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Baseball NSW thanks all the coaches, volunteers, and officials that shared their time and expertise over the course of the 2025 State Championships. We couldn't have done all of this without you!

Likewise, BNSW thanks to the Macquarie Saints for hosting the Intermediate League and the Castle Hill Knights for hosting the Junior League. Many thanks should go as well to all the umpires, scorers, tournament directors, and coaches for all the work they've put in to make the 2025 State Championships another success.

Let's do it all again next year!



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

BNSW Game Day Pics 2025 April entries



Photo by Karen Jeffs



Photo by Jane Soper – 'Flying Catch in the 12s Sydney Cup Game Hills v Cronulla.'



Photo by Mick Goddard – 'That Winning Feeling.'

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](#)

April Game Day Photo Winner

Congratulations to our #NSWGameDayPic winner from Mick Goddard - 'That Winning Feeling.'

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 - 'That Winning Feeling.'

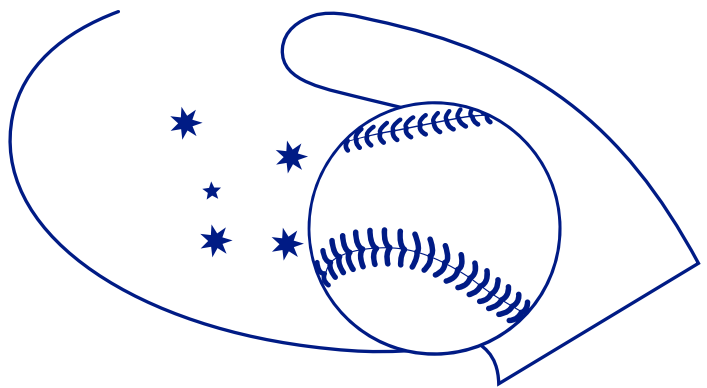
2025 Major Events Dates & Venues Announced

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

We've already completed so much this year, but don't forget all of the exciting events we still have on the horizon!

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!



BASEBALL
NEW SOUTH WALES

Event	Date	Host	Venue
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

2025 Major Events

Dates & Venues Announced cont.

Event	Date	Host	Venue
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

Funkie Phil's Bashball Tournament is JUST around the corner. A high-energy and fast-paced baseball event happening 18 July 2025 at Blacktown International Sports Park.

This event is created especially for kids 6-10 years old, where they can see a different side of baseball, with more music, movement, and "mateship."

What Makes Bashball Different?

Funkie's Bashball is a modified form of baseball, where the game is fast, fun, and inclusive. It's great for kids who already play baseball, particularly with Funkie Phil in the offseason.

However, Funkie's Bashball is also terrific for kids who are new to the sport but love being with other kids and being part of a team.

More importantly, Funkie's Bashball is a fully sanctioned event from Baseball



NSW and Baseball Australia. Families registering their children for this event will enjoy part of their summer season fees already covered.

Phil is aiming for 36 teams with 8 players per squad, and they will play 25-minute games with wiffle ball bats and soft squishy balls, making it safe but exciting. Each player will also step up to the plate four times a game, so every child will have their moment.

**Sign up by [clicking here!](#)
Registrations will be closing on
15th May so get in quick!**

For any enquiries, please reach out to Phil at phil@funkiephil.com.au

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

Baseball NSW Coaching Accreditation Level C

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 that satisfies the "Employee" requirements.
- 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!

Aussies Across Borders



Baseball NSW congratulates Team Australia/Sydney Blue Sox pitcher and former BNSW State Development Officer Coen Wynne for signing a contract with the LG Twins of the Korean Baseball Organization (KBO), the top league in South Korea and one of the world's "power three" of pro baseball competition.

Per Baseball.com.au, Wynne signed a Temporary Foreign Replacement Player deal as substitute for the Twins' injured import Elieser Hernandez. Moreover, Wynne arrived in Korea on 24 April.

A thigh injury had sidelined Hernandez since the 15th, per Chosun Biz, and the

team expects his recovery to take six weeks. The Twins then moved quickly to sign his replacement, agreeing to terms with Wynne only six days after announcing the test results for Hernandez on the 16th.

Wynne had caught the Twins' eye during his stint in international events during the previous season of the Australian Baseball League, and the Korean team invited him to join their Spring Training in Arizona in February. The 26-year-old Wynne recounted his experiences with the Twins during their training.

"Spring training was intense and saw me throwing bullpens, participating in team defence, throwing live at bats against hitters and I finished off with me throwing a few innings in a scrimmage game," he told Baseball.com.au.

"The feeling I got from the head of scouting department and coaches were that they were impressed with my performance during spring and wanted to keep in touch throughout the season," Wynne added.

Aussies Across Borders Coen Wynne Signs with LG Twins cont.

As a rookie in 2022-23, Wynne had already shown some promise, having earned a spot for Team Australia as an emergency call-up at the World Baseball Classic in Japan. He proceeded to pitch Team Australia to a win over China a day after his arrival.

In 2023-24, Wynne upped his production as a starter for the Blue Sox and he also played for Team Australia at the Premier12.

Then, Wynne further improved his play in 2024-25, where he played both as starter and reliever for the Sox. He posted a 2.35 ERA in 38.1 innings, with a WHIP of .934. He also earned a nomination for Pitcher of the Year while helping the Sox win the minor premiership.

