



TEAM AUSTRALIA | WORLD BASEBALL CLASSIC Media Information Pack

The following contains Team Australia roster for the 2026 World Baseball Classic (WBC). Here you will find the roster, basic information, and biographical background of each player.

What is the World Baseball Classic?

The World Baseball Classic (WBC) is baseball's biggest international tournament – the equivalent of a FIFA World Cup, but with Major League stars. It brings together the world's best players, including current MLB All-Stars, to represent their countries on the global stage.

Why it matters:

For Australia, the WBC is the sport's highest-profile event, watched by tens of millions worldwide and a rare chance to measure ourselves against baseball's powerhouse nations like Japan, the USA and Korea, with careers, contracts and legacies often shaped by performances on this stage.

Tournament Details:

- Training Camp: Australia flies to Tokyo for a training camp in Fuchu City from February 16-28;
- Exhibition Games: Australia will play three exhibition games vs NPB (Japan pro league) opponents from Feb 28 - March 3
- World Baseball Classic: Four games in the Tokyo Pool from March 5-9 vs Chinese Taipei, Korea, Japan and Czechia. The top two teams advance to the Quarterfinals.

Media Contacts:

Team Australia will have a media officer, writer, videographer and photographer for the duration of the training camp. Team Australia is happy to provide B-Roll, VNO, video-packs Voice Overs, Interviews and administer media requests across Australia.

For any requests, please file them with Eric Balnar (eric.balnar@baseball.com.au)

Tournament Hub and Schedule: www.baseball.com.au/wbc



ROSTER - POSITION PLAYERS

First	Last	Pos	Pro Team	State	Pron (Last)	Pron (First)	WBC Exp.
Travis	Bazzana	INF	Cleveland Guardians	NSW	Bah-zaw-nah	TRAV-iss	0
Ulrich	Bojarski	OF	Melbourne Aces	WA	Ool-rick	Bo-yar-skee	1
Chris	Burke	UTIL	Melbourne Aces	VIC	BERK	<i>KRIS</i>	0
George	Callil	INF	Brisbane Bandits	VIC	CAH-leel	JORJ	0
Jarryd	Dale	INF	KIA Tigers / Melbourne Aces	VIC	DAYL	JAR-id	1
Max	Durrington	UTIL	Athletics / Brisbane Bandits	QLD	Durr-ring-ton	MAX	0
Mitch	Edwards	C	Adelaide Giants	ACT	Edwards	Mitch	0
Robbie	Glendinning	UTIL	Adelaide Giants / KC Monarchs	WA	Glen-DIN-ing	ROB-BEE	1
Alex	Hall	C	Perth Heat / Ulsan (KBO Futures)	WA	HALL	AL-ex	1
Tim	Kennelly	OF	Perth Heat	WA	Kuh-nell-eee	Tim	3
Curtis	Mead	INF	Chicago White Sox	SA	Meed	KER-tiss	0
Robbie	Perkins	C	Brisbane Bandits	ACT	PER-kins	Robbie	2
Logan	Wade	INF	Brisbane Bandits	QLD	WAYD	LOH-gan	1
Aaron	Whitefield	OF	Melbourne Aces	QLD	White-Field	AIR-un	2
Rixon	Wingrove	1B	Brisbane Bandits	NSW	Win-GROVE	Rix-in	1



