

# League Managers Report

## 2019/2020

### Season in Review

Overall, I believe this past season was very successful with very few issues. This would not have been possible without our Board, Scorekeepers, Spotters and all the volunteers at the club level; a special shout out to Tammy Bourgeois and Joel Legere for their continued work in assisting in the smooth operation of the league. This past season saw registration numbers soar, some may say it was the "Raptors Effect" which likely had some role in the increase. We strongly believe it is the hard work of our member clubs striving to provide the best sport environment possible – word travels fast! The 372 teams registered this past season did not come without challenge. More teams meant bigger divisions and a much tougher job aligning the divisions. Over the past number of years, we have moved to having larger divisions where teams may win a game or two by a larger margin, lose a game or two by a larger margin but overall, they should be competitive in 50% of their games. The addition of all of the teams made this harder to achieve because divisions become so large teams who on paper should play a competitive game never end up being scheduled. While the play-offs were overall a huge success there were issues around number of medals/trophies provided for each championship game. We will take steps to rectify both concerns this coming season.

### Focus for 2020/21

With the concern around COVID-19 still very real in every aspect of life right now, the 2020/21 season is still a very big unknown for the Metro Basketball Association. We are moving ahead with our plans to begin the league on the last weekend in October. There are far too many factors involved to speculate if this will become a reality at the moment, the three big factors are: Facility's must be open for outside group rentals, Public Health Guidelines must be at a stage where competition in a league setting would be permitted and The province has to be at the stage of the Return to Play plan prepared by Basketball Nova Scotia that allows for competition. If a time comes that is becomes a reality that starting at the end of October, we will look to begin at the Beginning of January.

### New Registration & League Management System

Over the last number of year's the league has been looking at implementing a new registration and league management system as the one we have been using for the last number of years has become clunky and very minimal upkeep. The first phase of the change over will happen in early July with the launch of a new website.

### Fee Increases in 2020

Below is the excerpt from last years League Manager's report.

*"We have been advised that there is likely a sizable increase coming in 2020 to our facility rental fees. The biggest of those is the probable loss of our break on the open fee. These changes will have an impact on team fees for the 2020/2021 season."*

After 4 years of no league fee increases, the increases passed along to us from facilities, officials, minimum wage increases, etc are such that the league cannot be sustained at the current \$1495 per team. The new fees are in the works and sent out to the member clubs prior to the AGM.

### Stats:

- Total Clubs: 23 (23 in 2018/19)
- Total Teams: 372 (340 in 2018/19)
- Total Games Played: 2764 (2520 in 2018/19)
- Total number of fines issued: 1 (2 in 2018/19)
- Total Division Championships: 35 (36 in 2018/19)
- Total Players: 3947 (3710 in 2018/19)
- Total coaches: 925 (927 in 2018/19)
- Suspension Games issued: 31 (25 in 2018/19)
- Cost Avg per game: \$196.79 (\$196.04 in 2018/19)

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