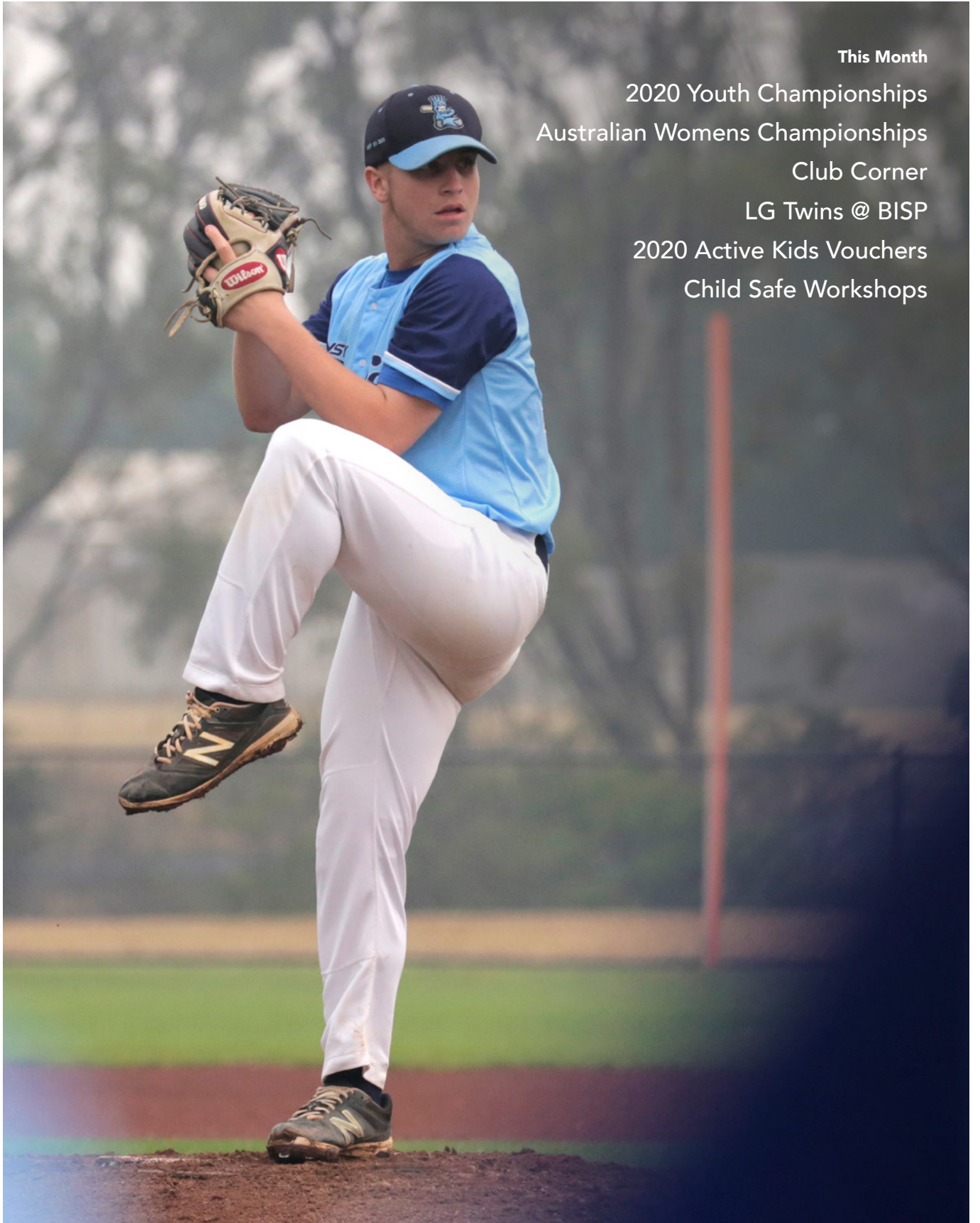




The Pitch



This Month

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- Australian Womens Championships
- Club Corner
- LG Twins @ BISP
- 2020 Active Kids Vouchers
- Child Safe Workshops

Congratulations to the BNSW Monthly award winners!

