classes begin in August.

Fingleson gave a comment to Baseball Australia about his commitment. "It just felt right," he said. "When I visited schools [in the USA]... Tyler seemed like the best place for me to grow into the player and person I want to become and help me move on to the next level."

He added, "From the coaches to the players to the facilities there was a sense of professionalism mixed with a fun environment that made it feel like the perfect place to call home."

To date, Fingleson's young baseball career began with the Ku-Ring-Gai Steelers. He moved to Pittwater, North Sydney Bears, before ending up with the Cronulla Giants.

Additionally, he has a strong baseball pedigree. At the 2004 Olympics, Gavin Fingleson, Cal's father, won a Silver Medal while playing for Team Australia.

Of course, this pedigree wasn't lost on the younger Fingleson.

"My dad and grandpa have influenced my career massively," he said. "Hearing stories of my dad's career and his achievements, and still being able to watch him play, has motivated and inspired me to pursue a career in this sport. I'm lucky to have someone like him in my life."

Cal also appreciated the support from his family, particularly his grandfather.

"My grandfather has influenced me in so many ways as well from being my number one supporter through success and failures and driving to the end of the earth

College Catchups cont. Cal Fingleson Commits to Texas' Tyler Junior College

to watch me play, never missing a game or practice.”

While an injury had caused him to miss the 2018 U18 Australian Youth Championships in his final year of eligibility, the younger Fingleson continued building a name for himself as a baseball player. He suited up for New South Wales at the 2022 Australian Youth Championships.

In 2024, Cal also represented Team Australia at the Perfect Game Tournament in Florida, where he had the chance to impress scouts and college coaches.

He cited missed opportunities to play in the Youth Championships as motivation to play hard at the Florida tournament.

“Those failures and injuries allowed me to sharpen my mentality and work even harder for the Perfect Game tournament. This prepared me both physically and mentally and allowed me to prove that I can compete at the same level as the top teams in the states,” Cal said.

Likewise, he mentioned his willingness to do the hard work to get better, which translates to the diamond.

“I’m a player that’ll work until my legs fall off,” he said. “I believe I am able to grind out long and tough tat bats whilst being a tough out at the plate. In the field I am able to field any ball hit to or near me with extensive range and I play with an unmatched intensity and grit.”



As a young player, Cal’s strengths include his defensive ability and speed game. He can also hit at the average rate. However, he says he wants to use his time at Tyler Junior College to improve other aspects of his game.

“I see myself developing both in the weight room and on the field every single day. My goal is to become a better player when I walk off the field or weight room than the player who walked in and with that mentality there is no ceiling for anyone. 1% better everyday,” he said.

Tyler Junior College plays in the National Junior College Athletic Association, competing in the Region 14 Conference. They have a 19-13 record overall, while they are 6-9 against teams in their own conference. Moreover, the Apaches have produced several Major Leaguers

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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Baseball NSW have limited spaces available for the upcoming Level C Course being held over 6 weeks from June to August. You must attend all weeks of this course. Please pre-register through your Canopi account to attend and get your accreditation.

Course Details:

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 darren@baseballnsw.com.au

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

Mark Marino, CEO of BNSW Resigns

Baseball NSW would like to extend our appreciation to Mark Marino as he steps down from his role as Chief Executive Officer.

Mark has been a dedicated leader within our organisation, first serving on the Board of Directors in 2009 before taking on the role of CEO in 2014. Over the past decade, his leadership has driven positive change, strengthening our high-performance programs, and enhancing the overall growth of baseball in New South Wales.

Mark shares his farewell to the Baseball NSW community, in his final CEO message below, reflecting on his journey and achievements throughout his time as Chief Executive Officer.

We encourage all members to read his message [here](#).

Mark officially concluded his tenure on 30 March 2025, at the end of the current State League season. The Board has commenced a recruitment campaign to identify a new CEO. You can apply for the role via Seek or Sportspeople if you are interested.



Whilst the search is underway, we are pleased to advise that current Director James Morley will oversee daily operations in the capacity of Executive Director. James can be contacted at james@baseballnsw.com.au during this transition.

On behalf of the entire Baseball NSW community, The Board of Directors we thank Mark for his contribution and unwavering commitment to the game.

We wish him all the best in his next chapter and look forward to celebrating his achievements in the months ahead.