Asked about his time with the Blue Sox, Wynne said, "The Blue Sox has been a large part of my development for the last three seasons. It's given me a chance to sharpen my skills as both a starter and a reliever."

Meanwhile, the Twins' front office also explained their reasoning in signing Wynne to the deal.

"Rather than bringing in a player who is not currently active, it is better to [take a player](#) we have seen while testing," Twins Director General Cha said. "It will be more comfortable and quicker for team adaptation if he spends time with our players at the camp."



Moreover, the Twins would have found it challenging to find another player, whether in the US or Japan, who can play right away for six weeks while the injured Hernandez recovers. The Twins could have searched for replacement players in the US' independent leagues, but finding a good pitcher who can immediately play might take a lot of time.

In Coen Wynne, the Twins might have found just the right player.

"[Wynne] is a starting resource from the Australian national team, and he has maintained his sense of competition by digesting actual games until recently," a team official said.

"[We] judged him to be the right person to replace Hernandez considering his training with the team for the purpose of actual test for the Asian quarter during the Arizona Spring Camp."

The BNSW community wishes you all the best in your new adventure, Coen!

Aussies Across Borders cont.

Travis Bazzana's

First Home Run

Top draft picks in any sport face significant pressure to produce right away, and the first pick of the 2024 MLB Draft Travis Bazzana is on pace to justify the team's faith in his potential after only two games with the Akron RubberDucks in Double-A.

In his two games with the Guardians' AA team, Bazzana went 6-8 at bat in more than 10 appearances on the plate. Of his six hits, he had three RBI, a double, and a home run. He also has two stolen bases.

The 2024 top pick's performance might give him a shot to land on the Guardians' major league roster by the end of this season, together with other prospects like catcher Cooper Ingle and first baseman/outfielder C.J. Kayfus.

Bazzana was selected first overall in the 2024 Draft out of Oregon State. Prior to the draft, the hitter had a batting average of .238, hitting three homers and 12 RBIs at Single-A Lake County.

He also broke several records at OSU, culminating with receiving the Pac-12



Image courtesy of Baseball.com.au

Conference Player of the Year honors in 2024.

Back home, he also played for the Sydney Blue Sox in the ABL and represented Team Australia in multiple World Cup events before starring for the Beavers and making Australian baseball history as the first Australian drafted with the first overall pick in the MLB Draft.

Moreover, MLB Pipeline has him ranked ninth in the league's overall list of prospects, while he ranks first in the Guardians organization.

Baseball NSW wishes Travis Bazzana, a native of Wahroonga, New South Wales, all the success in the pros.

Check out the clip of Bazzana's homer [here](#) courtesy of the RubberDucks' official Facebook page.

State Championships 2025 Senior League: Ryde Red Dominates

The 2025 NSW Senior League State Championships, held at the home of baseball at Blacktown International Sportspark, was a true display of teamwork - both on and off the field.

Battling persistent wet weather, players, coaches, and supporters united to ensure the tournament could continue, with entire teams banding together to pull tarps, dry

fields, and adjust schedules with a positive spirit. This collective resilience embodied the community-driven heart of baseball in NSW and ensured the competition remained a success despite the challenges.

Thank you to Tournament Director Jerry Cobb. His navigation of scheduling adjustments ensured that the competition remained on track, providing teams with the opportunity to perform at their best was appreciated.

In a thrilling conclusion, Ryde Red emerged as the State Champions, securing their victory with a dramatic walk-off win.



State Championships 2025 Senior League: Ryde Red Dominates cont.

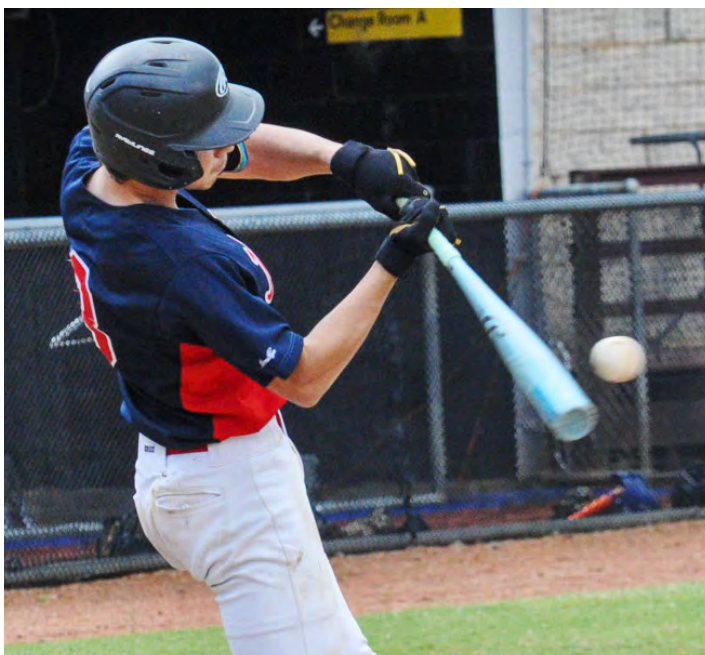
This well-deserved win cemented Ryde Red’s dominance throughout this year’s State Championships. The team had gone undefeated over the weeklong tourney, winning all but two of their games by double-figures. Joining them at the upcoming Australian Senior League National Championships will be Cronulla Blue, who also showcased remarkable talent and sportsmanship during the event.

