MEDIA ALERT FRIDAY 7th MAY 2021



ANNOUNCEMENT - RETURN TO PLAY - NBL1 WEST, WABL and Domestic Basketball in the Perth and Peel Region

The Government has confirmed that it will no longer be necessary for people to wear masks in the Perth and Peel region for the period from 12.01 am Saturday 8th May to 12.01am Saturday 15th May except at events with more than 1000 people.

Basketball WA have worked closely with stakeholders this week to ensure 30,000 players have the ability to play basketball. We are pleased that these restrictions will allow basketball to be played, noting that we will need to ensure no more than 1000 people attend NBL1 West games this weekend.

WABL: Round 3 of WABL will proceed as fixtured with all venues able to be used at normal capacity. The Government has permitted community sport to be played this week without any restrictions.

NBL1 West: Round 4 will proceed. Please note that the 2 fixtures originally fixtured for Friday 7th may have been rescheduled to Saturday 8th May (Mandurah Magic v Cockburn Cougars) and Sunday 9th May (South West Slammers v Rockingham Flames).

Please be aware that if you are attending a multi-sport venue as a spectator, the number of people in the venue may reach over 1,000. As such, we ask that you take a mask with you as you may be required to wear it while spectating at certain time.

This upcoming weekend is PINK Round across both NBL1 West and WABL, where all Associations and clubs are raising funds for the Breast Cancer Network of Australia. There will be a range of activations across social media, highlighting the importance of this round, and we ask all our stakeholders, community members, players and fans to help us support this cause.

You can donate to the fundraising efforts here - https://pinksportsday.bcna.org.au/my-fundraising/63/basketball-wa--nbl-1-west-and-wabl

We will continue to follow the WA Government guidelines at all times to help ensure a safe environment for all of our members.

- If you are unwell, please get tested at one of the COVID WA Clinics.
- Do not attend basketball training or competitions if you have a fever, sore throat, cough, or shortness of breath. Please seek medical advice and get tested.
- Wash your hands regularly.
- Ensure you bring a towel and labelled water bottle to games and training. Avoid sharing food and beverages.
- Wipe down score benches & team benches in between games.
- Venues will continue to be required to maintain a contact register for patrons. This is a shared responsibility between venues and patrons, and penalties may apply for failing to comply.

Our community's safety and health are a priority, so we will continue to follow the latest guidelines and requirements.

WA COVID Updates: www.wa.gov.au

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