Mark Marino, CEO of BNSW Resigns Gallery



Baseball NSW Hall of Fame Officially Launched



**BASEBALL NSW
HALL OF FAME**

On Saturday, March 2nd, Baseball NSW proudly celebrated the official launch of the Baseball NSW Hall of Fame.

This was a momentous occasion that brought together past legends, present leaders, and the broader baseball community to honour the rich history and heritage of the sport in New South Wales.

It was a truly special day filled with reflection, gratitude, and pride, as we paid tribute to the individuals who helped shape the game we know and love today. Thank you to Paul Russell and the entire Heritage Committee for their tireless work and dedication in bringing this vision to life.

The journey to this historic day began on May 6th, 2024, when the Baseball NSW Board of Directors unanimously agreed to establish the Baseball NSW Hall of Fame and a supporting Heritage Committee. This initiative was formed with



Hall of Fame Launch Announcement cont.

a clear and meaningful charter – to preserve and promote our proud heritage and celebrate those who laid the foundations for baseball in New South Wales.

The Heritage Committee is made up of highly respected figures in the game, including NSW greats Lionel Harris and Paul Russell, along with Hartley Anderson, Geoff Robertson, and BNSW Directors and CEO Mark Burns, Peter Worboys, and Mark Marino.

Together, they are committed to ensuring that the history of baseball in NSW is remembered, celebrated, and passed on to future generations.

To learn more about the Heritage Committee and its ongoing work, please visit [Baseball NSW Heritage Committee](#).

We are excited for what lies ahead as we continue to honour our past and inspire the future of baseball in New South Wales.



BNSW Celebrates the Smashing Success of the 2025 Rookies Cup

Baseball NSW would like to congratulate the four teams that won big as Pool Champions at the 2025 Rookies Cup on March 2: Ryde Black, Ryde Green, Cronulla White, and Manly Blue.

They stood out among the 26 teams that participated in the event, which featured competitive games across the board, with big hits and star-studded plays.

The 2025 Rookies Cup came together through the efforts of the Greenway Giants and their volunteers, as well as the New South Wales Baseball Umpires Association.

Likewise, Baseball NSW would like to thank all the parents, volunteers, coaches, and scorers who helped out as well.



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NSW State League & Women's League Seasons Come to a Close

The 2024/25 NSW State League and Women's League seasons have officially wrapped, with thrilling Grand Finals across our top competitions closing out months of hard-fought baseball.

Congratulations to all the teams who made it to the big stage and to the champions who emerged victorious!

WOMEN'S LEAGUE - BLACKTOWN SWEEPS THE COMPETITION

1st Grade:

In a commanding performance, Blacktown Workers 1st Grade claimed the 2025 Women's League Championship, defeating Ryde with a powerful all-round effort. From strong pitching to explosive offense, Blacktown showcased why they were the team to beat this season.

[Read the full recap here.](#)



Ryde Hawks - Isobel Lambert Womens League 1st Grade

2nd Grade:

It was a clean sweep for the club, with Blacktown Workers 2nd Grade edging out a resilient Penrith side to take the title. A tight and exciting matchup, the game was a fantastic reflection of the depth in our women's league. [Catch the full story.](#)

NSW State League & Women's League Seasons Come to a Close cont.

STATE LEAGUE - A SEASON OF POWER, PASSION, AND PRESSURE

1st Grade:

It all came down to an epic best-of-three Grand Final series between Blacktown Workers and Baulkham Hills.

- In Game 1, Baulkham Hills edged ahead thanks to a stellar performance from Coen Wynne. [Game 1 recap](#)
- Game 2 saw Blacktown fight back with a stunning shutout led by ace Josh Guyer. [Game 2 recap](#)
- In Game 3, it was Blacktown again delivering under pressure, securing the State League 1st Grade title with another shutout. [Game 3 recap](#)



Coen Wynne - Senior League 1st Grade

2nd Grade:

Blacktown's winning streak continued with their 2nd Grade squad taking the championship in an 8-5 victory over Baulkham Hills. An explosive start and a steady bullpen carried the team through.

[Read more.](#)

3rd Grade:

In a dominant performance, Blacktown Workers 3rd Grade took home the championship with a 9-2 win over Cronulla. It was a statement game that capped off a strong season from start to finish.

[Check it out.](#)

CATCH THE ACTION ON DEMAND

Missed the games? Don't worry — all the Grand Finals were streamed and are still available to rewatch! Head to the Baseball NSW Streamer Channels and relive the best moments, big plays, and incredible atmospheres from this season's finale.