The success of the championships was made possible by the unwavering support of volunteers and officials. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Vera Bonham and Janine Hunt for coordinating the scorers, ensuring accurate and efficient game records. A special acknowledgment goes to volunteer photographer Tamryn Love, whose outstanding photographs captured the spirit and excitement of the tournament. Her work is available for viewing in the gallery on TeamApp, providing lasting memories for all participants and supporters.

We also express our gratitude to the Castle Hill Knights, Quakers Hill Pirates, Greenway Giants, and Eastern Suburbs Baseball Clubs for their readiness to provide alternative fields in case of rainouts. Their willingness to support the event exemplifies the collaborative spirit that underpins our baseball community.



State Championships 2025 Senior League Gallery



State Championships 2025 Intermediate League: Hills Clinches Victory

The 2025 NSW Intermediate League State Championships, were a resounding success, showcasing the exceptional talent and dedication of players from the Hills, Cronulla and Ryde associations.

Hosted by the Macquarie Saints Baseball Club at their home ground Macquarie Park, the tournament brought together these teams in spirited competition.

Congratulations to the Hills Baseball Association for clinching the Intermediate League State Championship title. Their journey was marked by a dominant 19-4 victory over Ryde, propelled by an 11-run second inning featuring standout performances from Talen Lachmund-Davis, Justin Jang, and Archer Connolly. Despite a setback against Cronulla, Hills demonstrated resilience, securing a 5-3 win in their rematch and ultimately triumphing over Ryde in the final game with a 5-2 scoreline, thanks in part to Jang's crucial two-run single.



State Championships 2025 Intermediate League: Hills Clinches Victory cont.

We also extend our congratulations to Cronulla, whose impressive performance throughout the tournament earned them a well-deserved spot alongside Hills at the upcoming Australian Intermediate League National Championship, scheduled for the end of May. Both teams have exemplified excellence and sportsmanship, and we wish them the best as they represent New South Wales on the national stage.

The success of the championships would not have been possible without the unwavering support and dedication of numerous individuals. We express our deepest gratitude to the Macquarie Saints Baseball Club for their exceptional hosting, Tournament Director Andrew Clements, and Vera Bonham and Janine Hunt and their team for organising the scorers for each

game. Their collective efforts created an environment where players could perform at their best.

A special thank you goes to volunteer photographer Tamryn Love, whose outstanding photographs captured the spirit and excitement of the tournament. Her work is available for viewing in the galleries on TeamApp, providing lasting memories for all participants and supporters.

As we look forward to the national championships, we celebrate the achievements of all teams, players, coaches, and supporters who contributed to the vibrant and competitive atmosphere of the 2025 NSW Intermediate League State Championships. See you all next year!



State Championships 2025 Intermediate League Gallery



State Championships 2025 Little League & Little League Div II Wrap Up

The 2025 NSW Little League and Little League Division II State Championships, held at the Blacktown International Sportspark Softball Centre, showcased the remarkable talent and dedication of young baseball players across New South Wales.

This premier event brought together teams from various regions, fostering a spirit of competition and camaraderie.

Congratulations to the Macarthur Colts for their outstanding performance, clinching both the Little League and LL Division II State Championships. Their dual victories underscore the strength and depth of the Macarthur baseball program, reflecting the hard work and commitment of players, coaches, and support staff.

You can read all about what Macarthur have to say about their success at this year's championships on website, by [clicking here](#).

The success of this championship would not have been possible without the unwavering support of coaches, parents, and supporters. Their encouragement and dedication provide the foundation upon



Phot credit: Adelyn Flynn.

Adelyn Flynn

State Championships 2025 Little League & Little League Div II Wrap Up cont.

which these young stars build their skills and sportsmanship.

A special acknowledgment goes to the officials and volunteers involved. To Marc Roberts our Tournament Director, Mark Gilmour the Umpires co-ordinator and his amazing team of umpires, Vera, Janine and their team of scorers across all of the associations and to Softball NSW, who ensured the smooth operation of the event - THANK YOU. Their behind-the-scenes efforts created an environment where players could perform at their best, and spectators could enjoy the games.

An extra shoutout to Ben and Dan from Streme Masheen who ensured all diamonds were live streamed to Gamechanger and our Finals on diamond one were broadcasted on YouTube in unreal style. As always, thank you both!

Looking ahead, we extend our best wishes to Macarthur, Manly, and Ryde Red as they prepare to represent New South Wales and their respective charters at the upcoming Australian Little League Championship, also set to take place at the Blacktown International Sportspark in June. Their achievements thus far are commendable, and we anticipate their continued success on the national stage.

Until next year...



State Championships 2025 Little League Gallery



State Championships 2025 Little League Division II Gallery



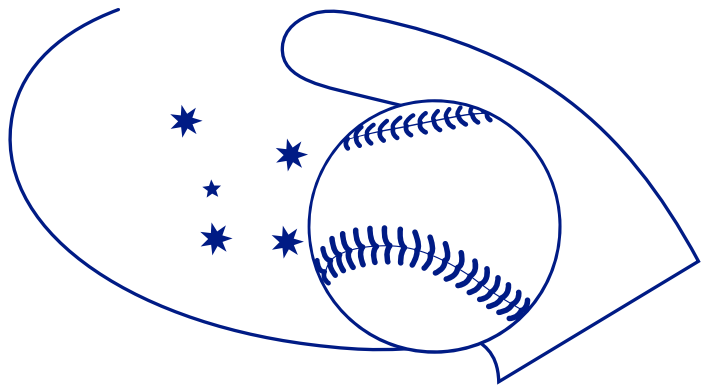
NSW Wins Gold at 2025 Australian Women's Championships

Baseball NSW congratulates the New South Wales squad for winning the gold at the 2025 Australian Women's Championship over Victoria in a game that went down to the clutch.