We value all our members and it is for that reason we want to see more of YOU being acknowledged for all your hard work, all year round! Keep the nominations coming in.

Scorer: Natalie North

Coach: N/A

Volunteer: Stuart Hanrahan

Umpire: N/A

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

Monthly Game Day Photo Winner



Congratulations to our #NSWGameDayPic winner this month from the Greenway Giants, 'It's too hot for Baseball!'. This is only post warm up.

Thanks to Brooke Ninnes for sending in the winning photo.

Entries are now open for next month's #BNSWGameDayPics.

Send in your favourite photo to be in with a chance to win!

From Summer into Winter BNSW update



As the Summer Seasons works towards the end and the Winter Season gets closer, I wanted to comment on the performance of the new registration platform with Sports Club HQ.

The training and rollout to Clubs was received well and preparations to launch for each club was met within good timelines. At our registration peak, the system was registering several players per minute, placing the system under a reasonable stress test. We're pleased to say that the registration system handled the workload well and we've been very happy with the process.

We have very positive feedback from Clubs all over the state. Whilst often some clubs and regions have their own particular way of delivering memberships, on the overall the feedback has been terrific. I know from myself within our office, the level of support enquiries has dropped significantly compared to previous years. I can attribute this to;

- 1) the support provided by Sports Club HQ, and
- 2) the system being clearer and simpler to use for Clubs and Members.

As we roll into the Winter Season those Winter clubs have the Baseball NSW Memberships

ready to go within their club admin portal with the BA & BNSW Capitation fees included, so you're ready to go.

We also have a Dual Registration process available for those members who are registering for a second competition within the one registration year.

You can find more information on the process here .

<https://www.baseballnsw.com.au/player-transfers.html>

You just need to ensure that you have 'onboarded' your club details so you're Club's account is connected to the system. If you haven't yet, you can do so here:

<https://www.baseballnsw.com.au/onboarding.html>

We understand that implementing new systems isn't always fun. We appreciate those within the clubs taking their time to familiarise themselves with the new system in the efforts of making their jobs easier in the long run. There has been plenty learnt during the initial rollout and improvements made as we continue to work together in the future.

2020 Youth Championships Recap



Baseball NSW were again represented by both NSW and NSW Country at the 2020 Australian Youth Championships that were held across three venues in Victoria: Geelong, Ballarat and Altona from January 10-15.

With all 4 teams completing a preliminary round format of seven games, teams were seeded 1-8 with each competing in their final placing game.

In the U16 age group NSW finished the preliminary round seeded #1 but were unfortunately defeated in the gold medal game by Queensland. NSW Country defeated Victoria in the 5th/6th place game to finish the tournament in 5th place.

In the U18 age group, NSW finished 5th after their 5th/6th place game was cancelled due to poor air quality. NSW Country finished in 7th place due to their 7th place seeding after the preliminary round. Their 7th/8th place game was also cancelled due to poor air quality.

Congratulations are also in order to the following players who won awards following the completion of the tournament:

Zac Newbold (NSW)

U16 MVP

Tom Stancic (NSW)

U16 Hitting Award

Mackenzie Dean (NSW)

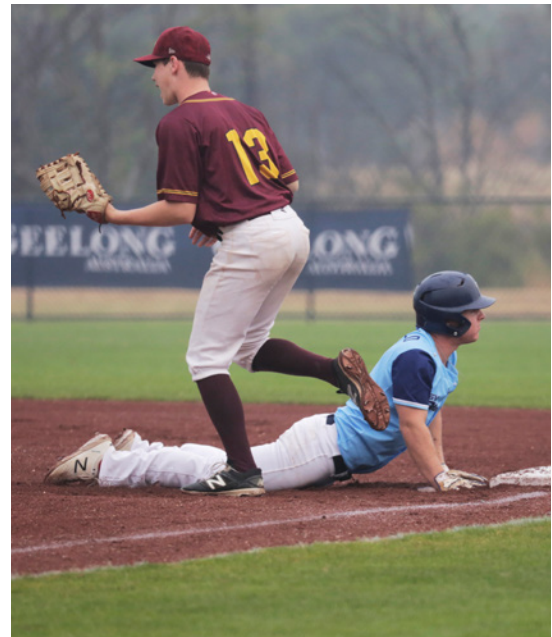
Fielding Award

Chaise Chabi (NSW Country)