COMING UP: U18 GRAND FINAL

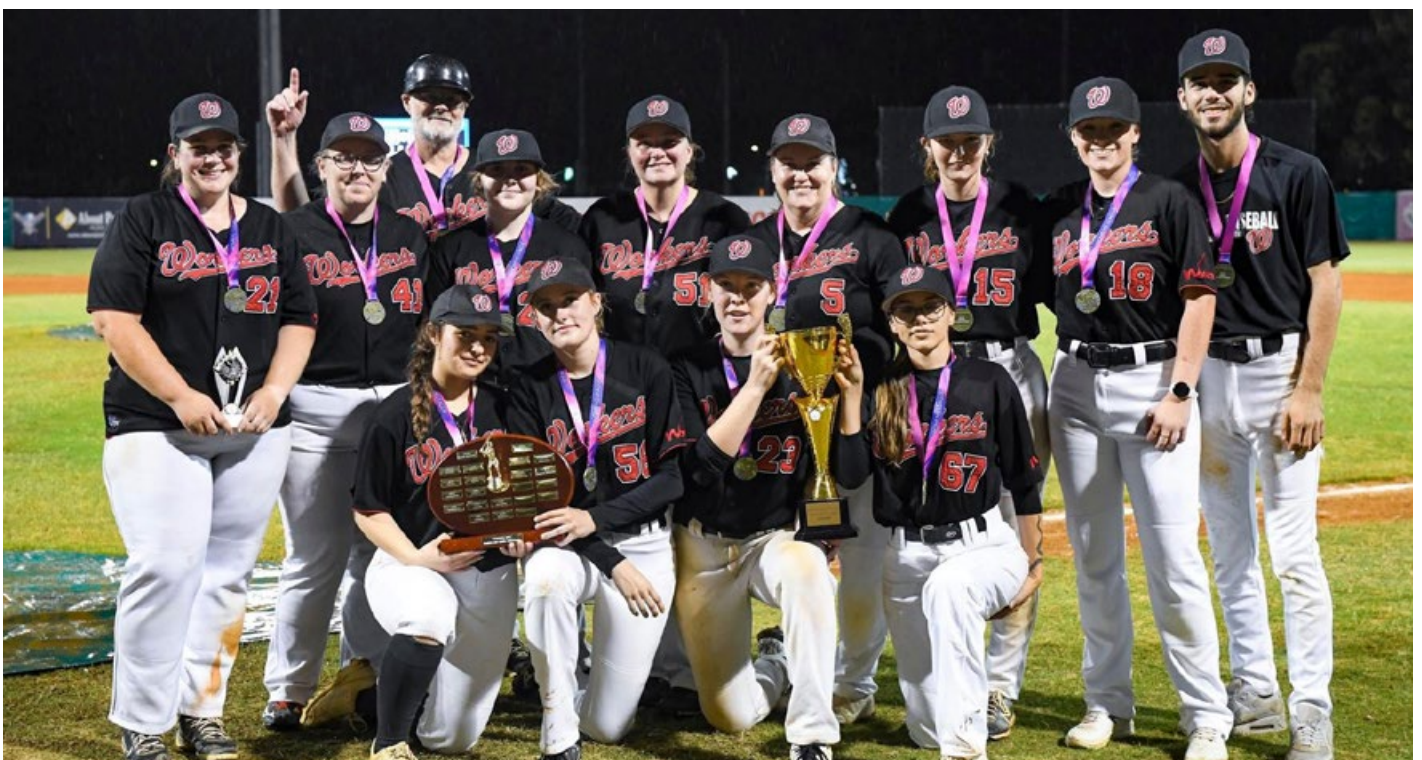
Due to the weather washout on Saturday 29th March, the U18 State League Grand Final will be played this coming weekend. Stay tuned for updates and streaming details as our youngest State League division gets their shot at Championship glory!

You can watch all of the game replays on the Streamer Platform with plenty of game highlights to go back and see!

NSW State League & Women's League Seasons Come to a Close cont.