It was NSW's defense that kept the game tight from start to finish, with a chance to break the 3-3 tie in the last inning. With the gold medal on the line, Isobel Lambert hit a two-RBI double that effectively won the game 6-3 for NSW.

The game saw four double plays combined from both teams.

However, NSW came out on top after going through a double elimination bracket to face Victoria on their home field because of their excellent defense, with shortstop Lisa Nakashio starring on that end.



BASEBALL NEW SOUTH WALES WOMENS LEAGUE

Catcher Maddison Heath was also terrific behind the plate. One of her highlights was boldly popping out behind the plate to recover from a wayward pitch that clipped her bare hand deep in the sixth.

After NSW got onto an early lead, Victoria tied the score in the sixth. Still, NSW refused to let go of the rope in the seventh, as Sayaka Mori hit a two-out RBI to put NSW up 6-3, and they didn't look back from there.

NSW Wins Gold at 2025 Australian Women's Championships cont.

Speaking to Baseball Australia, Maddi McGuire highlighted the team effort necessary to win it all despite all the adversity.

"You always want the easy way through, but Victoria was just too good. We had a chat and let all that emotion out," McGuire said. "Me and Claire O'Sullivan took the lead on that, being the older heads in the group... essentially talking about our experiences, adversity and

remembering that baseball is a game of failures. You're always going to fail before you succeed."

This win marks NSW's first AWC gold medal since 2023.

Congratulations again, girls!



Image courtesy of Baseball.com.au

2025 NSW AWC & AYWC Award Winners

Baseball NSW congratulates all of the winners from the 2025 Australian Women's and Australian Youth Women's Championship!

Gold Medalists 2025 – AWC

Tiana Lascala	Elise Grenfell	Mahaela O'Neill
Lisa Nakashio	Ebony Van Eynde	Kara Cassidy
Sayaka Mori	Cayla Johnston	Ryleigh Delacour-Batch
Isobel Lambert	Claire O'Sullivan	Grahame Cassel (Manager)
Maddi McGuire	Mattea Karn	Nathan Willard (Pitching)
Ticara Geldenhuis	Maddison Erwin	Laura Neads (Assistant)
Madison Heath	Bree Green	Peter Neads (EO/Assistant)

Major Awards

2025 AWC – Most Valuable Player	Claire O'Sullivan had 16 hits, six extra base hits, 12RBI, with an average of .727 prior to the gold medal game. She also had a sub-3.000ERA and 1.000% fielding percentage.
2025 AYWC – Defensive Player	Ivy White threw out four runners on the base paths and gave up the least number of stolen bases to opposing teams.

2025 NSW AWC & AYWC Award Winners cont.

Baseball NSW congratulates all of the winners from the 2025 Australian Women’s and Australian Youth Women’s Championship!

No More Spirit of the Game Award Winners

Per Baseball Australia, this award goes to one player on each participating team who plays with “fair play, teamwork, community and team respect.” The award also recognizes their model behavior on and off the field, setting an example for the others.

2025 AWC	2025 AYWC
Maddi Erwin (NSW)	Ivy White (NSW)
Ruby Orchard (Queensland Maroon)	Kayla Sparks (Queensland)
Emma Reid (Queensland White)	Regan O’Reilley (South Australia)
Sydney Horton (South Australia)	Paige Anders (Victoria)
Lily Bell-Tanner (Victoria)	Millar Butler (Western Australia)
Bree Wright (Western Australia)	

Baseball & T-Ball 2025 Easter School Holiday

Over the holidays we were able to conduct two camps across Blacktown and Thornleigh.

Both camps were two days long for T-Ball aged kids to the Under 14 age bracket. Our Baseball Camp was a dynamic and skill-packed experience designed to develop young athletes both on and off the field.

Over the course of the camp, participants received expert instruction in key areas such as hitting, fielding, pitching, and base running. Each day featured a mix of drills, mini-games, and scrimmages to reinforce learning and foster teamwork.

Day 1 focused on individual skill development, with sessions led by experienced coaches and former players. Campers rotated through stations to build fundamentals and received personalised feedback to improve their technique.

Day 2 emphasised game situations and team play. Players participated in live scrimmages, applying what they learned in real-game scenarios. Coaches highlighted strategy, communication, and sportsmanship throughout the day.



Photo credit: Kirsty Tavae – Christmas School Holiday Camps.

Overall we had a successful couple of days, fighting with the weather and threat of rain to accomplish a fun environment for kids to learn and develop. Thank you to Jack Dormer and his team of accomplished coaches within the BNSW pathways for putting on these camps for our athletes.

Baseball NSW Country EOI for Assistant Coach Roles

NSW Country Baseball is now accepting Expressions of Interest (EOIs) for Assistant Coaching roles in the lead-up to the 2026 Australian Youth Championships (AYC).

While the exact dates for the national event are yet to be announced by Baseball Australia, preparations are already underway to ensure another strong showing from NSW Country.

