



Town Hall Q & A

July 7th

Subject	Question	Answers
ABA Training	Will Alberta basketball take leadership in organizing any training when facilities are available?	Yes, we are working on plans for Fall Development programs
Adult Leagues	Please address impact / requirements of adult leagues where cohorts don't really work.	ABA is holding discussions with provincial adult leagues at the present time.
Adult Leagues	At what phase do you plan to allow Adults to return to play? (Games and full team practices)	All clubs, organizations and cohorts that are members in good standing are sanctioned as long as they follow the ABA Return to Play Guidelines and complete the required forms.
ASAA	Is there going to be any guidance or word from ASAA or school boards about how to proceed with school teams/training?	There may be further information available after the Government of Alberta's August 1st announcement
Coach	As a coach, will there be limits on the number of teams I can work with? Can I coach both of my children and a team at the high school where I teach?	Ideally you work with 1 cohort. If you are able to maintain physical distancing at practices and games you may work with more than 1 cohort.
Cohort	If we cohort with a couple other clubs/teams, and we wish to change our cohort group, do we need to wait 14 days before joining another group?	Athletes are expected to participate in only one sport cohort at a time. Changing cohorts does not require quarantine or isolation - rather, the individual can't join another cohort for 14 days since their last involvement with their previous cohort.

Cohort	Can cohorts individuals from outside your city? Example: Airdrie and Calgary	<p>Sport Cohorts should only participate in sports and physical activities within the zone where they reside; at this time, do not mix (or engage in play) with cohorts from different zones/regions within Alberta (inter regional) or outside of or out of province (cross jurisdictional).</p> <p>Seek sport opportunities in your own community; your neighborhood, town or municipality.</p> <p>Alberta is divided into five health zones: South, Calgary, Central, Edmonton, and North. A map of the five zones can be found at: https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/assets/zone/ahs-map-ahs-zones.pdf</p>
Cohort	For leagues like the CMBA or LMBA, would they have a bubble site or sites similar to the NBA where players would play only in a handful of gymnasiums so contact tracing and containing the virus would be possible?	All clubs, organizations and cohorts that are members in good standing are sanctioned as long as they follow the ABA Return to Play Guidelines and complete the required forms.
Cohort	As the close contact team cohorts stand, players can only be involved with one team sport cohort. Once/when schools reopen will the students be considered to be a part of a close contact cohort group? And if they are how would this impact participation in out of school activity cohort groups?	There may be further information available after the Government of Alberta's August 1st announcement
Cohort	Would the ABA consider allowing the athletes to play and eliminate the audience? If possible, schools could look into live streaming games for fans.	Athletes can play with limited spectators that follow the AHS guidelines. Ideally the fewer number of people in the gym the better. Up to 100 spectators (who should wear masks) can be in the gym if they can stay physically distant from one another
Cohort	We are hoping to run a "mini league" with 4 teams of 6 players each playing 3 v 3 full court on the side courts in a division (i.e. U15 girls or U15 boys). Is this something other clubs are running as we don't want to be a trendsetter. We simply don't have the numbers to have full games. It puts 24 players into a gym with 2 refs, 2 scorekeepers and 1 supervisor/cleaner (29 total)	3X3 is a great way to return to play and an excellent way to facilitate player development. We strongly support this strategy from a health perspective and a player development perspective. Remember to follow the ABA Return to Play Guidelines while running all basketball events in Alberta.
Cohort	Can an athlete play in a cohort with his or her club and attend a daycamp or must they choose one or the other?	Athletes are expected to participate in only one sport cohort at a time. Changing cohorts does not require quarantine or isolation - rather, the individual can't join another cohort for 14 days since their last involvement with their previous cohort.
Cohort	If an athlete leaves their cohort, it says they have to wait 2 weeks to join another one, however, if they take a Covid-19 test and get the results back within 48 hours, are they free to join another	Athletes are expected to participate in only one sport cohort at a time. Changing cohorts does not require quarantine or isolation - rather, the individual can't join another cohort for 14 days since their last involvement

	cohort early since they have tested negative?	with their previous cohort.
Facilities	Some Alberta recreation centres are avoiding offering basketball as a program in their reopening plans. Do you think there is a specific reason for this? Or, is it solely based on high contact surfaces (the ball, benches, etc) and the possible intensity of the sport/close contact?	Basketball is a high risk activity so facilities and organizations are being cautious to avoid unnecessary risks as it relates to the transmission of COVID-19.
Facilities	Will school gyms be accessible to rental groups in the fall, for team/cohort training.	Many schools are waiting until the August 1 announcement on the return to school plans for the fall before they decide on renting out their gyms
Risk	Would like to know how we mitigate the risk of acquiring COVID with return to play?	Following all AHS guidelines outlined in our Return to Play documents will help mitigate the risk.
Timeline	Will there be basketball in the fall?	Please contact your local league for program updates
Timeline	What is the timeline for any gyms opening in Edmonton? Has Alberta Basketball reached out to any places similar to a Calgary? (Private schools)	There may be further information available after the Government of Alberta's August 1st announcement
Timeline	When can actual games start?	Please contact your local league for program updates
Timeline	I know not too many people are getting tested, but from my senses, the COVID risk is low throughout Alberta. When is the estimated time table for players to return to play and during the games what precautions would be taken to ensure maximum player safety?	June 26, 2020 - ABA has released Phase 2 and Phase 3 of the Return to Play Guidelines . ABA will sanction member organization activities that comply with the Return to Play Guidelines .
Timeline	Due to Covid-19 we are concerned with resuming play in September. Is it possible for players to not play in the Fall but join in January?	Restarting is not mandatory – each individual, club, and organization must assess and decide for itself when it is appropriate to restart operations and activity and at which Phase.
Waivers	Is it a requirement to have a physical copy of the self screening paper for each practice/event, or is a verbal confirmation sufficient?	Verbal confirmation is not acceptable - a signed physical copy is required or make use of an online platform that allows for a unique signature. Physical copies should be maintained for a minimum of 14 days.
Waivers	If we have parent/guardians sign via typing their name for daily attestations on a google form will that cover us?	A signed physical copy is required or make use of an online platform that allows for a unique signature. Physical copies should be maintained for a minimum of 14 days.
Waivers	If members are involved with more than one cohort is it recommended that the number of cohorts are disclosed in the waiver/attestation that they sign?	Athletes are expected to participate in only one sport cohort at a time. Changing cohorts does not require quarantine or isolation - rather, the individual can't join another cohort for 14 days since their last involvement with their previous cohort.

