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## **Communication :- SBA pathway to reopening for basketball**

**The following statement has been prepared based on the assumption that the SBA will have full access to all of its external venues when indoor sport is permitted to re-commence. If a venue/s becomes unavailable, we will be forced to review this assumption in full.**

Dear Junior Members,

Subject to State Governments restrictions, the SBA is planning to recommence domestic competitions on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

### **What will this competition look like and who can play?**

All teams that have registered for the Spring 2021 season can play, it will comprise of 6 or 7 games based on what day you normally play.

There will be no finals, it's just a way of getting back onto the courts and playing basketball with your teammates.

The fixtures will be based on the teams that were entered for the Spring 2021 season, and there will be no amendments to the grading due to the length of this competition. SBA will review any 'unique' re-grading requests if required.

We hope that the Autumn 2022 season commencing in January 2022 will see all scheduled basketball competitions return to normal.

### **What do I need to do to play?**

Your Domestic Club will be in contact with you about confirming your participation in the remainder of the season.

Junior entity teams will need to e-mail [admin@sabres.com.au](mailto:admin@sabres.com.au) to confirm if their current team will participate or not.

In order to finalise fixtures, SBA will require team confirmation by each Domestic club and Junior entity teams by Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

### **What will it cost?**

The SBA believes that it is in the best interest of our junior members (and families) **not** to introduce any additional fees after this latest Lockdown.

Therefore, there will be no additional costs to participate in the remainder of the Spring 2021 season. All Domestic clubs will utilize your registration payment made at the start of the Spring 2021 season.

Your Domestic Club will contact you regarding fees shortly, please be patient whilst they finalise these details.

The \$4 entry fee still applies to all people over the age of 18.

We have also extended the Stadium Entry cards; they will now expire in June 2022.

### **What happens with my \$25.00 Basketball Victoria fee?**

Basketball Victoria has notified the SBA that the term of the fee will not be extended due to Lockdown 6, citing minimal Government support in 2021. So this means that Basketball Victoria will be providing no refunds for the \$25 fee they charge at the commencement of each season.

### **Conditions of Entry/Vaccinations**

All people aged 16 + are required to be fully vaccinated to enter our venues, proof of this will be required on entry. The SBA will have a COVID Bio Safety Officer at each entrance to check compliance; the Services Victoria App is linked to our QR Code.

Phase D of the Government roadmaps states that all people aged 12 + are required to be fully vaccinated to enter our venues.

### **National Plan: Phase C**

80% of 16+ fully vaccinated

Indicative date 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021. Subject to Public Health consideration of epidemiology at the time.

The SBA will have a COVID Bio Safety Officer at each entrance to check compliance; the Services Victoria App is linked to our QR code.

### **National Plan: Phase D**

80% of 12+ fully vaccinated.

Indicative date two weeks later, subject to Public Health consideration of epidemiology at the time.

Face masks will be required to be worn with the following exceptions.

Players whilst warming up and playing

Coach when the game has commenced

Referees during a game they are officiating.

Social distancing where possible

### **Spectators**

At this stage we do not have clarification from the State Government on the amount of people that will be allowed in our stadiums when we open. We will provide this information as soon as it becomes available.

### **Junior Members**

Junior members in this instance also include U 20, U21 & U 23 competitions

### **Special Conditions**

The SBA does not have the capacity at Tulip Street to facilitate all our competitions. For this to happen, we need access to all of our external venues at the same time we re-open.

At present, we do not have confirmation of access, but we are liaising with all venues on a regular basis. If one or more venue is not available, we may not be able to re-open in this format.

New conditions may be forthcoming but as of now this is where the SBA is at in getting our junior members back into basketball.



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The SBA is looking forward to seeing as many of our players as possible on court in November. Our fingers are crossed that all goes to plan, and we do not have to experience any more lockdowns in Bayside.

**Thank you**

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