These volunteer positions present a unique opportunity for coaches passionate about player development and elite competition to contribute to the continued success of NSW Country at the national level.

Available roles include:

Assistant Coach (U16 & U18)

Development Coach (U16 & U18)

Executive Officer (U16 & U18)

Coaches must meet the required accreditation and hold a current Working with Children Check. They will also be expected to work in alignment with the Baseball NSW High-Performance Development Philosophy and attend key training events, including development days in Port Macquarie.

Successful applicants will collaborate with regional coaches and the Country League Standing Committee (CLSC) to deliver training programs and prepare athletes for elite performance.

Applications close on Friday, 2nd May 2025

Submit to: Grahame Cassel at grahame@baseballnsw.com.au

Subject line: "2026 BNSW Country Team Assistant Coaching Application"

For full role descriptions and application requirements, [click here](#).

Baseball NSW High-Performance Programs 2025

Baseball NSW invites interested participants to register for our U16 Developing Pathway Program (DPP).

Eligible players for the DPP are those born in 2010 or 2011.

The selection process involves both automatic invitations, as determined by BNSW High Performance staff, and a trial process. Players selected through automatic invitations will receive notifications via email.

Interested participants to the DPP are advised that they should meet the minimum standard of Division 1 club ball, with a realistic potential to represent NSW at the U16 AYC on January 2026.

DPP will cover ten weeks from 23 June to 27 August 2025, each week comprising 2 x 3-hour training sessions.

DPP sessions will take place at Diamond 2 of Blacktown International Sports Park, from 6 to 9 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday.

Trials for the DPP will be held at BISP D1, from 6 to 9 p.m. on the following dates:

- 12 May 2025
- 14 May 2025
- 19 May 2025
- 21 May 2025

Please be advised that the BNSW High Performance Staff may release players from the trial process any time after Trial 2 if they determine that players are unable to pass muster in selection.

Interested applicants for the DPP please register [here](#).

For any enquiries about the DPP, please contact BNSW Baseball Development Manager Grahame Cassel on grahame@baseballnsw.com.au.

Registrations for the DPP will end at midnight on Thursday, 8 May 2025.

Register now!

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.](#)

U18:

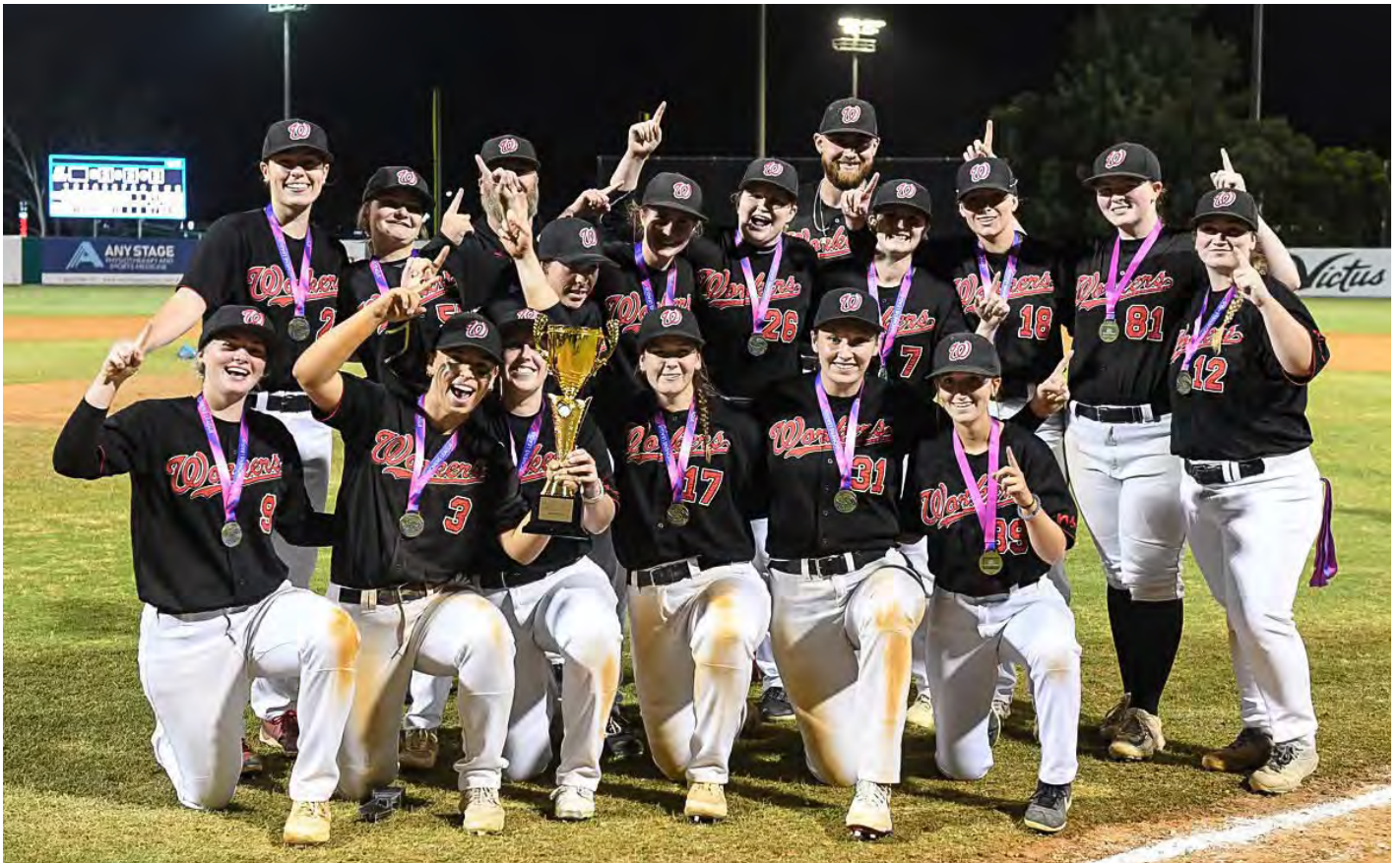
Baseball NSW congratulates the Cronulla Sharks for winning the U18 NSW State League after defeating the Ryde Hawks 5-4 on Saturday, 5 April.

