

## Return to Basketball

1 June 2020

Dear Wests members and families,

Thank you for your patience during these uncertain times. I hope you are all coping and in good health. We now have a pathway to return to competition next term and this letter outlines the steps Basketball Australia, Basketball ACT and Wests are taking, to get back on the court.

### Return to play

Basketball Australia (BA), along with all other National Sporting Organisations (NSO's) have been working with the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) on a framework for rebooting sport. BA have indicated to all state associations that the revised date for all basketball programs, competitions and events will align with Phase 2 and Phase 3 of the State and Territory COVID-19 public health advice.

From midnight 29th May 2020, the ACT entered Phase 2 of recommencement to community sporting activity. This includes re-activating indoor sporting activities and venues, whilst also increasing the allowable number of people in a small group to a maximum of 20 persons (participants/ players plus a coach).

Phase 2 will focus on "Get In, Train, Get Out", supporting social participation, training, activities within small groups and with continuing emphasis on physical distancing, personal and respiratory hygiene. Under Phase 2 any physical contact, sharing of equipment and the use of communal facilities continues to be discouraged. If equipment needs to be shared it will require proper cleaning and disinfecting during and between sessions. General hygiene and physical distancing principles will continue to apply.

### 2020 Winter Season

The following table outlines BACTs anticipated return to competitions from mid-July. Please note when your individual player registrations are due:

Competition	Start Date	Format	Notes	Nominations Close	Player rego due
Senior Social	Week of 13 July	10 week season + 2 weeks of finals	Grand Finals – early October	26 June 2020	23 June 2020
Senior Premier	15 and 16 July	18 week season + 3 weeks of finals	Grand Finals – early December	19 June 2020	16 June 2020
Juniors	Weekend of 24-26 July	16 week season + 2 weeks of finals	Grand Finals – mid December	3 July 2020	30 June 2020

## Player Registrations

Wests are now taking registrations online via Sports TG for the 2020 Winter season. You will be contacted by the Club or your coach this week to register your interest and will be provided a registration link. Payment of individual registration and playing fees are required at the time of registering, however, payment plans are available. Please contact the Registrar to arrange: [westsregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:westsregistrar@gmail.com)

## Player Fees

BACT have provided the Clubs with the team fee structure for the 2020 winter season. Please note that whilst refunds were not available to Clubs for the 2 weeks of the 2019/20 Summer season that were unable to be played due to Covid-19, the Winter 2020 season has been extended by two weeks.

Please keep in mind the season timeframes may change due to the uncertainty of communal spread and infection rates. The Club will work with BACT regarding any refunds should the season cease abruptly.

Wests is cognisant of the impact Covid-19 is having on families and the community. We have assessed the Clubs financial position and we are pleased to be able to reduce the Winter 2020 season fees by \$50 per player, across both juniors and seniors. The fundraising efforts of the Committee and our extraordinary volunteers have made this possible for our members.

Wests will also remain open and respondent to any players or families who are unable to play throughout the season should a diagnosis of Covid19 be made. We ask families to be reasonable in their approach to requesting refunds. The Club is not able to refund fees for players unable to play or train due to symptoms of the common cold or other ailments. We request that all players actively restrict themselves from training or games should symptoms develop, for the safety of the community.

## Juniors U10 to U19s

Age Group	U10s	U12 – U19 Division 1	U12 – U19 Division 2 - 6	Development in higher Division
Fee per player*	\$210	\$290	\$260	\$50
Sibling discount	\$50 discount for each sibling after first full paying player. This will be reimbursed at the end of the season.			

## Seniors

Age Group	Seniors Prem 1	Seniors Prem 2	Social teams	Junior into senior development subsidy
Fee per player*	\$325	\$300	TBA	(\$150)

*\*The fees stated above do not include the BACT Individual Registration of \$52.00 which must be paid at the time of online registration on Sports TG.*

## Age Groups

The age groups for the 2020 winter season will remain the same as follows:

Age Group	U10	U12	U14	U16	U19
Year Born	2011/12	2009/10	2007/08	2005/06	2002/03/04

BACT have released a series of FAQ's regarding the health situation of COVID-19 on their website which can be found here: <http://www.basketballact.com.au/faq-covid-19/>

## Training:

Wests have been advised that training venue bookings will be made available in line with advice from the Departments of Health and Education. We anticipate school hall venues will be made available for the Club to use towards the end of Term 2, however some schools have indicated training may resume within the next two weeks.

The Club will aim to secure training times and venues as per last season; however, this cannot be guaranteed, and your understanding and flexibility is appreciated. The Club will advise coaches and players the training requirements and measures that must be adhered to, specific for each training venue.

The following overarching training principles will apply:

- Maximum of 20 players plus a coach in the approved area
- No direct physical contact between players/ coaches, no one-on-one or scrimmaging, no contested drills
- Players and coaches to wash hands or use hand sanitiser at the start and finish of every session
- Coaches to clean balls and shared equipment with sanitiser or disinfectant at the beginning and regularly during the session
- Only one supervising adult per minor allowed within the approved area, and who must adhere to social distancing of 1.5 metres and all entry/ exit directives
- Spectators are discouraged to minimise numbers in the area where possible
- Coaches must record attendance records for each session
- Players are encouraged to shower before attending training, and after training when you return home
- No sharing drinks or food/ no use of water fountains or facilities where possible
- If you are feeling unwell, you must not attend training
- If you are late to the allotted training time for the Club, you will not be permitted to enter (Belconnen Basketball stadium)
- Coach/ team manager must complete the Covid-19 infectious control training before team training sessions can be held (Wests will advise coaches/ managers).

**Communication and advice**

Wests will provide updates to our members as information comes to hand. Please also check the Basketball ACT website for further updates about higher performance activities. The Committee again thanks you for your understanding, flexibility and patience through this changing environment.