

Your Questions Answered

The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in a large amount of information being provided by Federal Government, Victorian State Government, Health Officials, local councils and sporting bodies. The SBA has endeavoured to ensure our first priority is the health and well-being of all of our players, spectators and staff.

Each Basketball Association in Victoria is facing their own unique challenges in re-opening after a long shutdown period.

We have provided the following Q and A which will provide more information and context about our gradual re-opening, further updates will be posted as they come to hand.

Question 1: What has the SBA implemented to help keep me and my sister safe when we are at the stadium?

Answer: We have introduced a number of actions to ensure we can minimise the potential spread of COVID-19 including:

- social distancing seating and standing points;
- fixed hand sanitizer units;
- sanitizer wipes to clean the basketballs;
- new entry and exits, COVID-19 signage;
- registration of people attending the stadium;
- new pedal operated rubbish bins and sneeze guards;
- A Bio Safety officer will be in attendance at all times when the stadium is open;
- All staff will have completed the Infection Control Training-COVID 19 online course at the Department of Health.

Question 2: Will we still complete the finals series for the 2019/20 Summer Season?

Answer: No, due to the amount of time we have been in shutdown and the logistics required to establish a new season and have as many children back on the courts playing basketball, the SBA has decided to cancel the 2019/20 Summer final series.

Question 3: How do Basketball Victoria's Return to Sport Guidelines impact the re-commencement of the SBA Domestic season?

At this level there are restrictions on the number of people that we can have in the stadium and the time allocated requirements for sanitisation after games as well as managing the Exit and Entry pedestrian traffic into the Southern Basketball Centre.

Question 4: Will we be playing Sabres on Friday nights again this year?

Answer: The SBA is waiting on the details of a proposed revised VJBL season for 2020 from Basketball Victoria, we will advise all of our Sabres players when this information comes to hand.

Question 5: Can my mum and dad come and watch me when the new Spring Domestic season starts?

Answer: Due to the State Governments COVID-19 social distancing rules, mum and dad will not be able to see the start of the season. As soon as the State Government relaxes the current COVID-19 level, parents will be able to watch.

Question 6: Do I need to register again for the Spring Domestic season if I had already registered before the stadium closed?

Answer: No, Basketball Victoria have confirmed this is now no longer required.

Question 7: If I do not have the Federal Government COVID-19 app on my phone, can I still play domestic basketball and casual shooting?

Answer: Yes, but as an additional precaution the SBA would prefer if you have the app.

Question 8: Will competitions remain on the same day/night?

Answer: Yes, but we are not sure to what capacity.

Question 9: Will you be able to fit in all the games?

Answer: Due to the fact we have external venues that aren't under our control, we are unsure as to what our full capacity is. We will try to fit in as many games as possible. We are working with our external venues to get them up and running as soon as possible.

Question 10: Will the canteen be open?

Answer: No, the canteen is closed until further notice.

Question 11: Will the water fountains, vending machines and ice-cream machine be working?

Answer: No, they will be closed until further notice.