Pitching Award



2020 U16 Youth Championship Final Gallery



Australian Womens Championships Preparation Begins

Both the NSW Youth and NSW Open Womens teams will begin their preparations this month for the 2020 National Womens Championships to be held in Narrabundah, Canberra from April 10-18. Both teams will kick off with a program information night on February 11 followed by 2 training sessions per week for 8 weeks right up until the beginning of the tournament.

The NSW Country team are currently in the middle of their team selection process with the final team due to be selected on February 16th after the final trial.



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

POSITION: ELECTED DIRECTOR
BOARD OF MANAGEMENT BASEBALL NSW

Baseball NSW are looking for expressions of interest for the position of an elected director on the Board of Management for Baseball NSW. All applications must be received by **5pm on Friday 28th February 2020** and submitted electronically.

For more information around the position, please download the EOI via the below link

[LEARN MORE](#)



LG Twins from Seoul to Blacktown

Baseball NSW has had the pleasure of hosting the LG Twins all the way from Seoul at Blacktown International Sports Park for their Summer training camp from January until the 23 February.

If you are keen to see one of Korea's most famous Pro Baseball teams over the next week, come on down to BISP and see them in action during one of their training sessions. Their Training Sessions are running as per the listed dates however with the weather being unpredictable the schedule is subject to change

So if you are keen to head down we recommend calling the Baseball NSW office to confirm the sessions are still on.



LG TWINS TRAINING SESSIONS

Sun 16 Feb - 9am-12pm & 5pm-8pm.

Mon 17 Feb - 9am-12pm & 5pm-8pm.

Tues 18 Feb - 9am-12pm

Thur 20 Feb - 9am-12pm & 5pm-8pm.

Fri 21 Feb - 9am-12pm & 5pm-8pm.

Sun 23 Feb - 9am-12pm

[View a clip from the LG Twins Facebook page](#)

Club Corner

Welcome to Club Corner where we will feature our member clubs latest and exciting up coming events

Gosford Pirates Baseball club are also holding a [Fundraising pink sports day on 22 Feb 2020.](#)

[Click here for more details](#) as well as the chance to bid on a signed Blue Sox Jersey. They have players and umpires willing to take the field in pink tutus at the \$500, \$1000 and \$1200 marks, so lets give them a hand to raise money.



Kings Langley Eagles are holding a Trivia Night on 7th March, Costs are \$30 per ticket with Tables of 8 available for \$240. There is a prize for the best dressed sporting table with Door prizes, raffle and auction items. The night is to raise money to replace their much loved (but well worn) Kits, [click here to book your ticket](#) or email kingslangleybaseball@gmail.com



Baseball NSW Club Corner and Coaches Corner

Our Segment Baseball NSW Clubs Corner continues to grow.

To all Clubs and Associations don't forget to tag us and use the hashtag to share with us any exciting news or events that will be happening within your club over the next few months.

This could include pictures, videos, events or stories.

Simply use the hashtag #BNSWClubsCorner, tag us or inbox us with a short description of what it is you would like to share.

Another segment we have recently introduced is the #BNSWCoachesCorner.

This segment is aimed at targeting all your member enquiries about training and informative information such as techniques, drills and routines that can be used both on and off the field.

We have had some excellent questions so far so please keep them coming.

Simply inbox us your question or submit your question on instagram when the question feed is live on our story.

