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## **BASKETBALL UPDATE 3 APRIL 2020**

### **BASKETBALL SUSPENDED IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

### **NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID19)**

We would like to re-assure the Basketball WA community that we are closely monitoring the updates regarding the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) from both the Federal and State Government, as well as Basketball Australia, the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries and Sport Australia to assess the current situation of the Coronavirus and its impact on local sporting activities.

As you are no doubt aware from Monday 23 March, indoor sport venues have been closed until further notice. The government has also allowed exercise to continue in groups of no more than two.

Please note that the Basketball WA office is now closed to the public. Any questions you have can be directed via email as per usual. However, all staff will be on leave from Thursday April 9 to Monday April 27 inclusive. Please be patient with any enquiries during this time and we thank you for your understanding.

We understand that basketball is a large part of many people's lives, and we remain focused on how we can remain socially connected during this time and how we can ensure that we are all in a position to start up basketball when the time is right.

At this stage, Basketball Western Australia has decided to suspend all sanctioned activities, programs and events until May 29. We have been listening to the queries of the public and our community and offer the following clarifications below:

#### **DOMESTIC COMPETITIONS AND TRAINING**

Domestic competitions and basketball activities should be suspended until May 29. Updated information will be provided at the end of April.

#### **SBL COMPETITION**

The SBL 2020 season remains postponed until the weekend of 29 May 2020. The BWA Board and the SBL Commission will review prior to the end of April whether the competition can continue in any format, structure and under what rules.

#### **DIVISION 1 COMPETITION**

The Division 1 Competition remains postponed until the weekend of 29 May 2020.

#### **WABL COMPETITION**

The WABL competition has now been postponed until May 29. We will work with associations to review this at the end April. We do believe that a WABL competition can be held in 2020 but it may not look exactly as it has the past few years. We will do everything we can to work with associations to make this happen.

#### **PMBL**

PMBL is suspended until May 29. Updated information will be provided in coming weeks.

## **BWA HIGH PERFORMANCE/DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS**

All BWA High Performance and Development programs (ie FDP, ETP and Hotshots) are postponed until May 29 with regular updates to be provided.

## **AUSSIE HOOPS**

Term 2 Registrations will not occur.

## **FACE TO FACE EDUCATION SESSIONS**

Any face-to-face education session, is suspended until May 29. We are putting coaching and officiating courses online.

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