



In the Zone

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2020/2021 season

THE WAIT IS FINALLY OVER!

Opening Weekend is nearly upon us

NOV SATURDAY 14

Frankley Falcons 11:00 Bournville Bears 13 WEST

Stourport Spartans 10:30 West Brom Basketball 15 Primis

15:30 ALL GIRLS Leicester Riders

Worcester Wolves TRIPLE HEADER 11:00 Leaddonites Basketball 13 SW

13:00 Leaddonites Basketball 15 SW

15:00 Frankley Falcons 17 Primis

Coventry Elite 15:00 Team Wolverhampton Slam 17 NORTH

NOV SUNDAY 15

Tamworth Tigers TRIPLE HEADER 11:20 Coventry Tornados 13 EAST

13:20 Coventry Tornados 15 EAST

15:20 Coventry Tornados 17 NORTH

Nuneaton Predators 12:20 Yardley Defenders 15 EAST

Stroud Sharks 13:30 Leaddonites Basketball 17 SOUTH

Stourport Spartans 17:30 Frankley Falcons 17 SOUTH

WBA D-Squad 16:00 Walsall Wizards 17 SOUTH

James' thoughts!

PLANNING AHEAD James Davies @jamesdavies113

Myself and the YBL staff are always busy looking at the season ahead and the next season and beyond, as we like to be prepared as much as possible. We look at the development of the clubs, players and officials to help everyone as much as possible.

This season is no different. The YBL are looking to provide some courses to help booster our workforce. This year, we see the return of the popular In The Zone, on a weekly basis, following the opening weekend, as well as our YouTube channel. Pictures and material for our publications is always welcome.

Even though, at this stage, our Championships weekend have not been published, we're looking at an epic end to the season, restrictions permitting.

My fingers are crossed that some point in the near future, we can have the return of our senior and wheelchair leagues.

The Development Team and I are also looking at initiatives for a every member to kick start us off for the 2021/2022 season. We're very excited about the potential possibilities.

The YBL team will always be here for all our members. Here's to a great season, be it playing, officiating or organising. Keep up the good work.

After nearly nine months of inactivity of our favourite sport, the wait is nearly over, as we rapidly approach the Opening Weekend of the YBL season for 2020/2021.

Clubs have been, in some cases, frantically, preparing for their home courts to be ready for the offence that is due with visiting teams. With teams Covid ready, all that is left is their pre-season preparation.

Some teams have been having their pre-season friendly against clubs across the region with great success.



Warwickshire Hawks and West Brom Basketball

So, Saturday 14 November can't come quick enough as we see clubs start their campaign for the YBL Championships.

Good luck to all the teams this season, especially those playing in the opening weekend.

FIRST YBL GIRLS LEAGUE LAUNCHED



The YBL are please to announce the very first 'All Girls' league for the upcoming 2020/2021 season.

The YBL, in conjunction with All Girls Basketball Ambassadors; Karen Goodrich of Northhants Basketball and Kim Accalia of the YBL, have gathered together five teams from YBL clubs to partake in the first ever development girls league.

We welcome teams from; Northants Lightning, Stourport Spartans, CoB Rockets, Solihull Spitfires (Arden Griffins) and Leicester Riders.

The league, designed for grassroots and development purposes, encompasses girls from clubs that are not playing junior national league at U14 or U16 age groups. Our 'All Girls' League is primarily an U14 league, but we do allow U12 JNL players as this gives them the opportunity to progress.

The YBL have tried for several season to promote a 'all girls' league, hopefully, this is a step in the right direction for the following seasons, to help grow the game.



NOV SUNDAY 01

Player Registration Forms
Teams playing the opening weekend to submit their player registration forms for processing. Late entries after this date, may not be processed in time for your players to play their first fixture. Teams playing at a later stage, will need to submit at least 7-days before their first fixture.

NOV SUNDAY 08

Pre-Season Rearrangements
Deadline for pre-season rearrangements between clubs must be completed before this date. Any rearrangements after this date will need to be done using the online Game Form following league rules.

NOV SUNDAY 08

17:00 Pre-Season Conference - Administrative
Team Managers, Club Secretaries & Covid-19 Officers
Pre-season conference YBL clubs, for the above positions within your club. It will be mandatory for at least one of those members to attend the conference call for this information to be passed onto members of staff from your club.

NOV SUNDAY 08

19:00 Pre-Season Conference - Officials
Referees and Table Officials
Pre-season conference YBL officials. It will be mandatory for at least one of those of your selected officials to attend the conference call for this information to be passed onto members of staff from your club. All other officials are welcome to attend.

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