

29th June 2020

IMPORTANT NOTICE

To the Albury Basketball Community

Planning for the resumption of competition is really ramping up now and Albury Basketball Association wants to provide ongoing regular communication.

The Albury Basketball Board has put a motion and endorsed a recommencement date of the week beginning **3rd August 2020**. There are however certain factors that need to be taken into consideration.

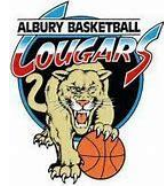
- The re-start of basketball in Albury is dependent on the restrictions that are in place by Lauren Jackson Sports Centre Management at the time.
- All planning currently being undertaken by the Board is based on having 5 courts available for competition. We are optimistic that if restrictions in NSW continue to be eased, we will be in a position to recommence in August with all courts available.
- The Board motioned and endorsed not recommencing competition without 5 courts being available.
- A meeting has been called for the week commencing 29th June to meet with club Presidents to outline what will be required moving forward.

The Albury Basketball Board asks the entire Basketball community to be mindful of the following:

- Sport in Australia has not experienced a situation like the one we find ourselves in before
- As we move forward Basketball in Albury will look and feel different for a period of time and should not be compared to anything that has come before now
- The Albury Basketball Association is required by law to follow the restrictions imposed by Government and our governing body/s. For this reason, we will be putting in non-negotiables that are not open to debate and must be followed as we recommence competition

What can you expect?

- Games will be shorter with a running clock and consist of 2 halves.
- To comply with the 4 square metre rule the number of spectators allowed in the stadium will be VERY limited. We will clarify this further over the coming weeks.
- Only one player and one parent/guardian will be allowed in the stadium at the scheduled game time for now.
- We will be staggering the start times in the playing draw to assist with foot traffic flow which at all times will be one-way as you enter and exit the stadium
- Sanitizing procedures will be very visible around the stadium
- An Arrive-Play-Depart methodology will be in place for the foreseeable future. There will be no hanging around the stadium.



- You must not arrive at the stadium any earlier than 10 minutes before your game and you must leave the stadium as soon as your game is finished. Any person who arrives at the stadium over 10 minutes before their playing time will not be able to enter the stadium
- Ideally and in accordance with Basketball Australia Guidelines players should make every effort to shower before arriving at the stadium for their scheduled game time.
- All Player must arrive at the stadium READY TO PLAY. Players must be in their uniform with their playing shoes on and ready to hit the court.
- Under NO circumstances are basketballs (or any other balls) to be brought into the stadium. Albury Basketball will provide two sanitized balls on each court

We will have much more to communicate before competition commences but wanted to provide a brief insight into what to expect as we move to get back on court.

Albury Basketball is very aware that this is a difficult time for everyone, but we also ask our entire Basketball community to not make this any harder than it needs to be. Please remember the processes we will put in place are for your health and safety and that of every person in our community.

We fully expect that for the most part everybody will be understanding of what needs to be done and be happy to comply. In the event there are instances of non-compliance these will be referred to the Albury Basketball Board and or Lauren Jackson Sports Centre Management to be addressed and the necessary action taken.

Thanks to our entire Basketball community for your patience and understanding. We are looking forward to getting you back on court.

Albury Basketball Association Board

Please note:

The above expectations are for the COVID restrictions as at the time of writing. The Albury Basketball response to the resumption of play will stay consistent with restrictions that may be changed by Government and or Albury City Council from time to time and we will make change as required.