ROSTER - PITCHERS

First	Last	Pos	Pro Team	State	Pron (Last)	Pron (First)	WBC Exp.
Kieren	Hall	RHP	Perth Heat	WA	HALL	KEER-en	0
Ky	Hampton	RHP	Adelaide Giants	SA	HAMP-ton		0
Josh	Hendrickson	LHP	Adelaide Giants / Kansas City Monarchs	WA	HEN-drick-sun	JOSH	0
Sam	Holland	RHP	Brisbane Bandits	QLD	HOL-und	SAM	1
Jon	Kennedy	LHP	Brisbane Bandits	VIC	KEN-uh-dee	JON	2
Connor	MacDonald	RHP	Brisbane Bandits	QLD	mack-DON-uld	KON-er	0
Cooper	Morgan	RHP	Adelaide Giants	ACT	MOR-gun	KOO-per	0
Mitch	Neunborn	RHP	Philadelphia Phillies	WA	New-in-born	Mitch	1
Jack	O'Loughlin	LHP	Adelaide Giants	SA	O-Lock-lin	Jack	1
Warwick	Saupold	RHP	Perth Heat	WA	Saw-pold	WAR-ICK	3
Blake	Townsend	LHP	Texas Rangers	VIC	TOWNS-end	BLAYK	1
Todd	Van Steensel	RHP	Adelaide Giants	NSW	Van-Steen-Sul	TODD	2
Alexander	Wells	LHP	Sydney Blue Sox	NSW	WELZ	al-ig-ZAN-der	0
Lachlan	Wells	LHP	LG Twins / Adelaide Giants	NSW	WELZ	Lock-LUN	1
Coen	Wynne	RHP	Sydney Blue Sox	NSW	Win	Co-en	1



ROSTER - COACHES AND STAFF

First	Last	Pos	Pro Team	Home State	Role
David	Nilsson	Coach	Team Australia	QLD	Manager
Michael	Collins	Coach	Binghamton	ACT	Bench Coach
Jim	Bennett	Coach	Brisbane Bandits	USA	Pitching Coach
Graeme	Lloyd	Coach	Melbourne Aces	VIC	Bullpen Coach
Shayne	Watson	Coach	Brisbane Bandits (ABL)	QLD	1st Base Coach
Andrew	Graham	Coach	Philadelphia Phillies	NSW	3rd Base Coach
Damian	Shanahan	Coach	Melbourne Aces	VIC	Assistant Coach
Chris	Adamson	Coach	Adelaide. Giants / Lehigh Valley	NSW	Hitting Coach
Will	Bradley	Coach	Tampa Bay Rays	ACT	Assistant Hitting Coach
Josh	Spence	Coach	Biloxi Shuckers	VIC	Video Coordinator and Analytics
Andrew	Kyle	Coach	AIS	NSW	BP Thrower
Tyler	Anderson	Coach		NSW	Asst. Video Coordinator
Greg	Castle	Staff		NSW	Physio Therapist
Kevin	Rand	Staff		USA	Physio Therapist
Robert	Moden	Staff		NSW	EO / Travel Manager
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POSITIONAL PLAYERS - BIOS

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Robbie Perkins

Position: C | **Club:** Brisbane Bandits | **Age:** 31 | **Australian Club:** Ainslie Bears (ACT)

Two-time World Baseball Classic representative (2017, 2023) and 2026 ABL MVP finalist. Ranks second all-time in modern ABL history in hits (397), RBI (222) and games played (421), and sixth in home runs. A two-time Claxton Shield champion, Perkins is from Canberra and plays his home baseball with the Ainslie Bears. Widely regarded as the premier catcher in Australian baseball, he reached Triple-A during five seasons in the Colorado Rockies' minor league system. Homered against Korea at the 2023 World Baseball Classic and has been on the senior national team since 2016.

Alex Hall

Position: C | **Club:** Perth Heat | **Age:** 26 | **Australian Club:** Morley Eagles (WA)

One of the biggest names in Australian baseball, Hall was the 2022–23 ABL MVP before representing Australia at the World Baseball Classic, where he homered against Japan. A former captain of the U-23 national team, he is now a leader of the Perth Heat. Hit .329 in 2025–26 and formed part of a catcher's tandem that threw out 52% of attempted base stealers. Owns 40 ABL home runs and 178 RBI while slashing .287/.368/.849 across 290 games. Spent five seasons in the Milwaukee Brewers' minor league system (2017–2022). Home club is the Morley Eagles.