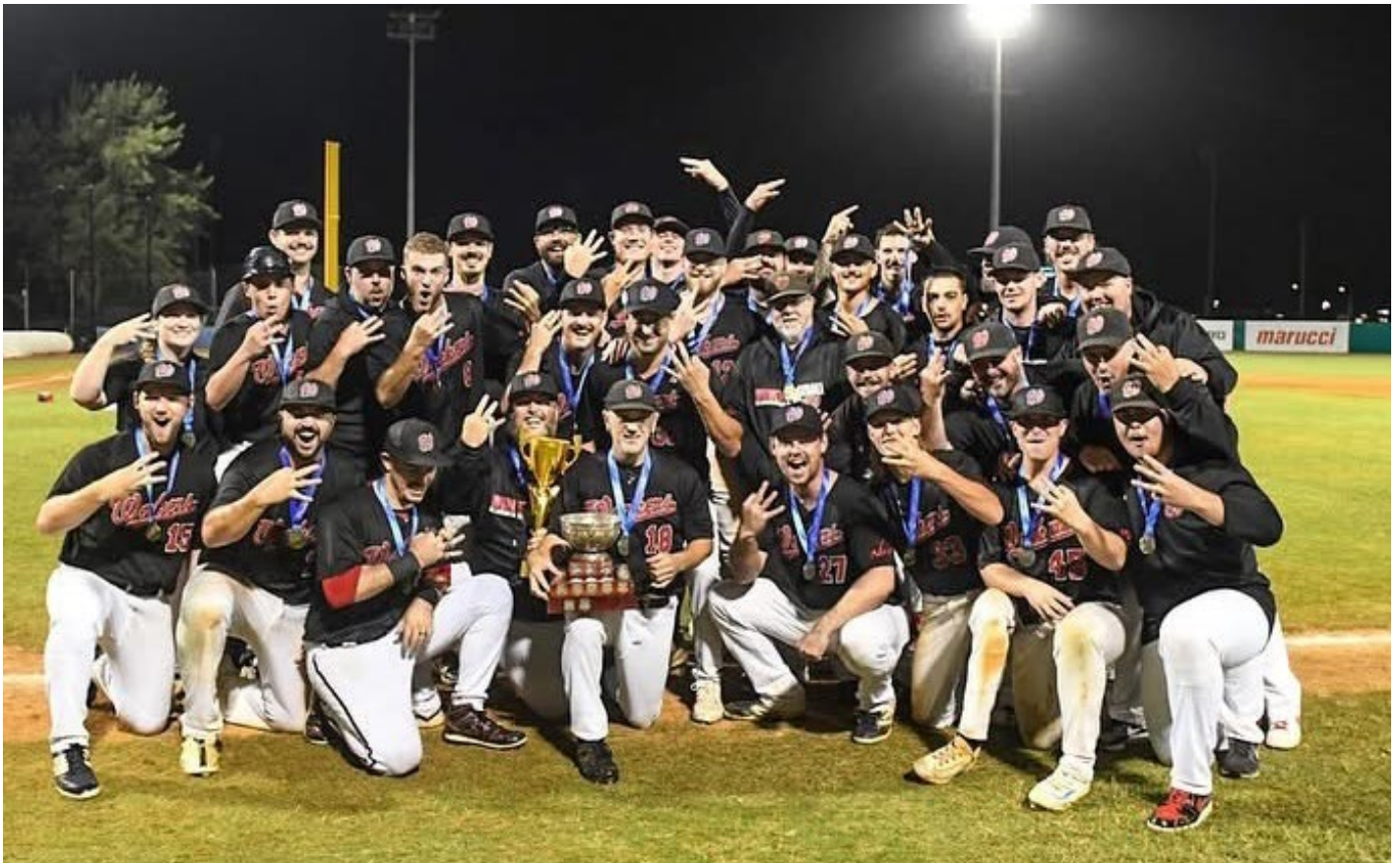


Womens League 1st Grade Champs - Blacktown Workers



Womens League 2nd Grade Champs - Blacktown Workers

NSW State League & Women's League Seasons Come to a Close cont.



Senior League 1st Grade Champs - Blacktown Workers



Senior League 2nd Grade Champs - Blacktown Workers

NSW State League & Women's League Seasons Come to a Close cont.



Senior League 3rd Grade Champs - Blacktown Workers



SL 1st Grade Blacktown Workers - Josh Guyer



WL 1st Grade Blacktown Workers - Mackenzie Jackson

Diamond Advantage Announcement

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 advance their skills. This program has been developed with the guidance of state and national sporting bodies for baseball and softball and with leading academic institutions such as Australian Catholic University, LaTrobe University and the University of Nebraska.

The program utilizes 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.

Dave Ninnes 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".