[Read more](#)

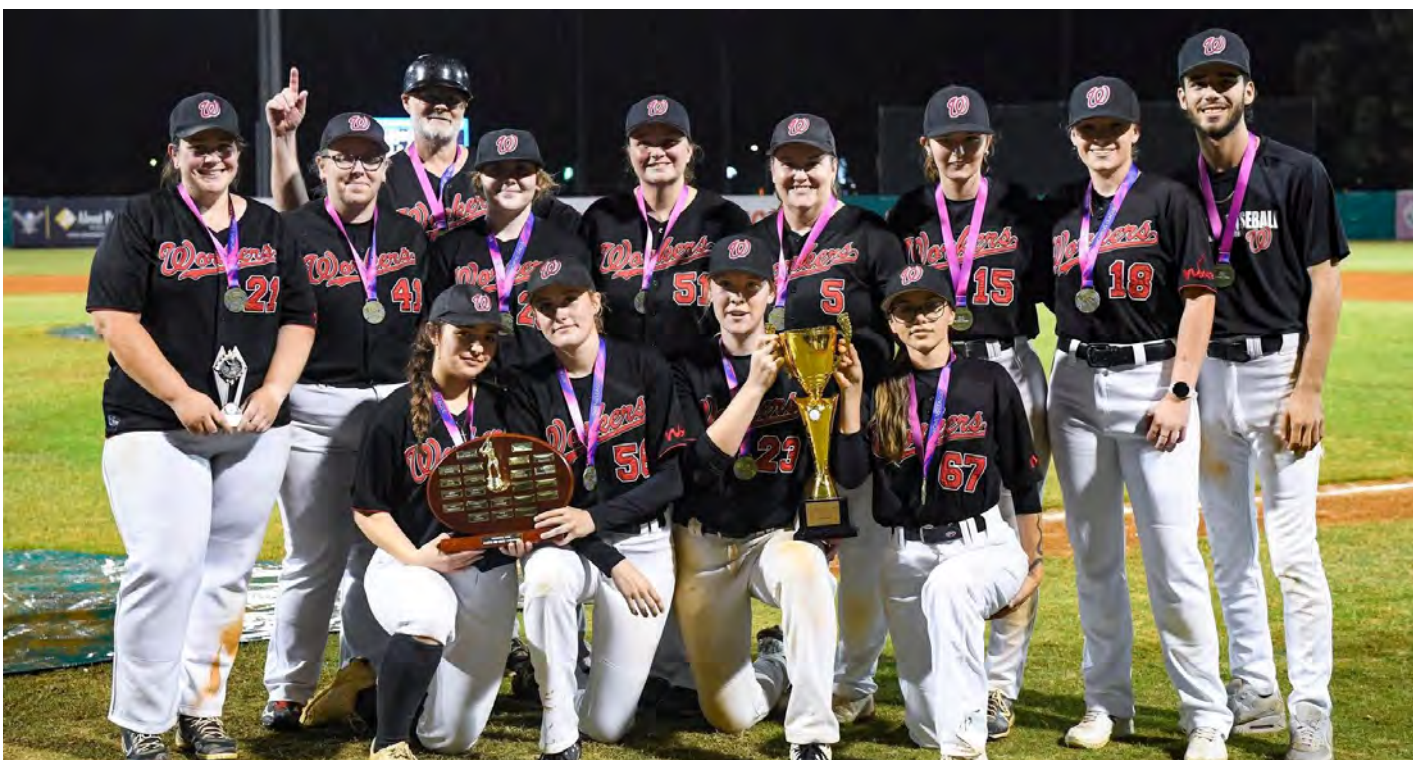
CATCH THE ACTION ON DEMAND

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.