Mitch Edwards

Position: C | **Club:** Adelaide Giants | **Age:** 26 | **Australian Club:** Sturt (SA) / Weston Creek (ACT)

Makes his senior men's international tournament debut after previously representing Australia at the U-23 World Cup, U-18 World Cup and Asia Professional Baseball Championship. A Claxton Shield champion with the Giants in 2026, highlighted by a



walk-off home run in Game 1 of the Championship Series. Spent three seasons in the Philadelphia Phillies organisation, reaching Low-A. Grew up in Melbourne and Canberra and now plays club baseball with Sturt in South Australia. Overcame an early-season thumb injury to hit .305 across 25 games during Adelaide's championship run. Hit a walk-off in Game 1 of the ABL Championship Series.

Rixon Wingrove

Position: 1B | **Club:** Brisbane Bandits | **Age:** 25 | Australian Club: Phoenix (Newcastle)

Returns for his second World Baseball Classic after delivering one of Australia's defining moments of the 2023 tournament with a pivotal home run against Cuba in the quarterfinal. A regular international representative, including at the U-23 World Cup. A two-time Claxton Shield champion with the Adelaide Giants, highlighted by the decisive eighth-inning hit that sealed Adelaide's first title in 43 years. Spent six seasons in professional baseball – five with the Philadelphia Phillies and one with the Minnesota Twins – reaching Double-A. Hails from Newcastle, north of Sydney.

Curtis Mead

Position: IF | **Club:** Chicago White Sox | **Age:** 25 | Australian Club: West Torrens (SA)

Made his Major League debut in 2023 with the Tampa Bay Rays, becoming Australia's 37th Major Leaguer, before being traded to the Chicago White Sox at the 2025 MLB Trade Deadline. The first Australian to record an RBI in an MLB postseason game. A product of South Australian baseball, Mead came through the Adelaide Giants pathway as a teenager. Lives in Adelaide during the off-season and trains daily with the Giants. Home club is West Torrens Eagles.

Travis Bazzana

Position: IF | **Club:** Cleveland Guardians | **Age:** 23 | Australian Club: Ryde (NSW)

Selected first overall in the 2024 MLB Draft, becoming the highest-drafted Australian in history. A collegiate star at Oregon State University, where he earned national



Player of the Year honours and established himself as one of the most accomplished hitters in NCAA baseball. Previously represented Australia at the U-18 and U-23 World Cups and made his senior debut at the 2024 WBSC Premier12. Debuted in the ABL with the Sydney Blue Sox as a teenager, one of the youngest players in league history. Home club is the Ku-Ring-Gai Stealers.

George Callil

Position: INF | **Club:** Brisbane Bandits | **Age:** 28 | Australian Club: Cheltenham (VIC)

Makes his senior Team Australia debut after a rapid rise through the ABL ranks. Played a key role in Canberra Cavalry's 2024–25 championship season and won the 2026 ABL Defensive Player of the Year after leading the league in double plays for consecutive seasons. Known for his glove and reliability in the infield. Played in the Frontier League with Evansville in 2025 and competed at NCAA Division I level with South Carolina from 2019–2021. Originally from Melbourne, with Cheltenham Rustlers as his home club.

Jarryd Dale

Position: INF | **Club:** KIA Tigers | **Age:** 25 | Australian Club: Waverley (VIC)

Debuted in the ABL as a teenager and has since played eight seasons, winning two Claxton Shields with the Melbourne Aces. A finalist for both MVP and the Hitting Award in the 2024–25 ABL season. Spent six years in the San Diego Padres' minor league system, reaching Triple-A, and played in the Japanese minor leagues with the Orix Buffaloes in 2025, batting .297. Signed with the KIA Tigers in January 2025 and will return to the Aces during the Australian summer. Represented Australia at the 2017 World Baseball Classic. Home club is Malvern Braves.

