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COVID-19 UPDATE FOR DOMESTIC COMPETITION PLAYERS

We hope everyone is staying safe during this challenging period for our community. We have some info for our domestic competition players outlined below.

Staying Informed

Unfortunately, all domestic competitions will remain suspended indefinitely. Our next move will be guided by advice from Basketball NSW, who are working closely with NSW Office of Sport. I would like to reinforce the note from BNSW re memberships. Once the shutdown ends, membership due dates will be pushed forward to reflect the period of the closure. We will also distribute and share a revised competition calendar.

Seniors - Once the shutdown ends, we will make a decision on the best and fairest way to conclude our current senior competitions – these had about 4 weeks of games remaining, as well as open nominations for the next competition.

Juniors – Team nominations are open for those who like to join – <u>click here</u>. There is no cost to nominate a team but you are welcome to complete your form. You do not need to make any payments for players at this stage, however you can use your Active Kids Voucher (AKV) to pay for the first installment of game fees. We have been informed by the Office of Sport that AKV are still valid. The 2nd AKV will be available to use as of 1st July.

Staying Safe

Along with advice for the general public in our members memo, we would like to point out some resources from the <u>World Health Organization (WHO)</u> that parents may find useful in supporting young children during this time, as well as some helpful resources to support your own well-being. There is a general website for healthy parenting – <u>click here</u>, plus there are some specific resources to help manage stress:

- WHO for Children Helping children cope with stress during the 2019-nCov outbreak -
- WHO for adults <u>Coping with stress during the 2019-nCov outbreak</u>

Staying Connected

If you are keen to stay connected to the game, there are some great ideas online. The <u>Al App Home Court</u> has unlocked all features for free until April 30th. If you are fortunate enough to subscribe to Kayo sports, there have been a great number of classic college Basketball games to view as well. **Keep an eye on our Facebook page for ideas and opportunities in the coming weeks.**

If you need to make essential purchases, please keep in mind our great community partners – you can see who they are on our sponsors webpage - https://www.maitland.basketball/sponsorship.

Over the period of the shutdown, Andrew Bear is making contact with all team contacts to check in on your team and answer any specific questions you may have. Please stay safe and do not hesitate to get in contact via email if we can be of any assistance via email – <u>competitions@maitland.baskebtall.net.au</u>

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