

Dear Members,

RE: 2020/21 VJBL Season

We hope that your families are all staying well in these uncertain times. We are sure all of our kids would like nothing better than to be playing and training with their Sabres team now. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our members for your ongoing support, the Operations team and the Board are very grateful.

On Friday 27th March, Basketball Victoria held a video conference with all the Victorian metropolitan basketball associations to provide an update.

The key points from this meeting are as follows:

1. NBL 1 2020 season has been cancelled
2. Big V 2020 season has been suspended at this stage, it will be reviewed on a weekly basis
3. VJBL 2020 season has been suspended, a full season fixture will be produced with the aim of commencing a delayed season. All fixtured games that were not played will be deemed a nil-all draw, details on how a finals program may look are still unknown at this stage.
4. The Junior National Classic tournament may still go ahead, the nomination and selection process is being reviewed by BV. However, with the landscape changing nearly daily, this tournament may also be either suspended or cancelled for the 2020 season.
5. Our Winter domestic season remains postponed at this stage, however as the weeks roll into months it will become more and more unlikely that it will go ahead in its normal format. The SBA Operations team is exploring several alternatives depending on when we can have the kids take to the courts again. Until we have a starting date confirmed from the relevant Government regulatory bodies, we will continue to work behind the scenes reviewing possible scenarios. All enquires pertaining to Junior domestic registration fees need to be directed to your Domestic club.
6. Basketball Victoria is petitioning both State and Federal Governments to discuss possible funding options that may be made available to assist Victorian Basketball Associations during these times.

All Sabres registration fees will be retained in preparation for a revised 2020 season. If the season is cancelled the balance of the fees will be used to off-set members registration costs for the 2021/22 season. If your family is experiencing financial hardship and would like to enquire about a refund, please contact Vicki at crm@southernbasketball.com.au.



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Our Head Coaches Simon and Nathan with the help of our mascot Sandy will continue to post challenges and trick shots via social media to keep all our players fine-tuned and ready to go when the season starts. If your kids have any questions on what they can do to help develop their skills and maintain their match fitness, please encourage them to email the guys directly at:

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We will continue to keep in touch with you on a regular basis with all the developing news when it comes to hand via our website and Team app.

Go Sabres!

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