Logan Wade

Position: INF | **Club:** Brisbane Bandits | **Age:** 34 | Australian Club: Windsor (QLD)



Appears in his third World Baseball Classic and is renowned for his ability to deliver in big moments. Produced game-winning hits against Canada at the 2019 Premier12 and Czechia at the 2023 WBC to help Australia reach knockout stages. A cornerstone of Brisbane's four straight ABL championships from 2016–2019 and ranks third all-time in modern ABL hits (379). Returned to the ABL in 2025–26 after a season away while training to become a firefighter. Home club is the Windsor Royals.

Aaron Whitefield

Position: OF | **Club:** Melbourne Aces | **Age:** 28 | Australian Club: Essendon (VIC)

One of Australia's Major Leaguers, Whitefield appeared in MLB with the Minnesota Twins and Los Angeles Angels. A former elite softball player, he switched to baseball at 18 and debuted at the World Baseball Classic as a teenager. A two-time ABL MVP and two-time Claxton Shield champion with Brisbane, he is the league's all-time stolen base leader (99). Hit .348 across 37 games in the 2024–25 ABL season. Played with the Aces, including time in the Korean Fall League. Originally from Queensland, now plays club baseball with Essendon.

Tim Kennelly

Position: OF | **Club:** Perth Heat | **Age:** 39 | Australian Club: Braves (WA)

Widely regarded as the greatest player in ABL history, Kennelly is the modern league's all-time leader in hits, home runs, RBI, runs and games played. A three-time MVP and seven-time Claxton Shield champion, he has defined an era of Australian baseball. Announced his retirement following the 2025–26 season, making this World Baseball Classic the final chapter of his playing career. Turned professional in 2005 and reached Triple-A during a nine-year minor league career. His home club is the Braves in Western Australia.

Ulrich Bojarski

Position: OF | **Club:** Melbourne Aces | **Age:** 27 | Australian Club: Frankston (VIC)



Returns for his second World Baseball Classic after five seasons in the Detroit Tigers' minor league system. A Western Australian with extensive ABL experience, Bojarski owns a .281 career ABL batting average and helped Perth reach four consecutive Championship Series. Moved to Melbourne for the 2025–26 season, playing with the Aces and competing in the Korean Fall League. Delivered a key home run for Australia at the 2024 WBSC Premier12. Home club is the Morley Eagles.

Max Durrington

Position: UTIL | **Club:** Athletics / Brisbane Bandits | **Age:** 19 | Australian Club: Surfers Paradise (QLD)

The youngest member of Team Australia, Durrington recently completed his first full professional season in the Athletics organisation with Stockton, batting .225. Also finished his second ABL season with the Brisbane Bandits. Known for his speed and defensive versatility across the infield and outfield. Son of former Major Leaguer and Team Australia representative Trent Durrington, making them the first father–son duo to represent Australia at a World Baseball Classic. Home club is Surfers Paradise.

Chris Burke

Position: UTL | **Club:** Melbourne Aces | **Age:** 24 | Australian Club: Malvern Braves (VIC)

Makes his senior Team Australia debut after captaining the U-23 national team at the 2024 U-23 World Cup. Spent three seasons in the minor leagues with the Philadelphia Phillies and Kansas City Royals and has seven ABL seasons to his name. Won the batting title at the 2022 U-23 World Cup under Dave Nilsson. Hit .283 in the 2024–25 ABL season while playing multiple outfield positions and also brings catching experience. Played in the Korean Fall League with the Aces in 2025. Junior club is Malvern.



Robbie Glendinning

Position: UTIL | **Club:** Adelaide Giants / Kansas City Monarchs | **Age:** 30 Australian
Club: Wanneroo Giants

Returns for his second World Baseball Classic after making a major impact in 2023, highlighted by a clutch three-run home run against Korea that helped Australia reach the quarterfinals for the first time. Owns a career .309 ABL batting average, ranking fourth all-time in the modern era and first among Australian players. Captured his maiden ABL championship with the Adelaide Giants. An American Association All-Star with Kansas City in 2025 after hitting 18 home runs with 71 RBI in 87 games. Spent five seasons in the minors, reaching Triple-A.