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

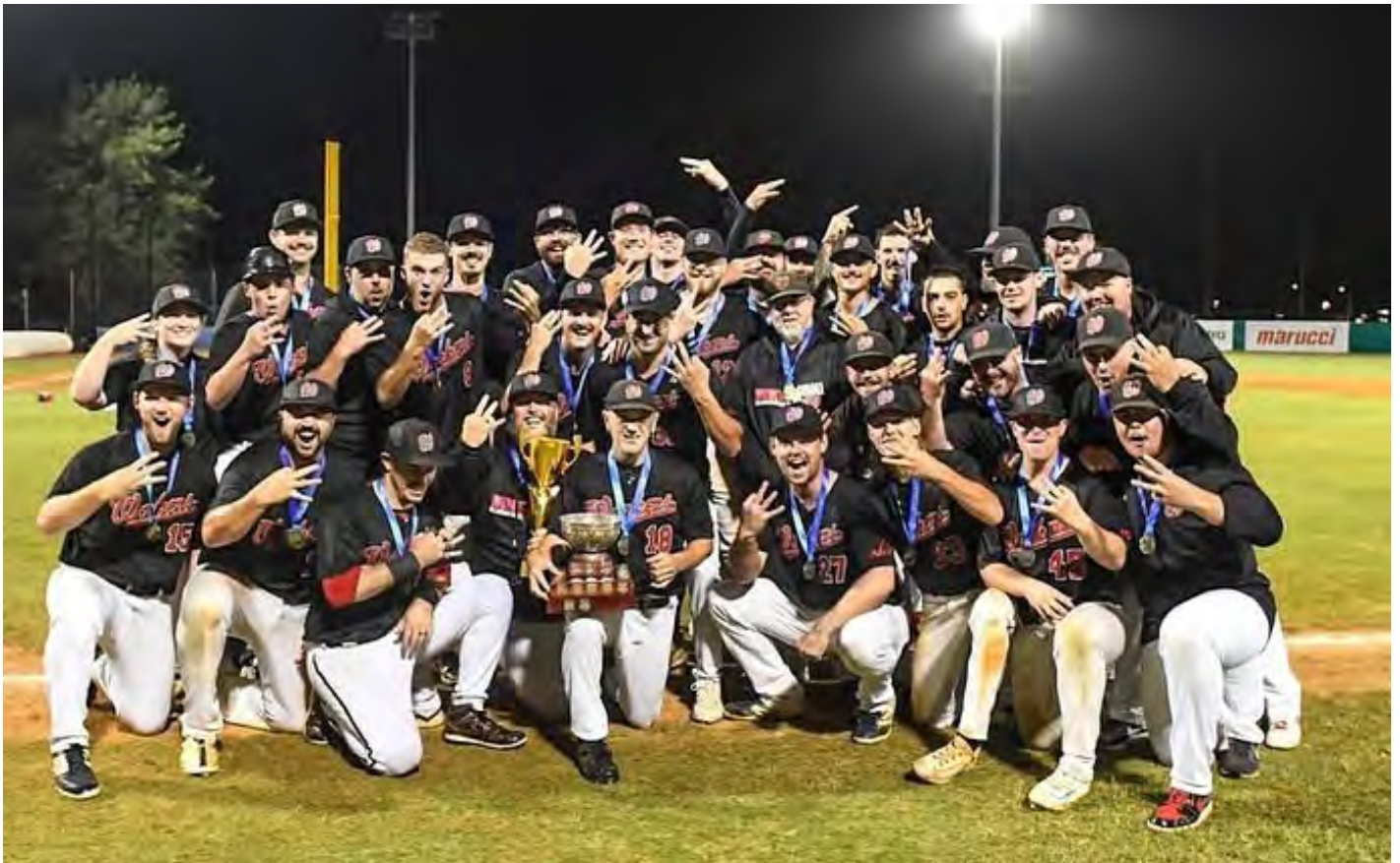


Womens League 1st Grade Champs - Blacktown Workers



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

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



U18's Champs - Cronulla Sharks



Congratulations to Blake Price of Blacktown Workers 3rd for winning the MVP in the 2025 State League 3rd Grade Finals!

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



Congratulations to Ticara Geldenhuis of Blacktown Workers WL 1st for winning the MVP in the 2025 Women's League 1st Grade Finals!



Baseball NSW congratulates Desiree Edgley of the Blacktown Workers 2nd Grade for winning the MVP for the 2025 Women's League Championship!



Congratulations to Mitchell Tritton of Blacktown Workers 3rd for winning the MVP in the 2025 State League 3rd Grade Finals!

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



U18's MVP with BNSW Board Member and Life Member Peter Worboys



1st Grade MVP – Josh Guyer of Blacktown Workers

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".

