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Dear Members,

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact our daily lives and routines we know all our members are looking for a clear understanding of the future, how each of us will be impacted and for how long these exceptional circumstances will remain in place. We are all navigating through an unprecedented situation that none of us have experienced before nor hope to again.

Launceston Basketball Association is working through this like everyone else with our only priority being to ensure the health and well-being of all players, coaches, officials, staff, volunteers and all our families are maintained. This has led to the suspension of competition across the State (and Nation). We continue to consult regularly with relevant key stakeholders including the State Government, Basketball Tasmania and Basketball Australia, as well as listening to our membership to provide the board guidance on the best path forward for our competition. The LBA board will remain guided by these bodies as we attempt to move through this situation and again provide basketball participation to our members in the Launceston region.

Currently we have taken the decision to postpone further the resumption of basketball until at least the **31st May 2020**. This resumption date will remain flexible and will probably be delayed further depending on advice from the State Government and our governing bodies. Please rest assured we will do everything we can to provide all our members some form of basketball participation during the 2020 period provided this competition does not pose a risk for our members.

Currently our office is shutdown and our General Manager is on Annual Leave. We envisage this will change in the coming weeks to allow the LBA to prepare for a resumption of play later in the year. Basketball Tasmania have taken the same steps and their offices like ours will most likely reopen at the end of April.

The LBA board would again like to pass on our best wishes for your families to remain healthy. Please follow the guidelines provided by the Federal and State Governments, maintain good social distancing principles and good hygiene practices so we can all return to a more normal way of life as quickly as possible.

Warm regards,

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