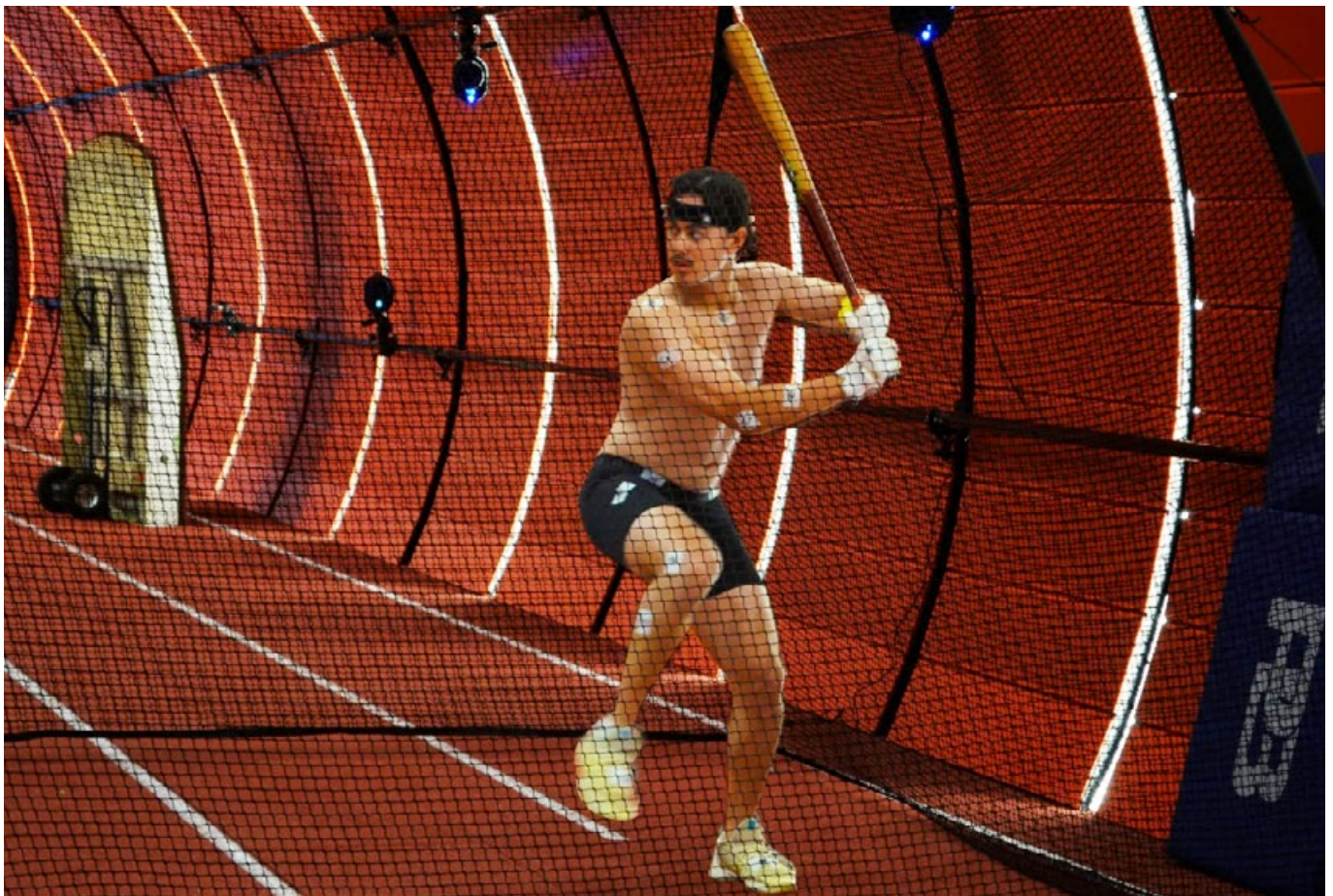
CEO of Baseball NSW, Mark Marino has said "adding this level of sophistication to

Diamond Advantage Announcement cont.

our high-performance programs will be an important step forward to helping ensure our baseballers 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 details email us [here](#).**



National Squads U16's and U18's Selections

Team Australia has selected 36 players from across the country to fill out their 2025 Under 16 National Junior Squad and invited another 29 to the Under 18 Team Selection Camp.

After their selection, they will play at the U16 WWBA Championships in Atlanta, Georgia, in early July.

These athletes are hoping to put on a good performance in the US as they will play in front of college coaches and scouts from Major League Baseball. An impressive showing on this stage should go a long way in helping these players achieve their pro baseball hopes.

