



AUTUMN 2021 SEASON

[Basketball Victoria's Return to Sport Guidelines](#) have recently been updated to allow for community sport to operate at a 'Green' COVID-Safe level. Previous communications from WBA ([see here – distributed December 1st](#)) outlined a return to sport at an 'Orange' Level. As a result, a number of important items have required an update.

Teams must be familiar with the ['Senior Documents'](#) listed on the WBA website, and the ['Competition Changes'](#) for the Autumn 2021 season are still applicable except for the following amendments below.

COVID CONTINGENCY PLANS

Many new procedures and policies created during 2020 will remain in place, regardless of being at a 'Green' or 'Orange' level with the exception of the following:

[Arrival and Departure Information](#) will only be used during the 'Orange' level.

Uniform Hire will now be available from the front reception during 'Green' level.

[Timing Rules](#) will remain at two 18-minute halves, regardless of the program times.

Schedules will vary dramatically depending on the level of restrictions and listed below:

MONDAY / WEDNESDAY / THURSDAY MEN:

GREEN	50-minute program	6.40pm	7.30pm	8.20pm	9.10pm	10.00pm
ORANGE	60-minute program	6.20pm	7.20pm	8.20pm	9.20pm	10.20pm

SUNDAY MIXED:

GREEN	50-minute program	6.00pm	6.50pm	7.40pm
ORANGE	60-minute program	6.30pm	7.30pm	8.30pm

TUESDAY WOMEN:

GREEN	50-minute program	7.40pm	8.30pm	9.20pm
ORANGE	60-minute program	7.30pm	8.30pm	9.30pm

TRAINING AND PRACTICE OPPORTUNITIES

Basketball Victoria [published a terrific article](#) highlighting the importance of returning to sport safely after an extended period without sport and exercise. Waverley Basketball highly recommend teams train and have practice opportunities prior to the first competitive match.

Next week WBA have 36 training spots available on each night from Monday 11th to Thursday 14th January. Furthermore, round 1 games between January 17th and 21st will be considered 'practice matches' and the results will not be recorded for grading purposes. Please encourage your teammates in Round 1 to have fun and enjoy the return to sport without pressure or being results driven.

Training next week will be optional, and interested teams must [CLICK HERE](#) to book a place.

Costs will be \$25.00 p/team for half a court, payable with cash or EFTPOS on arrival at reception. If the time you have selected does not have another team scheduled, you're welcome to use the full court. Every session will be 55 minutes in duration and all attendees **must sign in using the QR Code at entry.**

Teams are not required to attend on their given competition night. If space fills up and teams are still seeking a spot, the 6.00pm times and 10.00pm times will be made available once available spaces are filled.

For this training week only, teams must supply their own basketballs. During regular competitions warm up basketballs and game balls will be provided.

Please note there will be no scoring facilities or referees available. The times available include:

Court 1	Court 2	Court 3	Court 4	Court 5	Court 6
7.00pm NORTH					
7.00pm SOUTH					
8.00pm NORTH					
8.00pm SOUTH					
9.00pm NORTH					
9.00pm NORTH					

PLAYING DATES

Playing dates are listed online and [available here](#).

Schedules will be prepared seven days prior to your first match. For example, Tuesday night competition commencing Tuesday 19th January, will have fixtures published online on Tuesday 12th January. Therefore, please check the website next week for your round 1 matches starting Sunday 17th January.

Rounds 2 – 5 will be considered grading games, with Round 6 being a potential grading match if further review is required. Grading Pools have been created to group a larger number of teams together, and bye rounds are less common thanks to the growth of all programs and having more courts available with the inclusion of Oakleigh Recreation Centre. If your men's team was in Section 6 last year, it's likely you will be in a higher Grading Pool such as Pool 3 or 4, and you should still recognise a number of familiar team names that you used to play against.

Monday Men are now using two additional courts at Oakleigh Recreation Centre and they will be labelled ORC1 (court 1) and ORC2 (court 2) on your fixture. Every section will have a game at Oakleigh.

Wednesday and Thursday Men are now using all six courts at Waverley thanks to the MMBL league and Falcons NBL1 and Big V teams using ORC courts on these nights.

IMPORTANT REGO INFO

All Players must be registered to your teams by next Friday 15th January 12.00pm.

Teams were provided a unique team link for PlayHQ registrations after entering competitions. Every player must use this link, have a BV license, and be listed in your teams accordingly. Next Friday WBA will grab this information and add all data to the Livescore courtside monitors, so failure to finalise registration will result in players not being listed on scoring consoles.

For more information on Basketball Victoria's individual registration platform PlayHQ, please [click here](#).

If you misplace the unique team link, please email seniors@waverleybasketball.com. Your unique team link is also used for players joining your team mid-season.

If you have a 'fill in' player arrive for their first game mid-season, but they're not sure if they wish to play permanently, as always, this person must enter full details into the courtside Livescore scoring console. They must also use the QR Code sign in at entry. Only players listed in PlayHQ are not required to sign in on arrival. Representatives will receive an automatic email from WBA's administration system when new players are added courtside reminding them of PlayHQ follow up steps, however a 'fill in' player is allowed to play two games only without finalising registration and making payment to Basketball Victoria.

WBA POLICIES AND SENIOR DOCUMENTS

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for a full list of WBA Policies and [CLICK HERE](#) for Senior Documents