



# WILLETTON BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION Inc

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### STADIUM OPERATION UPDATE – 03/03/22

Dear WBA Community,

With the introduction by the WA State Government of Level 2 public health measures as of today, Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022, Basketball WA (“BWA”) has advised WBA and other affiliated associations that basketball competitions shall continue to be played from Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022 in Western Australia, both indoors and outdoors but under the following restrictions and guidelines.

The below is important information as it relates to the operations and rules in place at Willetton Stadium (“the Stadium”) which will be effective from Thursday, 3 March 2022, and in place until otherwise advised.

#### **Stadium Management – 150 person maximum limit**

- Under the Level 2 public health measures the Stadium is permitted to have only 150 persons per separable space within the building.
- Within the Stadium, Courts 1-4, Courts 5-8 and the upstairs function room/office area are approved separable spaces and therefore each of these areas are permitted to have 150 persons within at any one time.
- Persons attending the stadium for the purposes of attending a game, training session or alternative program are to be **accompanied only by 1 x parent or guardian at any time** in order for WBA to be compliant with the imposed limits.
- During this time no other extended family members are permitted to attend the Stadium unless they are the designated parent or guardian of a child who is playing, training or attending a program at the Stadium.
- With respect to siblings, if the nominated parent and/or guardian has other siblings within their care, it is recommended you only attend the Stadium with these siblings if absolutely necessary.
- During this time Domestic Club and WBA Board/Committee members will not be permitted access to the court halls unless you are accompanying a participant, are a participant themselves, or are the Coach and/or Manager of a team playing at the Stadium.
- Entry and Exit to and from the stadium will remain thru the main foyer entrance as per normal operations and the foyer area is to be used as a thoroughfare only with no congregation of persons or meetings to be held within the foyer area.

- All persons aged 16 years or older who are attending the upstairs function room/office area are required to provide proof of vaccination to the WBA reception staff member prior to accessing that area of the Stadium
- Toilet and change room facilities will be available for use by stadium patrons during opening hours.

### **Game Arrival / Departures**

- Teams/Participants are to arrive no earlier than 5 minutes prior to your scheduled game time at the Stadium.
- All teams are to leave the stadium within 5 minutes of their game finishing and we request coaches to not hold team meeting discussions post game inside the stadium.
- Teams/Participants are not to congregate in any area of the stadium, other than the Court where your game or training session is to be played on.

### **Close Contacts Update**

- The Chief Health Officer has advised BWA yesterday being the 02/03/22 that they do not want community sport participants to be deemed as close contacts and affiliated associations will only be asked to provide a guide as to who may be a close contact in an extraordinary circumstance.

### **WBA Satellite Venues**

- Please be advised that other WBA satellite venues such as Striker Leeming Recreation Centre may be operating under slightly different restrictions, this will be dependent on how they have been categorized by the WA State Government, DOH, WA Health and their respective Local Government.
- WBA will provide clarity once known to all stadium patrons when visiting other venues for domestic games.

### **Safe WA App / Manual Register**

- We ask that all visitors to the Stadium continue to check in upon arrival, either via the Safe WA App using one of the many QR codes readily available throughout the stadium, or via the manual sign in register located in front of the main reception counter.

### **Mask Wearing**

- Masks must be worn at all times whilst indoors at the Stadium by all persons from Year 3 primary school aged and over, other than competitors when they are physically training and playing on court (exercising vigorously)
- Coaches must wear a mask whilst coaching in games, and they can only be removed when directly talking to your team during a time out or scheduled break in the game. At all other times they must be worn.
- At training sessions, coaches are required to wear a mask and can only remove this when directly talking to your team.
- During games, referees may remove their mask.
- Please note that players on the bench should wear a mask during games. While it is understandable that players will generally have a drink and recover when they leave play and rest on the bench, the expectation is that after a reasonable time players should ensure they have a mask on.

It is a requirement that masks are worn at all other times, and we ask you to please adhere to this requirement until otherwise advised.

### **Hygiene**

Standards of hygiene must remain of utmost importance so please remember to wash your hands regularly, stay 1.5 metres apart from others where you can, cover your mouth/nose when you cough/sneeze, and please stay at home or get tested if you are sick or experiencing any flu-like symptoms.

### **Vaccination**

At this point in time, the Chief Health Officer (“CHO”) has advised that the physical and mental benefits of community sport outweigh any requirement for proof of vaccination. As such, community sport is currently exempt from the requirement to provide proof of vaccination to participate. This remains the position in the current state government directives.

Throughout the pandemic, WBA has consistently acted on the advice and directions of the WA State Government, the CHO and BWA in relation to the operations of the Stadium. It is through this approach that WBA feels it can best protect our community from the risks posed by the pandemic.

With this in mind, please be advised that the WBA Board and Management will continue to adhere to the current directions in place for community sport as advised by the WA State Government. This means there currently is not a requirement to provide proof of vaccination to enter the Stadium for the purposes of playing, officiating or attending a community sport game and/or training session. This rule will also apply for all other general stadium sport activities that take place regularly at the Stadium.

### **Proof Of Vaccination**

There are now areas of the stadium which are subject to persons having to provide proof of double vaccination status to be able to enter, this includes the following;

- All Meeting Rooms & Function Room
- The Office
- Areas under license

The following persons would also be required to provide proof of vaccination upon entry into the stadium

- All visitors (inclusive of contractors, reps, committee members) who are not at the stadium for the purposes of community sport
- All WBA staff members

We ask all persons who fit into the criteria to please display your proof of vaccination to the WBA reception staff member on entry into the stadium in a friendly and courteous manner.

The health and safety of WBA staff, volunteers, all stadium users, and the wider community is of paramount importance to WBA. Our staff will continue to provide the safest environment possible for the operations of the stadium, inclusive of scheduled and regular cleaning of stadium facilities, ventilation fan and extractor systems to be in operation at all times, ample hand sanitiser stations, and sanitiser available throughout the Stadium. Management will remain agile during this next period, and ensure that any additional safety measures are considered and implemented where appropriate.

We look forward to continuing competitions and full stadium operations and continuing to provide our community with a safe environment to enjoy the Stadium during this time. We will continue to monitor the directives from the WA State Government, CHO, and BWA, and ensure we communicate any updates as timely as possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Stadium if you have any queries on this update, or more generally around the operations of the Stadium.

Regards



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