

As of today's announcement, 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021, WBA are preparing for community sport to return next Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June. This information may change after further announcements and direction from WBA's governing body Basketball Victoria (BV).

Currently WBA is planning a full CovidSafe 'Green' return, as per the conditions played throughout 2021 thus far. WBA have contingency plans in place if BV stipulate sport returns at a restricted 'Orange' level, and if this eventuates WBA will recirculate the document provided at the start of the season and advertise any changes accordingly.

Please review the information below for weekly senior basketball competition resumption and finals details. During this lockdown period, WBA carefully considered playing an additional round of senior competition prior to finals, so that all teams can have one final game of Autumn 2021. However, changes to the previously advertised and agreed to <a href="Playing Dates">Playing Dates</a> will inevitably create numerous issues with teams fielding players for finals, especially given the timing of the upcoming school holidays and previously planned trips to visit family and friends after this latest lockdown period.

Therefore, the upcoming Spring 2021 Season will commence as advertised in the second week of School Holidays. **New Spring Entries are due online by next Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June** 

CLICK HERE for important competition information and entry details

## CLICK HERE to link straight to PlayHQ entries

Please email <u>seniors@waverleybasketball.com</u> if you have misplaced your teams 'discount code.' The advertised \$320.00 price on PlayHQ includes the \$200.00 refundable bonds, which existing teams have already paid. Therefore, please use your discount code at checkout to reduce the entry to standard \$120.00.

Based on regional settings and slow and careful lifting of restrictions, it's WBA's thoughts that community sport may not return next Thursday night for full indoors competition.

If sport returns next week, please continue reading below to the second table as it highlights the two-week Semi Finals and Grand Finals accordingly. However, in the likely event full contact indoors community sport returns on the 27<sup>th</sup> June, the traditional finals format will be cancelled.

The 'Final Round' of Autumn as advertised below will be created based on current ladders. First place will play second place, third plays fourth, fifth plays sixth and so on. As soon as WBA have confirmation of a return date, the schedules (finals round or 2-weeks of finals) will be published online accordingly.

## **TABLE #1 - FINALS ROUND**

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY			
ENTRIES CLOSE FOR SPRING 2021 – WEDNESDAY 16 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE								
FINAL ROUND  First week of  School Holidays	27 <sup>™</sup> JUNE	28 <sup>™</sup> JUNE	29 <sup>™</sup> JUNE	30 <sup>™</sup> JUNE	1 <sup>ST</sup> JULY			
START OF SPRING Second week of School Holidays	4 <sup>™</sup> JULY	5 <sup>™</sup> JULY	6 <sup>™</sup> JULY	7 <sup>™</sup> JULY	8 <sup>™</sup> JULY			

## TABLE #2 - IF FULL CONTACT INDOOR COMMUNITY SPORT RETURNS NEXT FRIDAY 18th

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY		
LAST GAME	23 <sup>RD</sup> MAY	24 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	25 <sup>™</sup> MAY	26 <sup>™</sup> MAY	20 <sup>™</sup> MAY		
ENTRIES CLOSE FOR SPRING 2021 – WEDNESDAY 16 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE							
SEMI FINALS	20 <sup>™</sup> JUNE	21 <sup>ST</sup> JUNE	22 <sup>ND</sup> JUNE	23 <sup>RD</sup> JUNE	24 <sup>™</sup> JUNE		
GRAND FINALS First week of School Holidays	27 <sup>™</sup> JUNE	28 <sup>™</sup> JUNE	29 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	30 <sup>™</sup> JUNE	1 <sup>ST</sup> JULY		
TOTAL ROUNDS	14	17	17	18	18		
NUMBER OF GAMES REQUIRED TO QUALIFY	7	8	8	8	8		
START OF SPRING Second week of school holidays	4 <sup>™</sup> JULY	5 <sup>™</sup> JULY	6 <sup>™</sup> JULY	7 <sup>™</sup> JULY	8 <sup>™</sup> JULY		

Previously the number of games required to qualify was half of the seasons rounds, plus one. Due to Sunday and Monday leagues having variable number of rounds, WBA moved to a standard eight (8) games required and byes count as games played. Since Covid-19 and the lockdown restricted play, the number of games required to qualify are listed in the table above. In addition, <a href="Please CLICK">Please CLICK</a>
<a href="HERE for further finals information">HERE for further finals information</a> and if teams have qualification queries, they must email <a href="mailto:seniors@waverleybasketball.com">seniors@waverleybasketball.com</a> as soon as possible.

WBA wishes to thank all teams for participating this season, and apologize for any inconvenience to the teams who missed out on finals if community sport returns next week as planned. If basketball returns later, we look forward to hosting 'final rounds' between the 27<sup>th</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> July.

If any teams are owed pre-paid games by WBA, these will be credited across to the upcoming Spring season.

## Reminder, Spring Team Entries close next Wednesday

Kind Regards,

**WBA**