[CLICK HERE to watch EP 1](#)

[CLICK HERE to watch EP 2](#)



Australian 2020 League Championships

For those that missed it last month, dates and venues for the 2020 Australian Little League, Junior, Senior and Intermediate League Championships have been announced



Australian Junior League Championship

Tuesday 5 May - Saturday 9 May, 2020
Venue: Diamond Sports, West Beach, SA
Host Partner: Baseball South Australia

Australian Senior League Championship

Sunday 17 May – Thursday 21 May 2020
Venue: Albert Park, Lismore
Host Partner: Far North Coast Baseball Association

Australian Intermediate League Championship

Tuesday 26 May – Saturday 30 May, 2020
Venue: Old Aerodrome Sports Park,
Mildura, Vic
Host Partner: Mildura Baseball Association

Australian Little League Championship

Thursday 4 June – Monday 8 June, 2020
Venue: Albert Park, Lismore
Host Partner: Far North Coast Baseball Association

Read it all at Baseball.com.au
<http://ow.ly/92Ac50xx40M>

SPORT SHORTS

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Drought Break for regional kids

Young people in small towns heavily impacted by drought are enjoying a wide range of free and discounted activities this January thanks to the NSW Government's \$1.5 million Drought Break: Summer Fun for Regional Youth program which includes camps at Sport and Recreation centres and sporting clinics. The Office of Sport has subsidised 350 young people from severely drought affected areas to attend Sport and Recreation camps across the State which includes transport and meals.

The Office of Sport has also partnered with Tennis Australia, Little Athletics, NSW Rugby League, AFL NSW and Murdi Paaki Regional Rugby League to run 36 clinics in 17 towns. Other Drought Break activities include BBQ & Beats discos and free skills training across more than 80 courses in 34 small towns.

[Learn more about Drought Break: Summer Fun for Regional Youth](#) and check out our video from the Lake Keepit camp.



New Sport and Rec Centre for Myuna Bay

Last December, the NSW Government announced that a new sport and recreation centre would be built in Lake Macquarie after an independent review found Myuna Bay Sport and Recreation Centre was not safe to re-open. A second independent expert report found the risk to life was 'intolerable' and considered 'unacceptable' if the coal ash dam wall collapsed in the event of seismic activity. When announcing the new centre, Acting Minister for Sport Geoff Lee said the NSW Government acted on this advice and permanently closed Myuna Bay Sport and Recreation Centre. "We understand the Centre is an integral part of the Lake Macquarie community and fasttracking a replacement is our priority," said Mr Lee. "A new Centre will be purpose-built to accommodate the same activities as the current facility, including direct access to the lake for water sports."



All NSW school-enrolled children are eligible for **two \$100 Active Kids vouchers** each year. The vouchers can be used with any approved Active Kids provider, to help cover costs towards registration or membership fees for sport and active recreation. **Voucher one is valid January to December** and **voucher two is valid July to December**. After 1 July 2020, the second voucher can be claimed immediately after the first voucher.

HOW TO CLAIM YOUR VOUCHERS



1 Visit service.nsw.gov.au and login to your MyServiceNSW Account



Active Kids

2 Click on the Active Kids icon found in your SERVICE tab



3 Fill out the requested information (you will need your current Medicare card)



4 Print a copy of each voucher or email it to yourself

Visit sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids for terms & conditions and FAQs

HOW TO USE YOUR VOUCHERS

- 1** Find a provider by visiting our website: sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids
- 2** Once you have chosen an activity give the voucher number to your activity provider, or log onto your provider's website and enter the voucher number

*Vouchers can always be found in your MyServiceNSW account by looking in the My Applications tab



Interested in becoming a coach?