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PITCHERS - BIOS

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Ky Hampton

Position: RHP | **Club:** Adelaide Giants | **Age:** 25 | Australian Club: Sturt (SA)

Makes his senior national team debut after emerging as one of the ABL's premier high-leverage relief arms. Has won two championships in the past three seasons with the Adelaide Giants and was the go-to option in key moments of the 2025–26 Championship Series. Posted a 2.70 ERA across 13.1 innings last season. A graduate of Eastern Illinois University (2021–23), he has represented Australia at the U-18 World Cup and the 2023 Asia Professional Baseball Championships. Pitches locally for Sturt in the South Australian Baseball League.

Josh Hendrickson

Position: LHP | **Club:** Adelaide Giants / Kansas City Monarchs | **Age:** 28 Australian Club: South Perth

Set to make his first World Baseball Classic appearance following a strong professional career. Originally from Western Australia and now based in the United States, he spent four seasons in the minor leagues, reaching Triple-A with the Philadelphia Phillies. Underwent major shoulder reconstruction in 2023 before returning in 2025 with the Kansas City Monarchs of the American Association, establishing himself as one of the league's most reliable pitchers. Returned to the ABL late in the 2025–26 season and started Game 3 of the Claxton Shield Championship Series for the Adelaide Giants.

Kieren Hall

Position: RHP | **Club:** Perth Heat | **Age:** 24 | Australian Club: Morley Eagles (WA)



Will make his senior Team Australia and World Baseball Classic debut. Returned from an NCAA career at the University of Evansville in 2023 and broke out during the 2024–25 ABL season as one of the league’s most reliable bullpen arms, posting a 3.44 ERA. Was stretched into a starting role in 2025 but is expected to return to relief duties in Tokyo. Also impressed for Australia at the 2024 U-23 World Cup. Local club is the Morley Eagles.

Sam Holland

Position: RHP | **Club:** Brisbane Bandits | **Age:** 31 | Australian Club: Redcliffe (QLD)

Appears in his second World Baseball Classic and is widely regarded as one of the great pitchers of the Australian Baseball League era. A key figure in Brisbane’s four consecutive Claxton Shield championships from 2015–2019. Owns a 3.89 career ERA across 11 ABL seasons and ranks second all-time in modern ABL history in games played. Has emerged as a leader for Team Australia at recent WBSC Premier12 tournaments and World Baseball Classics. Home club is the Redcliffe Padres.

Jon Kennedy

Position: LHP | **Club:** Brisbane Bandits | **Age:** 31 | Australian Club: Malvern Braves (VIC)

Returns for his third World Baseball Classic as one of Australia’s most reliable arms. A three-time Claxton Shield champion, winning titles with Melbourne (twice) and Canberra, while thriving in multiple roles as both a starter and reliever. Debuted in the ABL as a teenager and brings more than a decade of professional experience, including four seasons in affiliated minor league baseball, reaching Triple-A in the Atlanta Braves organisation. Posted a 3.09 ERA across 186.1 minor league innings and remains a dependable, adaptable option on the international stage.



Connor MacDonald

Position: RHP | **Club:** Brisbane Bandits | **Age:** 29 | Australian Club: Windsor Royals (QLD)

Will make his senior Team Australia and World Baseball Classic debut. Originally signed as a hitter, he spent four seasons in the Houston Astros organisation from 2014–2018 before converting to pitching full-time in 2023. Enjoyed a breakout 2024–25 ABL season with Brisbane, posting a 2.68 ERA across 50.1 innings. Owns a 4.57 career ERA across four full ABL seasons as a pitcher, primarily working as a starter. Local club is the Windsor Royals.

