

Clubs FAQ

Q. Any advice on how to respond to any questions we receive from members in light of, as an example, Hockey is proceeding with it's competitions?

A. In making the decision to suspend all basketball activities in the ACT, Basketball ACT considered advice from health authorities, the Government's approach to limiting exposure, feedback from member clubs, as well as Basketball Australia's advice that games should not proceed for the foreseeable future. Basketball ACT recognised it's duty of care to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all of our members and facility users, and as such, in light of this advice, and with the health and wellbeing of the entire Basketball family in mind; Basketball ACT made the decision to suspend other programs until further notice.

Basketball ACT is not privy to the discussions and considerations that other sports are undertaking in their decision making and did not consider the approach taken by other sports as an important factor, as every sport is different. Basketball ACT's main priority was, and will remain, ensuring that we are doing everything possible to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our members.

Q. Should BACT be running any high performance when other comps are cancelled?

A. Alongside competition and development programs, Basketball ACT has suspended all high-performance programs including its Waratah League programs and all high performance training. Whilst Basketball Australia have released some guidance around training programs, at this stage Basketball ACT continues to enforce the suspension of all high performance activity. As with all other aspects of our activities, this is continuing to be monitored on a daily basis.

Q. Where are the training recommendations on the BA website that we can link to families?

A. Whilst Basketball ACT has suspended all training for all of our representative teams, and would anticipate that member clubs would also follow suit, we understand that this is a club specific decision. Whilst not endorsing clubs training Basketball ACT have posted the BA training guidance on our website as requested.

Q. Will the FAQ sheets be loaded to the BACT website (save us emailing PDFs to members)?

A. The Basketball ACT website and social media platforms will be regularly updated with fact sheets as they are updated.

Q. Expect many parents will leave decision very late leaving it very tight for team nominations to be in by the scheduled dates - can there be a delay given slippage to mid-May?

A. Basketball ACT would request that clubs still nominate teams to enable us to start drafting draws and hence reducing the last minute rush once we recommence operations. Conscious that parents / players are likely holding off nominating we would ask that teams still nominate based on 'best guess' from a combination historic numbers and any trends you have seen. Note that clubs will not be penalised for

withdrawing teams if numbers do not eventuate once competitions are ready to recommence. The early nomination will simply ensure that we are well prepared when we are able to recommence operations.

Q. Can you look to remove the fee on the BACT rego? And then adjust once the season details are confirmed?

A. If clubs are wanting to have players express interest for the upcoming season without the financial commitment (including the BACT rego fee) due to all the uncertainty, then clubs can remove the products from their registration form. If you choose to do this, when we know when the competition is commencing then we will be able to set up another form for you / your members to complete that includes their registration. Note that they will need to ensure they are registered prior to the competition starting though for insurance purposes.

If you would like to use this option and need assistance to remove the product from your form please contact Sarah Skidmore sarah.skidmore@basketballact.com.au

Q. Any thought to just taking term 2 off and restarting the season in term 3 so it fits in better with school terms?

A. Basketball ACT is currently considering a range of different competition models for the winter season based on a variety of start dates. As we start to get greater clarity we will be in a better position to communicate the most appropriate competition model.

Q. Could also be an opportunity to move to a single season in a year?

A. As above, we are currently looking at a range of competition models and will communicate these in due course.

Q. If your updated fact sheet discusses mid-May immediate question from parents will be length of season and whether fee structure is right

A. Noted that this is a concern and we are working through the financial model alongside the competition models to ensure that the fee structure is appropriate for the competition length.

Q. How is BACT placed financially to cover the lost revenue? Will staff be impacted?

A. Basketball ACT management are currently working through a range of financial models related to the ongoing viability of the organisation. At this stage it is anticipated that operations will resume mid-May and as such Basketball ACT will have sufficient resources on hand to ensure that staff are not impacted.

Q. An extension of the financial questions is that people are losing their jobs, so once Comps commence again, people may need financial hardship assistance

Basketball ACT is highly conscious that this is a very difficult time for many people within the basketball family. Whilst we haven't modelled any financial hardship support we will consider this as part of our overall modelling over the coming weeks.