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Dear Members,

Season 2021 is fast approaching for our Juniors and Seniors, while already having commenced in our Baptist competition on the 20th of February. We have seen significant growth across our association of over 30 teams from 2020, which was an increase from the 2019 season.

LBA have also participated in the grading rounds for the Tasmanian Junior Basketball League Northern Conference, TJBL, with Launceston teams set to compete against the NW in regular representative competition to be run on Sundays.

In the junior space, seeding/grading rounds are commencing on the Friday, 12th March at Elphin Sports Centre. Please see this document for further information on how these will operate: [Seeding Rounds 2021](#)

If you have any questions regarding the seeding/grading rounds, please contact your coach/club, as per the communication process which can be located here: [Communication Process](#)

For calendar information on the various competitions – these have potential to change, based on events such as the NBL/NBL1 - please see the following links;

[Junior Calendar](#)

[Senior Calendar](#)

[Baptist Calendar](#)

[Basketball Tasmania Calendar](#)

The LBA is also excited to announce the implementation of [Glory League](#) across all our competitions from Under 14s and up (inc. Baptist). Glory League is a fully automated cost-effective video engagement system for amateur basketball. It makes everyday players feel like NBA superstars with professional quality full game video, personal highlight reels and stats.

Glory League is endorsed by Basketball Australia and Basketball Tasmania and is used on over 150 courts and used by over 130,000 players in Australia and NZ.

What is Glory League?: <https://bit.ly/3kMn3xs>

FAQ: <https://bit.ly/3kCobnf>

Competition space continues to be a challenge for all sports, but especially basketball with the growth of the sport in our region, and other exciting developments such as the NZ Breakers playing games at the Silverdome (up to 6) as per recent media coverage. The LBA anticipated this growth and is moving to a new season structure in Term 4 2021 to accommodate this, however in Terms 2 and 3 2021 this will be an ongoing challenge. There is potential for some games to be played on a Saturday or be negotiated between clubs to a mutually agreed time. I will endeavor to provide a full and high-quality competition that is fair and equitable to all members. These measures will only be implemented where all other alternatives have been exhausted. The LBA has been in contact with other sports to understand their footprint through the last 2 months and will attempt to avoid clashes wherever possible.

I would also like to welcome Olivia Russell, our new Referee Manager to the LBA team as we continue to invest in our referees and their development.

The future certainly looks bright for basketball in 2021 and beyond.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mitch Duhig', with a horizontal line underneath.

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