Cooper Morgan

Position: LHP | **Club:** Adelaide Giants | **Age:** 28 | Australian Club: West Torrens (SA)

Breaks into his first senior Team Australia squad following a stellar ABL season. Named 2025–26 ABL Relief Pitcher of the Year after posting a 2.70 ERA with 30 strikeouts in 23.1 innings out of the bullpen. A Claxton Shield champion and nominee for ABL Rookie of the Year. Enjoyed a standout collegiate career with the University of the Cumberlands (NAIA), twice reaching the NAIA World Series. Also pitched key innings for Australia at the 2024 U-23 World Cup. Originally from Canberra, he plays club baseball with West Torrens.

Mitch Neunborn

Position: RHP | **Club:** Philadelphia Phillies | **Age:** 28 | Australian Club: West Torrens (SA)

Saw his professional career accelerated following the 2023 World Baseball Classic, delivering key performances in wins over Korea and Czechia before signing with the Philadelphia Phillies. Has since advanced to Triple-A and pitched in the Arizona Fall League, a competition reserved for top prospects. Owns a 4.49 ERA across 77 minor



league appearances since 2023. A member of the Adelaide Giants in the ABL, he is originally from Western Australia and plays club baseball with West Torrens.

Jack O'Loughlin

Position: LHP | **Club:** Adelaide Giants | **Age:** 25 | Australian Club: Port Adelaide (SA)

Australia's most recent Major League player, debuting with the Athletics on May 24, 2024. A two-time Claxton Shield champion who helped end long-standing South Australian championship droughts across multiple age groups. Pitched seven professional seasons with the Detroit Tigers, Athletics and Colorado Rockies. Finalist for the 2025–26 ABL Pitcher of the Year, highlighted by a dominant Game 1 of the Championship Series in which he retired 16 consecutive batters. Home club is the Port Adelaide Magpies, having started at Playford City Baseball Club.

Warwick Saupold

Position: RHP | **Club:** Perth Heat | **Age:** 36 | Australian Club: South Perth (WA)

Pitches in his fourth World Baseball Classic after an extensive international career. Brings three seasons of Major League experience with the Detroit Tigers and two seasons in the KBO with the Hanwha Eagles. Coming off a strong ABL season in which he shared the Relief Pitcher of the Year Award, posting a 3.22 ERA while being used in high-leverage situations. Owns 14 professional seasons and remains deeply involved at the grassroots level, pitching locally for South Perth Baseball Club.



Blake Townsend

Position: LHP | **Club:** Texas Rangers / Adelaide Giants | **Age:** 24 | Club: Tralalgon (VIC)

Returns for his second World Baseball Classic with six seasons of minor league experience, spending time in the Seattle Mariners and Pittsburgh Pirates organisations and reaching Triple-A with both. Enjoyed his best professional season in 2025, posting a 1.76 ERA across 92.0 innings over three levels. Pitches in the ABL with the Adelaide Giants.

Todd Van Steensel

Position: RHP | **Club:** Adelaide Giants | **Age:** 35 | Australian Club: Sturt (SA)

Set to make his third World Baseball Classic appearance and has been a mainstay of the national team for nearly 15 years. The all-time modern ABL saves leader (50) and a key piece of Adelaide's three championships in the past four seasons. Brings 16 seasons of professional experience, including seven in the minor leagues and time in Mexico, Europe and Venezuela. Pitches locally for Sturt and serves as a pitching coach for junior baseballers in Adelaide.

Alexander Wells

Position: LHP | **Club:** Sydney Blue Sox | **Age:** 28 | Australian Club: Baulkham Hills (NSW)

One of Australia's Major Leaguers, pitching at a senior international tournament for the first time. Appeared in MLB with the Baltimore Orioles and spent six seasons in the minor leagues. Returned to professional baseball with the Sydney Blue Sox and dominated the ABL, posting a 1.55 ERA across 58.0 innings to win both the Pitching Award and League MVP (Helms Award). Has walked just 18 batters in 108.0 innings since returning. From Newcastle, with twin brother Lachlan also representing Australia.