Additionally, they will play as two separate 18-man squads, which should be announced as the tournament approaches. Baseball Australia had chosen these players because of their performance at the Australian Youth Championships held January of this year.



On the other hand, Baseball Australia has invited 29 players to compete in the 2025 Under 18 National Team Selection Camp on the Gold Coast, to be conducted in August. This camp will also compose the pool of players from which the national team builds the final roster for the Under 18 World Cup in Okinawa, Japan, from September 5 to 14, 2025.

Similar to the Under-16 squad, these Under-18 players were chosen based on their showing at the 2025 Australian Youth Championships.

While some players might be unavailable for the camp due to college commitments or professional obligations in the United

National Squads U16's and U18's Selections cont.

States, they are still open for consideration to the World Cup team.

The camp will comprise exhibition games, workouts, and evaluations.

Eighteen of the 29 invited players had joined Baseball Australia's trips to the US in 2024. Moreover, 23 players are in their second year of eligibility, while six are in their first.

Players can also improve their baseball skills thanks to the performance pathways program offered by their state association. If they show sufficient progress, they can also make the camp's list.

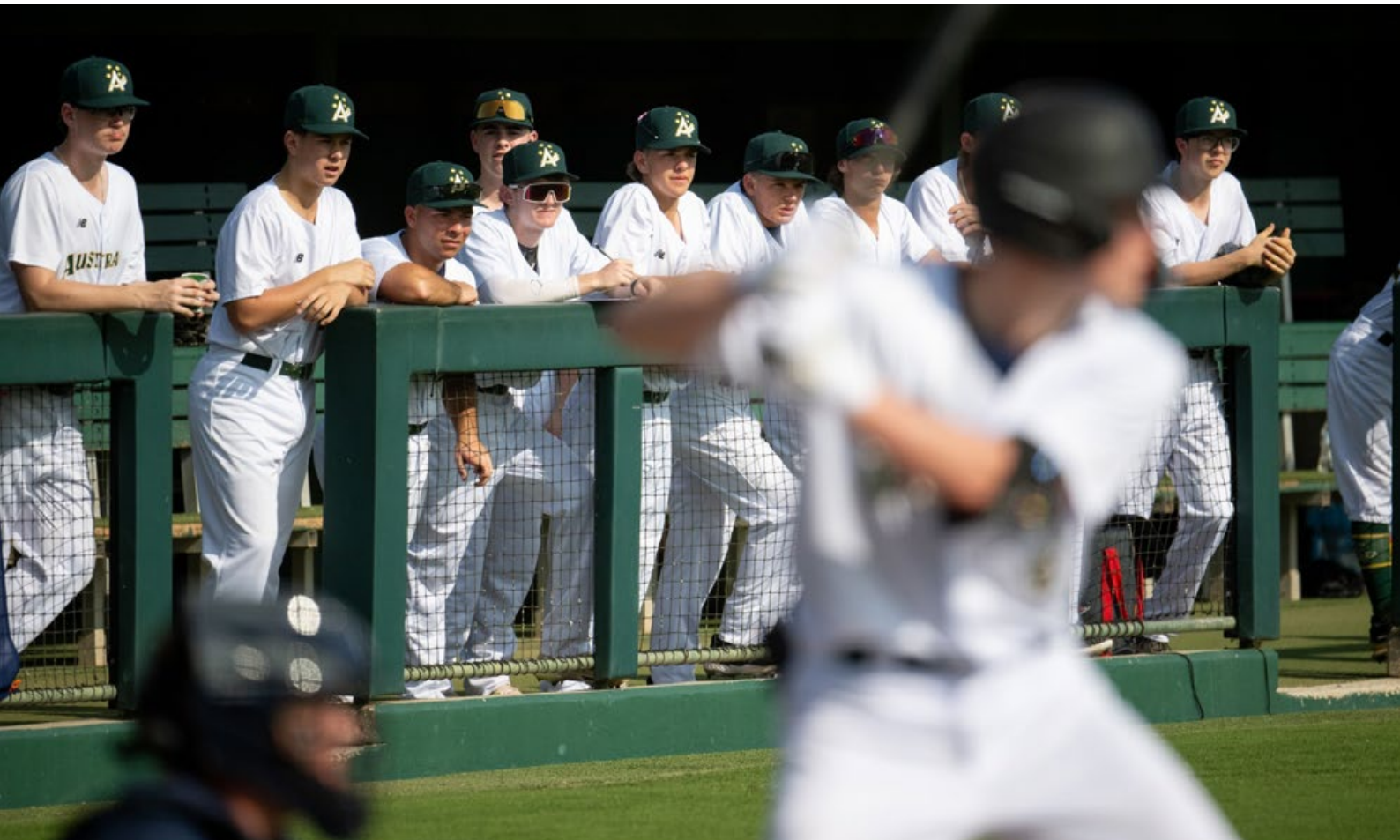
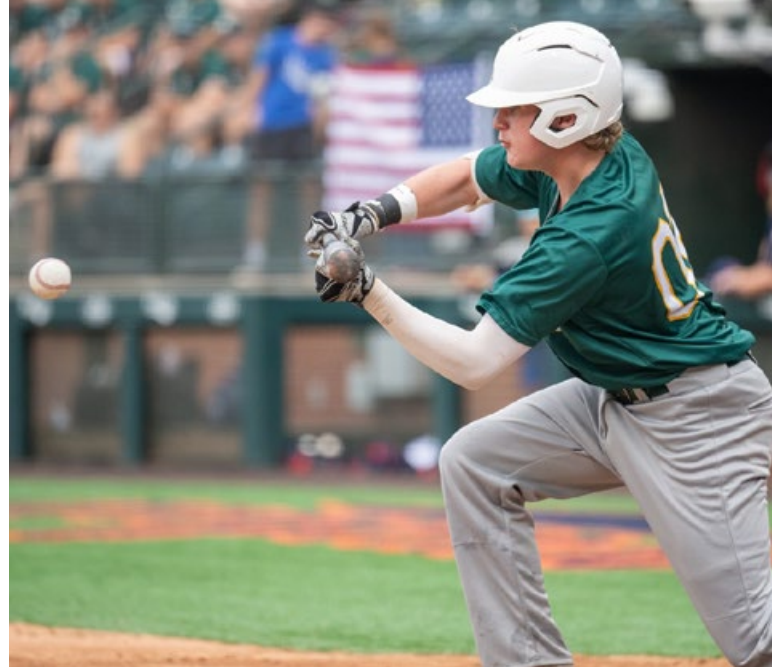


