

FAQ around COVID-19 – High Performance Programs

Q. Have all Basketball ACT High Performance Programs ceased training/playing?

A. Yes, all HP Programs have ceased training and playing including the ACT State Junior Representative Teams, senior Canberra Gunners and Canberra Nationals Teams. In addition, the NPP/NITP Programs have suspended until further notice. BACT is reviewing this situation on a daily basis.

Q. Is the Canberra Easter Tournament going ahead?

A. No, unfortunately the 2020 Easter Tournament has been cancelled due to risks around the coronavirus. Preparation for 2021 Easter Tournament will start later in 2020.

Q. Will the BNSW Southern Junior League (SJL) continue?

A. BNSW has postponed SJL Round 2 scheduled for Illawarra on the weekend of 4th & 5th April. BNSW has suspended all their competitions until 30th April 2020. BNSW are updating their website frequently as further information and advice from health authorities is communicated to the community. At this time there has been no decision made by BNSW on SJL Round Three and Finals.

Q. Will the National Junior Classic (NJC) and John Martin Country Tournament be conducted over the long weekend in June for the Basketball ACT junior representative teams?

A. To date there has been no communication from Basketball Victoria (VJBL) on the Classic in Melbourne or from BNSW regarding this year's John Martin Country Tournament. As such, we believe these tournaments will progress as planned.

Q. When can Basketball ACT High Performance Programs resume training?

A. Basketball ACT will continue to ensure the health and wellbeing of all our players, volunteer coaches, managers and basketball families and continue to consider the advice from the Government Health authorities and Basketball Australia. At this time the advice is that group/team activities including scrimmaging should be avoided however players can undertake their own individual skill development such as shooting, dribbling and conditioning activities as per Basketball Australia advice on 16th March. Players can undertake these individual workouts on their own basket at home or on an outside court at a park or school. Players should use hand sanitizer/anti-bacterial wipe before and after all activities and also wipe down their basketball. Players should shower following each session as soon as practical to do so.

Basketball ACT Head Coaches will send out training programs to their squad athletes which may include an individual shooting program, ballhandling/dribbling and a running/conditioning program.

Q. Should HP squad trainings not resume for some time will families receive a refund for the Training Levy?

A. If BNSW postpone SJL competition until later in 2020; for example, conduct the SJL competition in Term Three, then Basketball ACT will resume trainings and preparation of our high performance programs when it is safe to do so. BACT will rebook training venues and adjust preparation programs accordingly.

If BNSW cancel the SJL for 2020 then families will be refunded a part refund of the Training Levy based on pro-rata basis.

Q. Is the proposed Club Coach Accreditation practical session still going ahead on Sunday 26th April ?

A. No, the practical component of the Club Coach Accreditation Course has been postponed and will likely be delivered in July or October. Coaches wishing to undertake Club Coach accreditation can still register and undertake the theory component of the course online. Further information on Coach Education including the Club Coach Accreditation can be access through the BACT website.

Q. Is the Phil Brown April School Holidays Camps going ahead?

A. No, the proposed April School Holiday Camp has been cancelled. Basketball ACT is hoping to resume school holiday camps in the July holiday period.