Manly Level 2 Coaching Course

Date: Thurs 13th Feb & Thur 20th Feb

Time: 6:00pm - 9:30pm

Cost: \$120

Location: Pittwater Baseball Club Clubhouse, Pittwater Rugby Park Field 5, 1472 Pittwater Road, North Narrabeen

Restricted to people 16 years of age or older. [Click here to register.](#)

Cronulla Level 3 Coaching Course

Date: Sat 21st Mar

Time: 8:30am - 5:30pm

Cost: \$130

Location: Phil Austin Baseball Field, Production Avenue, Kogarah

Restricted to people 18 years of age or older. [Click here to register.](#)

Newcastle Level 2 Coaching Course

Date: Sat 28th Mar

Time: 8:30am - 5:30pm

Cost: \$120

Location: Plattsburg Park, Hope Street, Wallsend

Restricted to people 16 years of age or older. [Click here to register.](#)

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Date: Sat 28th Mar

Time: 8:30am - 5:30pm

Cost: \$130

Location: Plattsburg Park, Hope Street, Wallsend

Restricted to people 18 years of age or older. [Click here to register.](#)

Tamworth Level 3 Coaching Course

Date: Sat 4th Apr

Time: 8:30am - 5:30pm

Cost: \$130

Location: The Field of Dreams, Carter Avenue, Tamworth

Restricted to people 18 years of age or older. [Click here to register.](#)

Illawarra Level 3 Coaching Course

Date: Sun 29th Mar

Time: 8:30am - 5:30pm

Cost: \$130

Location: Hector Harvey Park, Wyndarra Road, Dapto

Restricted to people 18 years of age or older. [Click here to register.](#)

Central Coast Level 3 Coaching

Date: Sun 5th Jul

Time: 8:30am - 5:30pm

Cost: \$130

Location: Baseball Park, Newcastle Street, Springfield

Restricted to people 18 years of age or older. [Click here to register.](#)

If your accreditation is due to expire in the next 6 months, now is the time to register for a course near you



Do you want to play Baseball while getting an education?

For the majority of our athletes wishing to advance their careers, the student athlete pathway is the next step through the US collegiate system. Through our partners at Education USA Australia, we have all the necessary information you will require in order to apply and obtain a sporting scholarship through the NCAA or NJCAA.

[CLICK HERE](#) or [more information](#)



Workshop for Coaches of Pre-Elite Athletes



The first Office of Sport Workshop for Coaches of Pre-Elite Athletes for 2020 will be held at the Ian Thorpe Theatrette on the Ground Floor of the NSWIS Sydney Olympic Park on the evening of February 26. These workshops are free of charge but not open to the general public. They are a professional development event specifically for coaches working in the pre-elite space.

The February Workshop will focus on the pitfalls of dietary supplements and an update on new policies and procedures of ASADA.

It is not uncommon for athletes in Pathway Programs below the High Performance level to have less direct supervision and to seek out strength and conditioning advice from commercial entities. As such they are at a higher risk of receiving misleading information about dietary supplements.

Date and Time:

Wednesday, 26 February 2019
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Location:

Ian Thorpe Theatrette
Ground Floor NSWIS Building
6 Figtree Drive.
Sydney Olympic Park, NSW 2127

Program:

5.45pm – 6.00pm Registration
6.00pm – 7.00pm Presentation
7.00pm – 7.30pm Supper & Networking

The workshop numbers are limited to 60 and registration can be accessed from the link below.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Assessor & Presenter Training Course

The Office of Sport is conducting a Sport Australia (SA) Assessor and Presenter Training Course over the weekend of 22nd and 23rd of February.

These courses have been designed by the SA to meet the needs of individuals who work as presenters, or assessors, in all sports' coaching accreditation, or officiating accreditation programs.

The courses are recommended, as the minimum requirement, for Assessors and Presenters working in the coaching, or officiating, accreditation programs.

Assessor & Presenter Facilitator Training Course.