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National Squads U16's and U18's Selections cont.



2025 UNDER 16 NATIONAL SQUAD

NAME	STATE	NAME	STATE
COOPER BARBER	WA	MITCH LANGWORTHY	VIC
TOMMY BIRD	SA	CHRISTIAN MORRISON	NSW
COOPER BISHOP-WORN	VIC	MARCUS MURPHY	VIC
WILL BONHAM	NSW	LACHLAN PAWSEY	QLD
COOPER BUSCH	VIC	BLAKE PEARCE	QLD
EUAN CLARKIN	VIC	LIEM PHAM-ELICKSON	SA
TAYLOR COOK	WA	RYAN REEKIE	NSW
OWEN COUZNER	SA	HUNTER RYAN	QLD
HARVEY COX	SA	BRODY STOKES	VIC
QUINN FATAI	WA	HARRISON TAINTEY	SA
DRAVEN FATU	NSW	KYAN TAUFUI	SA
HARLEY GIBSON	NSW	BRODIE TREVEAN	VIC
ZAI GORDON	WA	KAI UEKI	NSW
ALONZO ZAIRE GRIFFIN	QLD	LUAN VAN SPLUNDER	WA
OLIVER HAYES	SA	TIRRELL WAIWAI	QLD
ANGUS HENNESSY	SA	LUCAS WILLIAMS	NSW
JARVIS JOHANSEN	VIC	TAJ WILLIAMS	SA
LUKE KENNEDY	SA	HARRY WOODEN	WA



2025 NATIONAL U18 SELECTION CAMP INVITATIONS

PITCHERS

NAME	POSITION	STATE
ETHAN BICKEL	RHP	NSW
MITCH EVANS	LHP	SA
DEAKIN FILKO	RHP	SA
TYLER GREEN	RHP	SA
TYLER HOWARTH	LHP	SA
ASHTON KENNEDY	RHP	NSW
LUKA MOORE	RHP	QLD
RILEY PUCKETT	RHP	NSW
NATE QUIGG	RHP	ACT
LACHLAN ROBINSON	RHP	NSW
DAMIEN WILSON	LHP	NSW
JHETT WOLLIN	LHP	QLD

