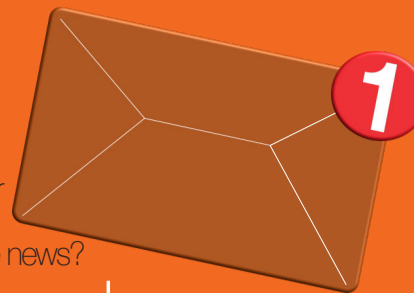


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Would you like to be added to the General Email list for the latest updates from the YBL including; new 'In the Zone' releases, league statements and general league news?

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Monday 09:00 - 16:30
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GOVERNMENT CHANGE PLAYS

Senior local league basketball suspended

Not playing? Stay involved in Basketball - Help the YBL

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Major changes for the YBL following the Prime Ministers announcement on Tuesday 22 September, as the country faces tougher restrictions affecting several thousand players across the country, including those due to play in the YBL this season.

It has been a difficult few months for everyone; the players, coaches, clubs, officials and league organisers. As everyone was preparing for a late start to the 2020/2021 season, in a very different way.

We were all on tender hooks, while the announcement was being made, but thanks to Sport England who put some of us at ease by Tweeting; 'All organised activities for children, including indoor team sports, will continue to be exempt from the rule of six...' Later confirmed that evening by the Gov.UK website confirming their statement.

Players under 18 are exempt and will continue. Not as good news for senior players of the game.

Basketball England were very quick in responding and reassuring that they were doing their best to get clarification about what was happening to the season. They had answers within 48 hours.

The YBL published a statement late last night on social media platforms; Instagram and YouTube, informing members and supporters of the YBL of the decisions we have made following the PM's announcement.

Basketball England have now confirmed what can take place. Junior competition and training for JNBL and local league; including the YBL can continue. However, at this stage any senior competitions can not take place, except for elite level.

The YBL made the following statements;

Our U9 and U11 CVLs will currently remain in place and be reviewed in December following further guidance from Basketball England and Public Health England.

The YBL will continue to offer the Under 13, 15 and 17 leagues as already published earlier this month.

Unfortunately, it is with regret that at this time; Men1, Men2, Women1 and Women2, our plans for the WDL, have been suspended. We will be taking advice from Basketball England and will review our plans for some sort of competition as soon as the guidelines allow us to. We will hopefully be able to sort some sort of competition in the new year. We will keep you up to date.

The YBL will contact senior clubs over the next few days with regards to payments already made to the us and arrange, if needed, a refund.

To make sure that we continue to run smoothly, we would like to reiterate that spectators are still not permitted at games when we resume, as per the Return to Play Roadmap set out by BE.



Full Statement on Instagram & YouTube

The YBL released their first ever statement to our members using the social media platforms of YouTube and Instagram late last night.

At the time of press, both platforms have reached over 250 people. Making it our most viewed video to date!

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Full Statement on Instagram & YouTube

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Following tighter restrictions imposed yesterday by the government. The YBL now have some clarification on what that means for us and the basketball community as a whole. Here's where we are at.

Fixtures and League Updates

Clubs need to agree rearrangements and changes with their opponents first. If you have already spoken with myself regarding a whole team change, like a tip on the same day for all the fixtures, then I can change them in bulk. Otherwise, the online form will need to be used.

If clubs wish to bring any fixtures forward to start their season earlier, I have no objections, please complete the online form with agreement of the other clubs.

Stourport Spartans withdraw from U9 Group B
Aston Manor Academy withdraw from U15 and U17 Primis
Hereford Hornets withdraw from U13 South West
Walsall Wizards change their venue to Walsall College; playing on a Friday evening.
West Brom Basketball change their venue and playing day to Sundays at West Bromwich Leisure Centre.
Worcester Wolves Academy change their day to a Saturday changing their tip times too.

Positive mental health

With several uncertain months ahead, those adults that were planning on playing, are now told they can't. You can still be involved in the game. Your club may have a junior programme, if not, there are others around the area that do. You could train to become a table official or referee, or maybe even a coach. If that's not your thing, you could help the YBL team; reviewing and reporting on games, writing match reports or even videos for our social media. The possibilities are endless.

Have a chat with your club or drop the YBL a message - see what you could do to keep you involved before you get back on the court.

OPINION
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A better service?

It's been three weeks now that the YBL has offered an office based service with reasonable day-time office hours. How have you found the service so far when sending in a email or giving the office ring? I would really like your comments.

I have been working hard from the 'office'; achieving a lot as not having to spend an hour here and there in the evening or early morning trying to complete tasks. So the fixtures, the website and even our social media have been updated quicker. In my opinion emails have been answered quicker, phone calls answered straight away and all queries answered and sorted.

Our office hours are displayed above and on the website.

The website fits all?

Now that members of the YBL have had chance to navigate around the new responsive website, I'd like to know - have we got it right?

I spend several months during lockdown, updating the site, to improve the interaction for the users on mobile devices. I believe the format which is currently used, works well on a phone.

Our new secure section for Club Administrators has gone down well. Have you used yours yet?

It's hit us all...

The governments announcement this week has had an impact on our game and on us individually, affecting our mental health and our optimism about the near future.

If you're feeling it, speak with someone, pick up the phone to a friend or even a member of the YBL staff, who would love to have a conversation about basketball and you.

