

Dear Team Contacts,

The Bendigo Basketball Association (BBA) is happy to announce basketball is back at the Bendigo Stadium!

To ensure a safe return for the “Bendigo Basketball Family “and following all the guidelines provided by the State government and Basketball Victoria - we will continue to closely monitor and make adjustments as required.

We are very excited to announce that the Round 1 fixture has now been released on the website <https://bendigobasketball.com.au/>

There have been some changes in divisions to accommodate smaller divisions, so please make sure you check grades above and below from your original team entry.

The summer season will look a little different due to COVID for all involved (Coaches, players, Team Managers, Scorers, Referees and supporters), so for everyone’s health and safety please ensure you comply with all the requirements. The BBA and BSL will employ all directions or recommendations from Basketball Victoria and the State Government to ensure you have peace of mind and enjoy playing basketball in a safe environment.

Please see the below all relevant information for the upcoming 2020-21 summer season.

Season Structure

This “Paul Gray” Summer season for juniors will see 3 weeks of grading before the Christmas break, and when teams return in 2021 they will have 7 to 8 weeks of competition games.

The “Paul Gray” junior competition will commence on Monday 30th November 2020, and the senior competition will commence in 2021.

Finals will be 1st v 2nd and all consultation games will be played.

There will be new time slots this season to meet cleaning requirements between games. Time slots will be an hour and 10 minutes commencing at 4pm each night.

These time slots will be shared around as much as possible, however, please understand this is a unique season and with less time slots court requests may not be met. Once fixtures are released there will be no variation due to the current situations.

Please open the below link for fixtures, and additional rounds will be released as we move forward: <https://www.playhq.com/org/bendigo-basketball-association/49fc1a7a>

Entry / Exiting

Team and parents are not to arrive early as the entry doors will be locked while games are being played.

No one is permitted to line up to enter the stadium more than 10 minutes prior to their game.

All participants entering must adhere to 1.5m social distancing rule whilst lining up to enter the stadium and once they are in the stadium.

All courts are colour coded for your convenience when entering the stadium. There will be colour coded marks on the floor, and you **MUST** stay in your colour coded area upon entry.

When you enter the stadium, you will be required to scan a QR code. This QR code will take you to a link that will require you to input your name, mobile number, and what court you are playing on or spectating for that timeslot. This proof of scan must be shown to a biosafety officer upon entry.

All children must be accompanied by parent/coach or team Manager to ensure processes are followed due to COVID19.

Please note under Basketball Victoria Orange 50 Guidelines, athletes are only permitted to have 1 parent or guardian accompany them to the game.

Once you enter the stadium please use the sanitiser available at stations as you enter/exit. If there is an overcrowded sanitiser station, please move to another station to allow for easy movement.

There will be a short video to help with the process on entering the stadium. This will have all instructions in relation to entry and what is required from all stakeholders upon entry and also their time at Bendigo Stadium.

Coaches, players, Team Managers, Scorers, and supporters must leave the stadium at the conclusion of the game as part of the new processes.

Spectators

Each child may have 1 spectator/parent allowed with them; the spectator/parent must follow all guidelines to gain entry. Spectators must abide by social distancing and remain within the allocated areas to watch the game.

The short video will assist in understanding the allocated spectator area for their court whilst adhering to social distancing rules.

Face Masks

Face masks must be worn by everyone (except those under 12 years of age or with a lawful exemption) throughout the stadium.

Players will be allowed to remove face masks when they go on the court to begin warm up. At the completion of a game, players must put their face mask on again.

All Coaches, Managers, Scorers and spectators must keep their face masks on at all times whilst in the stadium or if they are unable to social distance whilst entering the stadium.

Scoring

All athletes **MUST** be registered into their team in Play HQ otherwise the athlete will not play.

We are using the Play HQ system and scoring will be done electronically to assist with cleaning procedures before and after each game.

Stadium scoring help can be found at the below link:

<https://support.playhq.com/section/60-scoring-a-game>

Game Rules

For this 2020 Summer Season all games will now have 18-minute halves, with the clock to stop in the last minute of the second half. Under 10's will remain at 16-minute halves.

Please visit the below link for all COVID-19 Rules:

<https://bendigobasketball.com.au/covid-19-timing-rules-and-bba-by-laws/>

Sanitiser stations will be available next to each score bench.

There will be no shaking of hands before/during/after the game.

All Coaches, Team Managers and players must adhere to 1.5m social distancing on player benches

Individual Registration

All players must link to their team to take to the court.

Please visit the below link to link to your team:

<https://bendigobasketball.com.au/domestic-basketball/player-insurance-link-to-a-team/>

Player **MUST** register prior to their game commencement as this allows for a quick game start.

Basketball Victoria has now extended the player insurance for players that were due to have their insurance expire on the 30/09/2020. Most players will be covered from the previous season.

Every player must register prior to playing, if they are not registered, they will not be able to take the court.

Team Payments

This season team payments will look a little different as we cannot take any cash payments as we are doing our part to help reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Bendigo Basketball is partnering with Teammo to make it easier for teams to pay for **team fees**, **submit forfeits** and **collect money from team members**. This will help us become a cashless organisation.

Teammo is an online sports payment platform, which connects sports teams, clubs and associations to enable better collection, management and reconciliation of sports payments.

We are encouraging teams to use Teammo to make team payments during the upcoming season.

Visit <https://teammo.com.au/bendigo-basketball> for more details on how to use Teammo and create an account for your team. This payment process will be the responsibility of the team manager.

Please note: Bendigo Basketball Association game fees will increase by 0.50 cents due to COVID19 and the removing of cash handling.

We appreciate this may not be an ideal arrangement for some, but in doing our part to protect the wider community – we have adopted a cashless process to further enhance the safety measures in place.

Bendigo Stadium Bar and Bistro

Entry to the Bar and Bistro areas can only be accessed through the front door of the area, access can not be gained via the basketball side of the Bendigo Stadium.

COVID-19

If there is a COVID-19 case during the season, what is the process?

The BBA and BSL will adhere to the Victorian Chief Health Officer guidelines if there is case of COVID-19.

It is essential that everyone must be registered prior to the night of play and scan in on entry to the venue. This will enable us to make the required notifications to patriots and government if outbreak may occur.

We also encourage everyone entering the Bendigo stadium to download the government COVID Safe app for tracing capabilities.

On behalf of BBA, I wish all teams the best and look forward to having you back on the court playing basketball.

Kind Regards,

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