Date: February 22 & February 23

Times: 9.00pm – 5.00pm

Venue: Fraser Room, Level 2 NSWIS Building,
6 Figtree Drive, Sydney Olympic Park

Cost: \$120

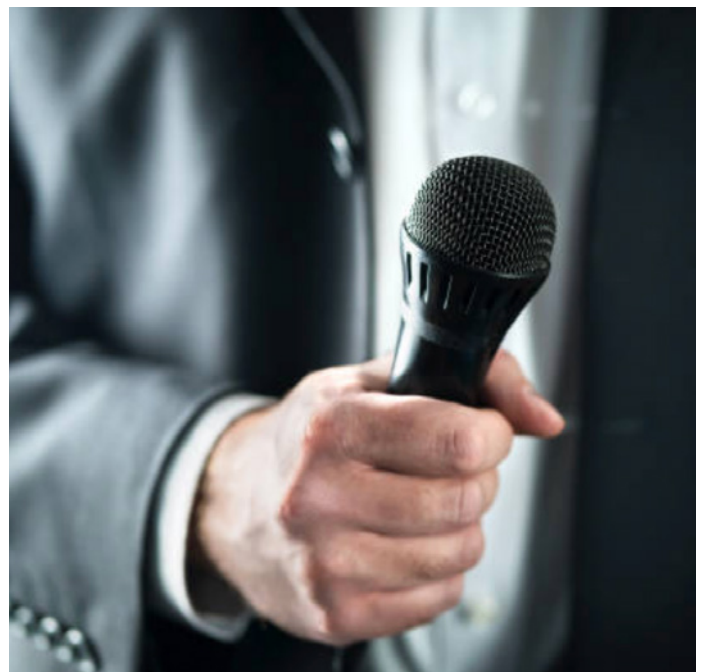
The Office of Sport take bookings directly from their website;

<https://sport.nsw.gov.au/event/assessorpresenter-training-course-3>

Just scroll down and open the "Book Now" link.



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Child Safe Workshops



Office of Sport

The Office of Sport is offering Child Safe 'Free' Training Workshops for sport volunteers throughout May. This is to promote Child Safe Sport.

Sport and recreation clubs have a responsibility to protect children from harm and abuse.

The Child Safe Sport Workshop will help club committees, administrators and volunteers to understand the practical ways to create safer clubs for children and young people.

The workshop will also provide an overview of Working with Children Check Responsibilities.



Sign up to one of our Free Child Safe Training courses today.

Date: 18th March 2020

Time: 6:00pm-9:00pm

Venue: Central Coast Regional Office
Ourimbah Campus Brush Road
Ourimbah NSW 2258

Program Number: 0087646

[CLICK HERE to register](#)

Date: 23rd March 2020

Time: 11:00am-2:00pm

Venue: Lake Macquarie Regional Football Facility
13 Park Rd
Speers Point NSW 2284

Program Number: 0087797

[CLICK HERE to register](#)

Date: 26th May 2020

Time: 6:00pm-9:00pm

Venue: Central Coast Regional Office
Ourimbah Campus Brush Road
Ourimbah NSW 2258

Program Number: 0087647

[CLICK HERE to register](#)

[CLICK HERE](#) to enrol into our programs online or phone 13 13 02.

CONCUSSION IN SPORT

All workshops run from 6.30pm – 9.00pm

Concussion is a significant and complex health issue within the Australian sporting landscape at all levels of play, and following on from a successful 2018 roadshow Sports Medicine Australia and the NSW Office of Sport will again partner to deliver a series of education workshops across NSW in 2020. These programs will provide those in attendance with a greater knowledge of concussion, its prevalence, signs and symptoms, recognition and management, return to play and recent research in the area. Presented by highly respected researcher Dr Andrew Gardner from the University of Newcastle, this is a great opportunity open for all within the sporting community.