POSITION PLAYERS

NAME	POSITION	STATE
GEORGE CALVERLEY	OF	WA
RILEY COOPER	INF	CNSW
ROMAN COOTE	OF	VIC
CAESAR GARDINER	INF	QLD
LEONARD GOLDING	UTL	WA
WILL HARDY	INF	VIC
WILL KENT	INF	VIC
CHRISTIAN LANE	OF	NSW
DEVIN LEAHY	OF	VIC
MASON MALKOUN	OF	NSW
JAMES MCFARLANE	OF	SA
JOSH NATI	C/INF	NSW
BEN NESBIT	INF	WA
COOPER TEICHMANN	C	QLD
MATT TRAINOR	OF/LHP	NSW
LACHLAN VELLA	UTL	NSW
WES WILFORD	C	QLD

SOME PLAYERS UNAVAILABLE DUE TO COLLEGE OR PROFESSIONAL COMMITMENTS WHO WILL ALSO BE CONSIDERED FOR TEAM SELECTION

Westfields Sports High School Sports Trials



Westfields Sports High School is opening trials for their 2026 Baseball Talented Sports Program early next term.

Year 7: Term 2, Weeks 2 & 3

Years 8-11: Term 2, Weeks 4 & 5

Register now! Applications for the trial are due on 2nd May 2025.

Please get in touch with the school on 9604-3333 and register your interest to apply [here](#).

The Westfields Sports High School's Baseball program is a strong school-based program supported by Baseball NSW.

Check out more information from the official page of the [Westfields Sports Baseball Program](#).

For more information on the 2026 Trials [click here](#).



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](#).

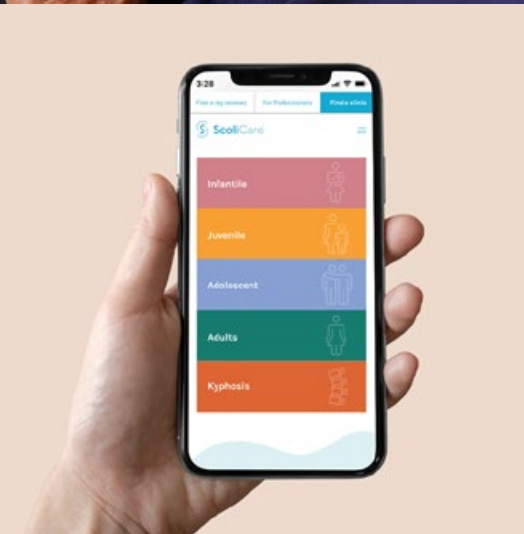
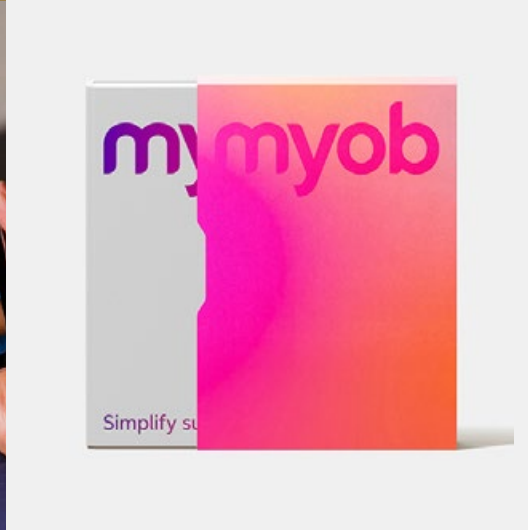
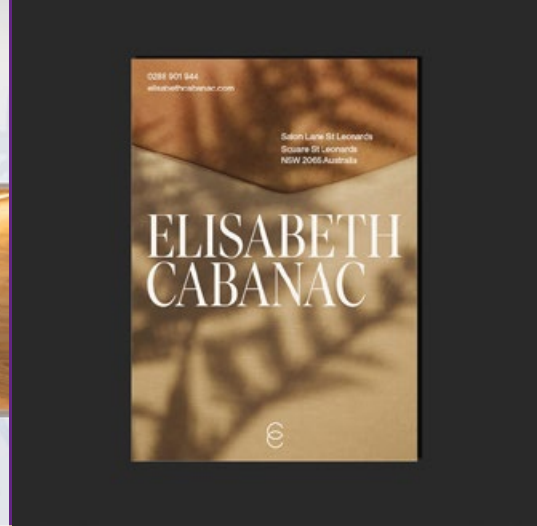


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