



19<sup>th</sup> October 2020

**RE: Nunawading Basketball Update**

Dear Junior Clubs,

I would like to again take this opportunity to thank all our wonderful clubs and their families for the fantastic response to our recent Return to Play Survey. The insight and feedback offered was greatly appreciated and will help guide planning for a return to basketball. Over the coming days I will provide clubs with a summary of the survey data for your information.

I am sure we were all glued to the television yesterday to learn of which COVID-19 restrictions would be eased and which parts of our community would have to wait a little longer to get back to it. Unfortunately, indoor basketball will remain closed for now with the revised roadmap noting that Indoor Sport and Recreation will still not be allowed when the next steps are scheduled to be taken on the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020.

That said, we continue to liaise with Basketball Victoria and are utilising the data presented from the survey results to guide our planning for a return to basketball. At this stage, we are hopeful that the Government will provide a clearer timeframe for a return to indoor sports when they announce further easing of restrictions on the 1<sup>st</sup> November (or possibly 25<sup>th</sup> October as noted by the Premier yesterday).

We are aware that other Associations may be proposing a return to play in late November, however, an overwhelming message received from our clubs in the survey was to remain cautious and not have to start/stop/restart again. As such, we have made the decision to hold off committing to dates for a week or two until more clarity is hopefully provided.

As we continue to fine tune the options, the JDC will hold a Zoom meeting with the club delegates to discuss the proposed plans with a date/time to be advised.

The Committees and Boards are working on possible structures that will provide clubs with sufficient notice to prepare for a resumption, allow families to have their Christmas holidays, keep the integrity of the competition structure as close to normal as possible and keep costs down for families.

As always, the health and safety of our members is paramount and we continue to be guided by the Government, DHHS and Basketball Victoria and this advice may be subject to further change. As we move through the coming weeks and months, we will continue communicating updates with our clubs.

On behalf of the Boards/Committees of the Nunawading Amateur and Melbourne East Basketball Associations, we thank you for your continued patience and understanding as we all navigate our way through these challenging times.

Sincerely,

Mark Hallett  
Chief Executive Officer  
Nunawading Basketball