Sydney Olympic Park

Thursday 30th January
Office of Sport - Ian Thorpe Theatre
Cost: FREE // [Register](#) →

Belrose

Friday 31st January
Club Belrose
Cost: FREE // [Register](#) →

Cronulla

Friday 7th February
Cronulla RSL
Cost: FREE // [Register](#) →

Castle Hill

Friday 21st February
Castle Hill RSL
Cost: FREE // [Register](#) →

Penrith

Friday 28th February
Penrith RSL
Cost: FREE // [Register](#) →

Newcastle

Wednesday 4th March
John Hunter Hospital
Cost: FREE // [Register](#) →

Campbelltown

Thursday 5th March
West Leagues Club
Cost: FREE // [Register](#) →

Dubbo

Wednesday 22nd April
Dubbo RSL
Cost: FREE // [Register](#) →

Parkes

Thursday 23rd April
Parkes Ex-Services Club
Cost: FREE // [Register](#) →

Bathurst

Friday 24th April
Bathurst Panthers
Cost: FREE // [Register](#) →

Gosford

Tuesday 28th April
Gosford RSL Club
Cost: FREE // [Register](#) →

Muswellbrook

Wednesday 29th April
Muswellbrook RSL
Cost: FREE // [Register](#) →

Wollongong

Thursday 30th April
West Leagues - Unanderra
Cost: FREE // [Register](#) →

Queanbeyan

Friday 1st May
Queanbeyan Roos Club
Cost: FREE // [Register](#) →

Coffs Harbour

Friday 8th May
Cex Club
Cost: FREE // [Register](#) →

Port Macquarie

Friday 15th May
Port Macquarie Panthers
Cost: FREE // [Register](#) →

Griffith

Tuesday 21st July
Griffith Exies Club
Cost: FREE // [Register](#) →

Albury

Wednesday 22nd July
Albury Commercial Club
Cost: FREE // [Register](#) →

Wagga Wagga

Thursday 23rd July
Wagga Wagga RSL
Cost: FREE // [Register](#) →

Jindabyne

Friday 24th July
Jindabyne Bowling Club
Cost: FREE // [Register](#) →

Tweed Heads

Tuesday 29th September
Kingscliff Beach Bowls Club
Cost: FREE // [Register](#) →

Lismore

Wednesday 30th September
Lismore Workers
Cost: FREE // [Register](#) →

Armidale

Thursday 1st October
Armidale Ex Services Memorial Club
Cost: FREE // [Register](#) →

Inverell

Friday 2nd October
Inverell RSM Club
Cost: FREE // [Register](#) →

Further information:

Email nsw.admin@sma.org.au | Phone 02 9096 8981



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Sporting Schools is a \$100 million Australian Government initiative designed to help schools increase children's participation in sport and to connect children with community sport. The Australian Sports Commission (ASC) has partnered with more than 30 national sporting organisations (NSOs) to extend the delivery of the program across Australia via their networks of aligned organisations and coaches, ensuring a consistent and quality experience for all.

Does this sound like something you would like to be involved in?

If yes, then get your school to complete the following steps.

1



REGISTER

Your school needs to first [register](#) with Sporting Schools to be [eligible](#) to apply for funding. Find out how to [get started](#) on the Sporting Schools website or for information on registration visit our [help centre](#)

2



APPLY FOR FUNDING

If your school meets the [eligibility](#) criteria, you can apply for funding each term to deliver Sporting Schools activity (sport packages) before, during or after school hours using one of our NSO partners. For more information about [funding](#) visit our [help centre](#)

3



BOOK A PROGRAM

Once your school has had their funding application approved you can view, search and apply for sport packages that meet your needs via the online booking system. The booking system will allow your school to administer and manage booking requests including cancellations.

NOTE: Schools without approved funding will only be able to view and search for sport packages. For more information about the booking system visit our [help centre](#)

4



REPORT PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Sporting Schools values your feedback and your school is encouraged to participate in research and evaluation so that we can evolve the program to meet your needs.

In addition it's vital that your school provides information regarding its activities, so Sporting Schools can measure the impact it's having on children's sport participation across Australia. For more information visit our [terms and conditions](#)

5



SUBMIT YOUR ACQUITTAL

It's important that your school completes the ASC acquittal process. Acquitting is the ASC's assurance that your school has used the funds according to the [program parameters](#) and [terms and conditions](#). For more information about [funding acquittals](#) visit our help centre.

[Watch the video here.](#)