



SENIOR DOMESTIC COMPETITION CHANGES

OVERVIEW

The current return to sport date is projected to be early November, when Victoria reaches its 80% double dosed vaccination targets.

Waverley Basketball understands the challenges and disruptions to the Spring 2021 season, and any attempt to host a senior finals series will result in the shortening of the overall competition to only seven rounds which is not ideal. Therefore, an extended 2021/2022 season will be created to combine Spring '21 and Autumn '22, with flexibility for teams who wish to withdraw and appropriate adjustments to all financial considerations.

COVID-19 UPDATE

WBA will be guided by our governing body Basketball Victoria in regards to Covid-19 challenges and policies. BV are working closely with the Victorian Government to provide clear information on capacity limits, QR check ins, vaccination status if required, and other covid related matters such as defining a 'space' inside venues such as Waverley and Oakleigh. Unfortunately, the WBA do not have this additional information to share but as soon as a directive is provided from BV, we will circulate this accordingly.

The existing Covid-19 Management Plan and WBA policies will most likely be enforced and can be [Found HERE](#)

PLAYING DATES

[Found HERE](#) and on Page 3 of this document, the Playing Dates table illustrates the previously played Spring rounds, and lists the target return date of November 7.

The first two rounds back will be 'Practice Games' only and not counted towards results, grading, or ladders. The previous Spring games completed will also be reclassified as Practice Rounds. As per WBA's previous return to sport after the 2020 extended lockdown, management and staff strongly encourage a safe and gradual return to a competitive environment. These Practice Rounds are important to dust off the cobwebs and we can focus on the enjoyment of sport and seeing friends again. This will minimise the risks of injury without any care of results.

The December playing dates will be formal 'Grading Games' for this 21-22 season. Autumn playing dates will be January – June '22 without grading required, resulting in a full 16 - 21 round season.

The Christmas shutdown period will remain at four weeks, from December 16 to January 16, allowing teams and families to reconnect and spend time together over the holiday break.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS – REFUNDS / DISCOUNTS / AUTUMN COSTS

If any team wishes to withdraw immediately, unfortunately WBA cannot offer a mid-season refund of the initial \$120 entry fee paid. This is in line with every other season and the original terms and conditions agreed to upon entering the competition.

If any team wishes to stop playing at the end of this year, they will be eligible for a \$50.00 refund from their \$120.00 entry due to the missed rounds of Spring. This refund will be provided via a discounted game fee at the first game back. Teams must inform competition administrators by emailing WBA of their intentions: seniors@waverleybasketball.com The \$75.00 game fee will be reduced to \$25.00 for the first match only.

All teams continuing in Autumn 2022 will be eligible for a discount on next years entry fees. The \$120 entry will be only \$70 for existing teams, and a new PlayHQ link will be circulated at the end of the year.

If space permits from teams withdrawing, a brand-new team on the waiting list can enter from the start of Autumn 2022 and the entry fee will be \$120.00 plus the refundable bond. New teams will miss formal grading, so the WBA will monitor results during the regular season and carefully shuffle them accordingly.

PLAYHQ

Unlike 2020, Basketball Victoria is not extending players individual licenses through PlayHQ. Players who registered in March/April 2020 before the season that did not eventuate automatically had their 12-month licenses extended until March 2022. The new Autumn 2022 season will run from January - June and any licenses expiring during this time will need to pay an additional \$39.00 directly to PlayHQ accordingly. Full registration / insurance / license info can be [Found HERE](#)

If any individual player is not returning to basketball, PlayHQ refunds are available if the player meets the criteria and has played less than three games. You will need to provide a valid reason for the refund. Requests must be emailed to seniors@waverleybasketball.com so WBA can launch the refund request through the right channels. Please find more information [Found HERE](#)



2021 SPRING & 2022 AUTUMN PLAYING DATES

MONTH		SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS
July		4	5	6	7	8
July		11	12	13	14	-
August		1	2	3	4	5
August		8	9	10	11	-
November		7	8	9	10	11
November		14	15	16	17	18
November		21	22	23	24	25
Nov / Dec		28	29	30	1	2
December		5	6	7	8	9
December		12	13	14	15	16
Christmas Closure						
School Holidays	January	16	17	18	19	20
	January	23	24	25	Aust. Day	27
Jan / Feb		Australia Day Weekend		1	2	3
February		6	7	8	9	10
February		13	14	15	16	17
February		20	21	22	23	24
February / March		27	28	1	2	3
March		6	7	8	9	10
March		Labour Day Weekend		15	16	17
March		20	21	22	23	24
March		27	28	29	30	31
April		3	4	5	6	7
School Holidays	April	10	11	12	13	14
	April	Easter Weekend		19	20	21
	April	24	ANZAC	26	27	28
May		1	2	3	4	5
May		8	9	10	11	12
May		15	16	17	18	19
May		22	23	24	25	26
May		29	30	31	1	2
SEMI FINALS		5	6	7	8	9
		Queen's Birthday		14	15	16
GRAND FINALS		19	20	21	22	23
Number of Rounds:		x 6 PRACTICE x 4 GRADING x 17 ROUNDS x 2 FINALS	x 6 PRACTICE x 4 GRADING x 16 ROUNDS x 2 FINALS	x 6 PRACTICE x 4 GRADING x 21 ROUNDS x 2 FINALS	x 6 PRACTICE x 4 GRADING x 20 ROUNDS x 2 FINALS	x 4 PRACTICE x 4 GRADING x 21 ROUNDS x 2 FINALS