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To the Albury Basketball Community

Following ongoing consultation with the NSW Government and the AIS, Basketball NSW has provided detailed "Return to Sport Guidelines" detailing how we will perform a staged reintroduction to basketball as the broader community restrictions are gradually eased.

The Albury Basketball Association (ABA) will be working with stadium management to discuss the implementation of these guidelines at Lauren Jackson Sports Centre.

Ongoing and current updates can be found on the BNSW website at <https://www.bnsw.com.au/covid-19/>

Under the Guidelines distributed by BNSW we are currently at "RED-10", meaning that training only (no games) can resume if:

You keep your distance while performing the activity (at least 1.5 metres apart)

You are not doing your activities indoors and they are not competitive (team vs team)

You can do them with a maximum of 10 people (this figure includes coaching staff)

No sharing of basketballs

There are no spectators. Maximum of 1 parent per player and all parents must maintain a significant distance away from the players, and each other, at all times

At this time, Lauren Jackson Sports Centre remains closed and under the current restrictions it is not possible for the ABA to return to organised activities, programs or competitions.

For domestic training, each club will make their own determination whether to resume training, based on the above guidelines and whether outdoor training courts are available or they may choose to engage in other fitness training.

Representative teams are permitted to organise their own training, but must abide by the above guidelines, plus:

To be covered by insurance, players must have paid the BNSW registration fee.

The Coach of any team intending to train must notify ABA in advance by emailing admin@alburybasketball.com.au In the email please include:

Which team

When and where you will be training

In addition to this any team training must keep a register of attendees. This will need to include:

Name

Contact mobile

Notes on athlete condition if you suspect they may be carrying an illness. Note: If you suspect an illness the athlete must not train and be asked to return home.

All activities at the current time should all be considered optional/non-compulsory. A gradual reintroduction to activity is recommended to minimise injury.

While this provides an opportunity for us to get back into participating in basketball outside of our home environment, Basketball NSW and the ABA want to emphasise that how we all collectively act in the coming weeks will directly affect the health of our community and our sports ability to return to more regular indoor activity in the future. We are being provided an opportunity to enjoy a level of sport and exercise outdoors in the short term, but we must not compromise safety, nor the reputation of our sport at this vitally important time.

The ABA will be in close consultation with Lauren Jackson Sports Centre about how this will be managed and what activities we will be able to run in the future.

We continue to encourage you to continue to look after your friends and family and we hope to be back on court soon.

Kind regards,

Albury Basketball Association Board