

Baseball Selection Criteria 2026

1. Program Overview

The Barwon Sports Academy (BSA), in partnership with Geelong Baycats, offers membership for selected male and female baseball athletes to join the Academy program in 2026. The program supports athlete development pathways toward State and National representation, as well as potential collegiate or professional opportunities.

2. Eligibility Criteria

- Age: 13–16 years in 2026 (exceptions may apply beyond 16 at the discretion of the panel)
 - Club/association membership: Must be a member of Geelong Baycats Baseball Club
 - Must reside in Barwon Region
 - Commitment: Demonstrate a positive attitude towards training and playing, and a commitment to improving as a player
 - Other sport-specific requirements: Aspirational goals for higher-level baseball participation; participation in relevant educational sessions as detailed by BSA
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3. Selection Criteria

- Membership with Geelong Baycats Baseball Club and demonstration of performance standards
 - Attitude, coachability, leadership, and aspiration toward State, National, or professional pathways
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4. Application Process

- Apply via: Application link on BSA Website
 - Application deadlines: Monday, 24th November 2025
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5. Selection Process

- Selection panel: BSA Program Manager, Baseball coaches, and Geelong Baycats representatives
 - Trials / talent ID: Panel will review applications and recommendations
 - Notification of successful / unsuccessful applicants: Applicants notified via email and will include induction details for 2026
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6. Membership & Induction

- Membership fees \$420 for full membership
 - Induction: 1st Year Athletes Induction Monday 2nd February and Returning Athletes Induction Wednesday 4th February 2026
 - Athlete responsibilities: Must complete athlete forms and contract (this includes Code of Conduct) as well as complete membership payment by the end of February
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7. Key Dates

Date	Event
24/11/25	Application closes
02/02/26	1 st Year Athlete Induction Evening
04/02/26	Returning Athlete Induction Evening

8. Contact Information

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