Lachlan Wells

Position: LHP | **Club:** LG Twins / Adelaide Giants | **Age:** 28

Returns to the World Baseball Classic for the first time since 2017. Signed as an import player with the LG Twins, the reigning Korean Series champions, for the 2026 season after pitching as an injury replacement with the Kiwoom Heroes in 2025. Spent four seasons in the Minnesota Twins' minor league system. Returned to professional baseball with the Adelaide Giants, delivering a dominant ABL season that earned both League MVP (Helms Award) and Pitching Award honours. Originally from Newcastle.

Coen Wynne

Position: RHP | **Club:** Sydney Blue Sox | **Age:** 27 | Australian Club: Baulkham Hills (NSW)

Returns for his second World Baseball Classic after memorably joining the 2023 squad as an emergency replacement and pitching the following day in a must-win game against China. Spent time with the LG Twins in the KBO and has become a key arm for the Sydney Blue Sox over the past four ABL seasons, capable of starting games and working in high-leverage relief roles.



ROSTER AT A GLANCE: NUMBERS

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- 17 players return from the 2023 World Baseball Classic side (9 positional, 8 pitchers)
- 13 players aged 26 or under
- 12 players to make their World Baseball Classic debut;
- 5 players have MLB experience: Curtis Mead, Alexander Wells, Warwick Saupold, Jack O'Loughlin and Aaron Whitefield
- 29 have played in the ABL in the last two seasons;
- 7 players are affiliated with an MLB or KBO team;
- Four players have KBO experience: Lachlan Wells, Coen Wynne, Warwick Saupold and Jarryd Dale
- 10 players make their senior Team Australia tournament debut: Edwards, Mead, Callil, Durrington, Burke, Hampton, Hendrickson, K. Hall, MacDonald, A.Wells



BASEBALL IN AUSTRALIA - MEDIA FACT SHEET

Growing the Game Nationwide: Baseball is growing, with more than 34,000 participants recorded last year and participation rising by approximately 11% between July 2023 and July 2025. The sport continues to expand across grassroots, high-performance, and professional pathways.

Olympic Ambition: Baseball Australia is working closely with Softball Australia and the World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) to advocate for baseball and softball's inclusion at the 2032 Brisbane Olympic Games, reinforcing the nation's commitment to international competition.

Proven Player Pathways: Many Team Australia representatives progress through a structured national pathway, beginning at U12 events within the WBSC International Tournament Cycle and advancing through junior national teams to the World Baseball Classic (WBC).

Global Success and International Standing

- Historic achievements include winning the 1999 Intercontinental Cup and earning a silver medal at the 2004 Athens Olympic Games.
- Australia finished fifth at the 2023 World Baseball Classic (quarter finals)
- Australia finished seventh at the 2024 Premier12
- Australia is ranked 11th in the world on the WBSC Rankings

Australians on the World Stage

- 38 Australians have played in Major League Baseball, including three MLB All-Stars.
- More than 30 Australians are currently playing professional baseball in the United States.
- Over 100 Australians are competing in college baseball programs across the U.S.

Australian Baseball League (ABL)

Recognised as one of the premier winter leagues globally, the ABL has served as a launchpad for elite talent. Across 24 seasons, 165 players have progressed from the



league to Major League Baseball, including 13 All-Stars and an MLB Most Valuable Player. Many other players have progressed to success in Japanese and Korean Major Leagues.

Women's National Team Success

Australia's women's national baseball team has earned two World Cup medals, including silver in 2010, demonstrating the strength of the women's program.

Little League Leadership

Australia is home to the world's first national Little League Girls competition, highlighting the sport's commitment to accessibility and growth.

The country also fields teams in four Little League World Series pathways:

- Little League (U13)
- Intermediate League (U14)
- Junior League (U15)
- Senior League (U17)

Government Recognition

Baseball Australia was a recipient of a 2024 Play Well Grant from the Australian Sports Commission, supporting initiatives designed to increase participation and improve sporting environments nationwide.