



Good afternoon,

The DVBA Board met yesterday in relation to the Associations' potential return to sport. You will all fully appreciate that any return to Junior Domestic Competitions is dependent on what is permitted by the Victorian Government and, in turn, sanctioned by Basketball Victoria. We are thrilled with the Premier's announcement of the easing of restrictions in Metropolitan Melbourne, however, we have no further advice from Basketball Victoria regarding a return to sport, at this time.

The Board held a lengthy and detailed discussion, with advice provided by the Association's Accountant, and the decision was reached that Junior Domestic Competitions will resume, as a continuation of Season 2020, as soon as is permitted. As previously discussed with clubs, a return will include Regular Season games only, not Finals Matches. If a resumption of play is possible, Season 2020 will conclude on 20 December 2020. **If play is unable to recommence before the end of November, further information will be provided citing a return through programs as sanctioned at that time.**

It was also decided that registrations for the Autumn Season 2021 will open shortly, via PlayHQ. Matt Stewart will be in further contact, very soon, in relation to the exact opening date of registrations and the associated deadlines. We appreciate that clubs will have members who are still uncertain about moving forward and making plans for a new season, however, it has been deemed the best course of action under the current circumstances and we wish to allow clubs as much time as possible to manage the registration period.

The Board wishes to stress that all decisions being made in relation to a return to basketball are based on maintaining the financial viability of the Association and supporting our members. Please note that the team registration fees, paid by clubs prior to the commencement of the Autumn 2020 Season, have been disbursed by the DVBA to pay non-refundable Basketball Victoria licence fees for players, along with other administrative costs already incurred in the management of the competitions.

In light of the missed playing time this year, we are also currently strategizing to potentially adjust the highest age groups' cut off limits, thus allowing clubs' top age players the option of continuing in the sport, rather than aging out during COVID. We will provide more details regarding this as soon as possible, so that you can advise your members.

Many thanks for your continued support. We hope that good news is imminent regarding a return to basketball for our children.



If you've any questions please get in contact with me via email (braden@dvbasketball.com.au) or by phone (0419 881 326).

Kind regards,

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