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Dear Members,

As National and State response to the COVID-19 situation develops the LBA has taken the precaution of suspending all programs and competition pending the stabilization and recovery of our society from this crisis. This decision was not taken lightly and was based upon the best advice available from the Australian Government and our governing bodies (Basketball Australia and Basketball Tasmania).

With this current information and the current stance for our State in mind, we have decided to keep our programs and competition suspended until Monday 27th April 2020. This coincides with the end of the School holidays and gives Launceston a chance to work through what is potentially the worst period of transmission and infection for this virus. Obviously due to the rapidly changing nature of the current situation, this date will remain fluid and will be reviewed as changes are announced or expert advice changes.

The Launceston Basketball Association hopes that with the correct precautionary actions we will be able to provide a basketball season commensurate with the expectations of our members prior to the COVID-19 outbreak. The LBA Board is currently considering strategies to allow this to occur as soon as we are advised it is safe to do so. Once we know what this competition will look like the LBA Board will assess if any reduction in Team Fees is necessary due to a reduced basketball product. This will then be passed on to Club Administrations for distribution to our membership.

The LBA board and I would like to express our sincere thanks for your understanding and patience through what is for all of us a situation unseen by a generation. Please keep yourselves and your families safe, remain informed of daily developments from reputable sources, and follow the guidance of our Government's medical experts.

Warm regards,

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