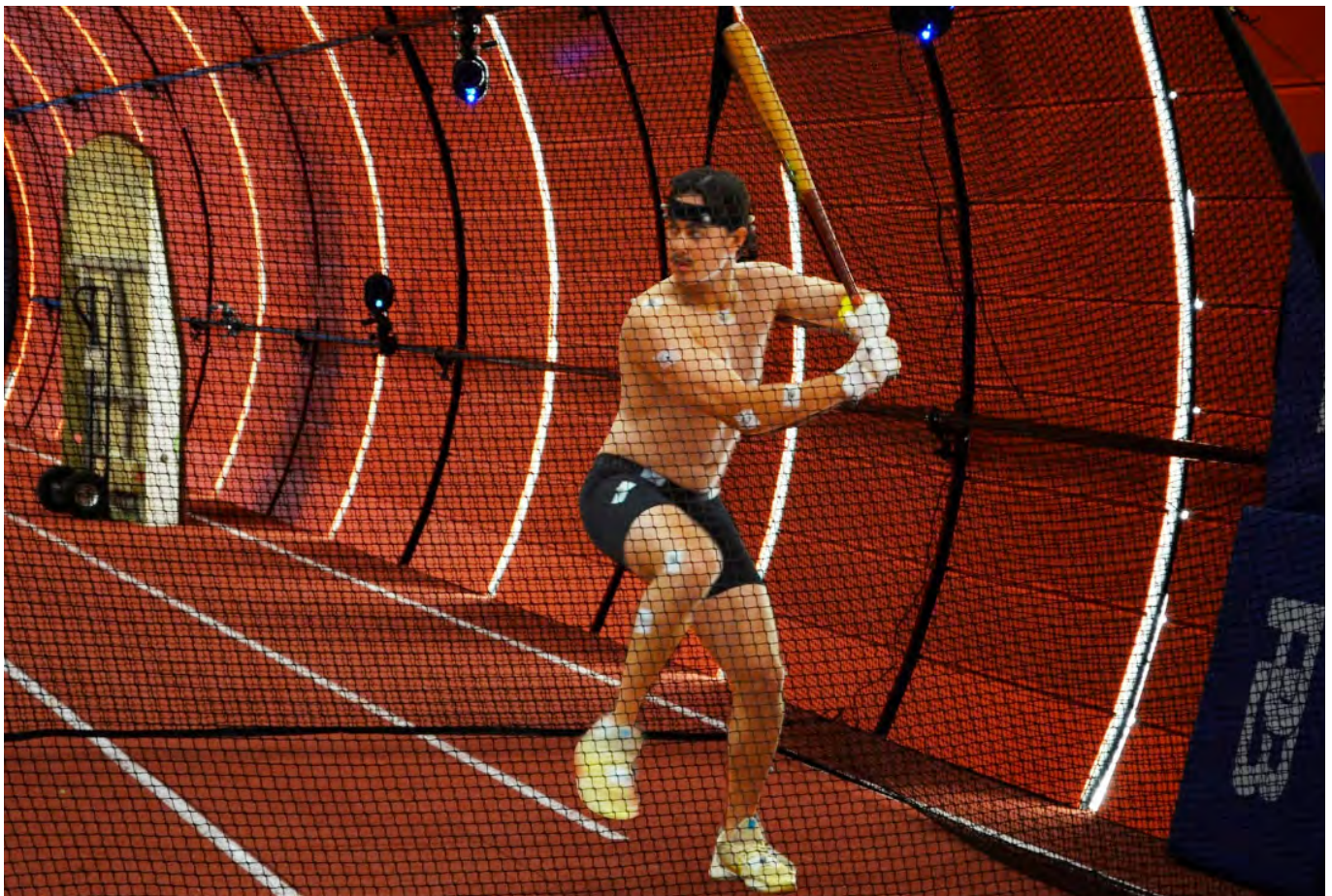
CEO of Baseball NSW, Mark Marino has said "adding this level of sophistication to

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](#).**



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](#).

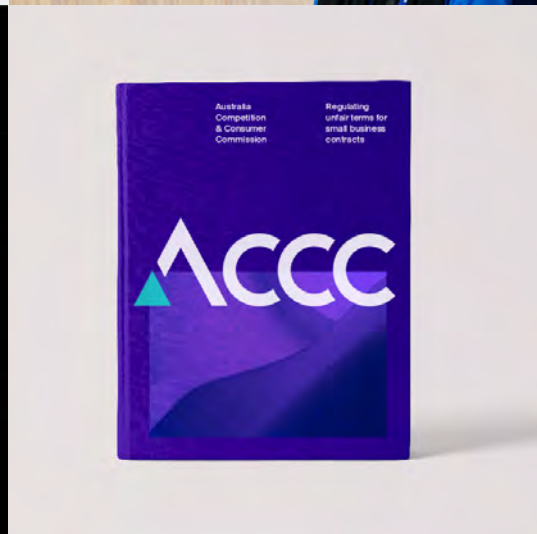
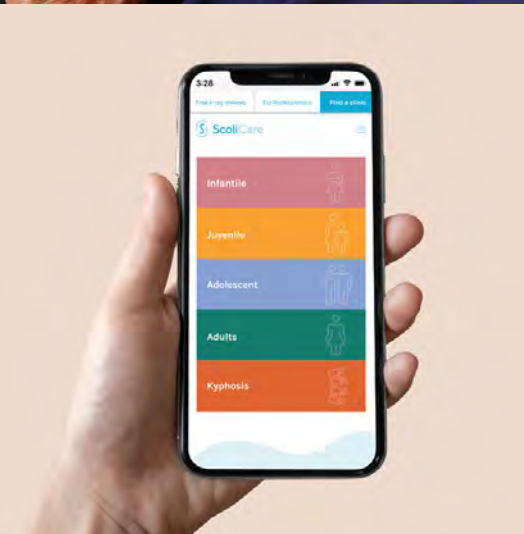
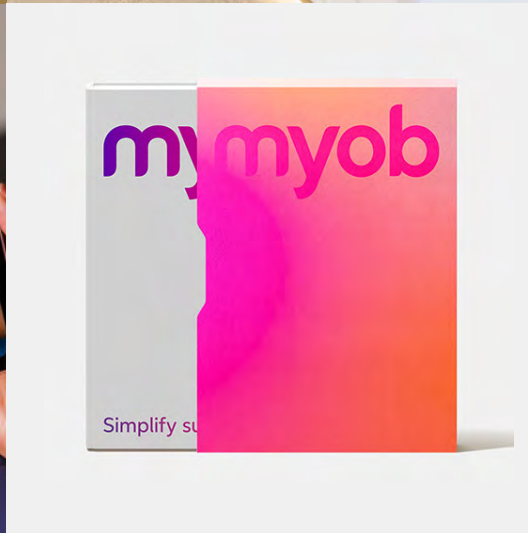


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