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## CARINA TO HOST SCHOOL HOLIDAY BASEBALL CAMP

Carina Red Sox are holding a 3 day September holiday program for 5-12 year olds. The program will run on September 23-25 at Carina. Club coaching director Chris Norrie will be running the program.

The program is open to all players and is a great way for kids to get some extra baseball in before the start of club season. Cost is 120 for the 3 days or \$60 for any single day.

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## NATE MILEVSKIY APPOINTED NEW METRO RDC

Brisbane Metro Baseball is excited to announce the appointment of Nate Milevskiy (Mil-lev-skee) as its Regional Director of Coaching. Nate joins Metro after four years as RDC for Sunshine Coast Hockey Association where he oversaw junior athlete development pathways including training, mentoring and player database management as well as coach-the-coach programs and representative team scouting, selection and management. He also coached men's and women's hockey teams to local, state and national championships and was a hockey video analyst for the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

Nate's baseball background includes growing up playing in the Cairns youth program before moving on to play high school baseball in the USA on a scholarship. He played Division II collegiate baseball in New Hampshire until a knee injury ended his collegiate baseball career prematurely. Since then, his focus has been on coaching and developing youth and adult athletes in baseball and hockey in the United States and Australia, including establishment of new leagues and programs.

"I'm excited to get back into my love of baseball. I have spent years in a similar role with hockey, however baseball was always my love," Milevskiy stated.

"Nate has extensive experience as an RDC working with development of coaches, defining player pathways, giving feedback and setting expectations as well as implementing development programs from the grassroots level up. He brings a fresh outlook to the Region," said Brisbane Metro Recruitment Committee member Glenys Sutherland. Metro



Vice President Jim Strachan adds, "To have someone who's successfully done the job of RDC in a major Australian sport and knows the ins, outs, pitfalls and opportunities is invaluable. We are on the same page in terms of priorities such as creating organisation-wide development programs and putting a focus on fielding winning teams and building character in the players and coaches at the same time."

In his new role, Milevskiy will have a wide array of responsibilities including helping to select and coordinate Metro representative coaches and teams, working with clubs to develop coach development plans and pathways, supporting the development and implementation of player development programs and working with BQ and Metro clubs to ensure consistent pathways and development programs.



## IMPORTANT LINKS

(Click the listings)

- [BrisbaneMetroBaseball.com](http://BrisbaneMetroBaseball.com)
- [Baseball Queensland Player Transfer Policy](#)
- [Baseball Queensland Schedule](#)
- [Carina Holiday Baseball Camp](#)
- [Metro Events Calendar](#) (coming soon)
- [Coaches call for EOI](#)
- [Club Websites:](#)  
All Stars | Carina | Pine Hills | Windsor
- [Field Locations](#)



## METRO'S ROMERO SELECTED TO U12 WORLD CUP TEAM

The U12 Baseball World Cup wrapped up in early August. This year it was played in Taiwan at their new purpose-built 8,000 youth baseball facility. Head coach Brian Murphy took a big team of 18 players including Brisbane Metro's own Rubens Romero.

Rubens is a long-time Metro member, having played on three straight Division 1 Little League teams. Last year Rubens was the starting pitcher for the Metro Little League Division 1 team. His strong pitching, glove and ability to make solid contact made him an easy choice for the Australian team. This is an invaluable experience for Rubens and will keep him on the radar for national selection as he moves through the system.

The Romero's are an active Metro family. Rubens' older brother Raul is currently on the Metro U16 team and also a veteran of multiple Division 1 Metro teams over his young playing career. Mother and Father, Georgina and Reinaldo, are mainstays at trainings and games. Both have generously given their time and effort to assist with tournaments and fundraising over the years.

Congratulation to the whole Romero family from the Metro Region.

Links:

[Rubens' Baseball World Cup Page](#)

[World Cup Baseball Tournament Page](#)

## NEW ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR APPOINTED

The Brisbane Metro Baseball Committee is proud to announce the appointment of Sonia Crowhurst as Administrator Coordinator for the region. This newly created role is a paid position for Brisbane Metro and is given to a suitable person with baseball connections within the region. The role is 12 months with a mutual option for a further 12 months.

