



8 May 2020

Basketball NI
House of Sport
Upper Malone Road
Belfast, BT9 5LA

Dear Basketball NI Clubs,

RE: Announcement regarding Junior and Senior Leagues, Finals day and Cup Competitions for 2019-20 Season during COVID-19 Pandemic.

As everyone is aware the Basketball NI Board has been consulting on the best interest of all Clubs, Players, Volunteers and fans of the game of basketball within our BNI Leagues and competitions for the 2019-20 season.

Therefore the Basketball NI Board have reached the following decisions on the following competitions:

- All league competitions that have been completed with winners announced before Wednesday, March 11th, 2020 will stand.

Senior Leagues, Finals, Cup Competitions and All Star Awards:

- BNI Men's Premier League, Men's Division 1, Women's Premier League, is declared Null and Void with the rationale that there are too many games left to play to determine a fair final ranking by mathematical or any other method.
- All Final's Competitions and Cup Competitions have been cancelled for 2019-20 Senior leagues.
- As the League have not been completed there will be NO League MVP Named however All Star Awards will be announced ranked through the current nominated MVP System of Comortais.

Junior Leagues and Finals Day Competition:

- Under 16 Development League is declared Null and Void. The rationale - that there are too many games left to play to determine a fair final ranking by mathematical or any other method.
- Under 14 Girls – Belfast Star Basketball Club have been declared winners of the league on points with 1 competition game in hand. The rationale - There are no mathematical variables that would change the outcome of this result.

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- Under 12 Boys – Tyrone Towers have been declared winners of the league with Belfast Star Basketball Club taking 2nd place. This result is the final outcome for the Under 12 Boys League.
- Finals Day has been cancelled and WILL NOT be rescheduled for the 2019-20 season.
- All-Stars will be announced for those leagues that have been completed along with All-Stars for leagues that have been declared Null and Void.
- There will be no promotion or relegation throughout the junior leagues unless it is requested by your club when registering for the new basketball season.

Winners Declared in Junior Leagues Post Wednesday, March 11th , 2020

- Under 18 Boys A Conference - Belfast Star Basketball Club
- Under 18 Boys B Conference - Letterkenny Blaze Basketball Club
- Under 18 Womens - Ulster University Tigers Basketball Club
- Under 16 Boys - Belfast Star Basketball Club
- Under 16 Girls - Letterkenny Blaze Basketball Club
- Under 14 Boys - Letterkenny Blaze Basketball Club
- Under 14 Boys Development League - Hazelwood Hawks Basketball Club
- Under 12 Girls - Queens Basketball Club

Please note that these decisions have not been taken lightly and have been made in the best interest of our clubs and sport moving forward.

The Basketball NI Competitions Committee are meeting regularly to discuss the potential return of Basketball in Northern Ireland. This will be aligned with government direction and announcements will be made at the appropriate time.

Thank you for your continued understanding in these challenging times,

Yours in Sport,

Michael McDonnell, Basketball NI Chairperson & Basketball NI Board of Directors

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