Sonia has a strong back ground in administration and has been involved with committees in other youth sports around Brisbane. She started her role in August and will focus on getting our systems, communication, calendars

and fundraising activities off the ground as an early priority.

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If you want to submit something for our newsletter, please do not hesitate to email Sonia on

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## METRO LITTLE LEAGUERS SHINE IN PILOT BQ U13 PROGRAM

This winter, several Metro Region players participated in a pilot seven-week U13 Athlete Development Program conducted by Baseball Queensland. Players from all four Metro clubs played Sunday afternoon doubleheaders with modified rules to increase pace of play. Mixed into four teams with peers from Brisbane North, Brisbane South and Brisbane West, the players have had a chance to make new friends, develop skills in a low-pressure environment (didn't keep score) and tune up for the coming GBL Club season. BQ will assess the feedback on the 2019 U13 ADP and explore offering or expanding it next year.



Photos courtesy of Rob Moellers

# LITTLE LEAGUE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM STARTS IN OCT

All players of Little League age from the Brisbane Metro region are invited to participate in the inaugural Little League Development Program. This seven-week, Saturday afternoon program will focus on skills-development and will cover areas such as baserunning, pitching, situational hitting and much more. More information on the program and registration details will be announced via Facebook, the Metro website and other outlets soon.

## CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: 2020 REPRESENTATIVE COACHES

Online registration to nominate as a Head Coach or Assistant Coach for Little League, Junior League, Senior League, Open Women's and Youth Women's State Titles, Div 1 and Div 2 Open State Titles are now open. Nominations will close Sunday, 29 September 2019 at 5pm.

Visit [brisbanemetrobasketball.com](http://brisbanemetrobasketball.com) for more information and to nominate.

## GBL OFFERS POSSIBLE THIRD DIVISION FOR THIS SEASON

GBL has put forward the opportunity for clubs to submit teams in a third "Division 3" LL division for the 2019/2020 season. The new division would be called "Maroons" and would slot in between the current "Bandits" and "Rams" divisions to create three levels of baseball. It's up to the clubs to submit teams so it remains to be seen if this third division eventuates.

# FROM THE COMMITTEE

The new Brisbane Metro Baseball Committee was elected by the clubs in June this year. There are a few new faces on the team including Glenys Sutherland (General Committee), Jess Huntley (Uniform Coordinator), Kylie Sakzewski (General Committee), Jim Strachan (Vice President) and Morley Foster (President). While the team continues to enjoy the efforts of all the members of last year's committee we still want to thank everyone for their hard work.

The new team is in the process of finding its feet and setting a direction. Early activities include the recruitment of Nate Milevskiy as the Regional Director of Coaching (RDC). Nate has a wealth of experience in baseball and has been appointed to similar roles in hockey. Early focus for Nate will be to familiarise himself with the clubs and to get the coaches for metro

teams appointed as soon as possible. The Board has also appointed Sonia Crowhurst to the Administrative Coordinator role to assist the region in developing processes and building up its fundraising opportunities, amongst other activities.

The region is in the process of defining its ambitions and understanding how to best work with the clubs. In the near future we want to announce some goals that align with the strategic plans of the clubs, the region and BQ. We are seeking feedback from any interested parties on where, and how, we should be focusing our efforts. If you have any ideas, or would like to discuss any aspect of the region please get in touch via email on: [brisbanemetrobasketball@gmail.com](mailto:brisbanemetrobasketball@gmail.com)

We are looking forward to a great year of baseball!

## FIELD WORK PROGRESSES AT CARINA, PINE HILLS

New fields and upgrades at two Metro clubs are well underway. Pine Hills has started work on a new Little League field, a second larger field with lights and upgrades to the infield on the existing main field. Carina has redone the infield on their main field as well as several other projects around the complex. All of these are exciting developments as they promise more and better baseball experiences at all levels across the region.

