

## Important Message from Vision Basketball in regards to Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Vision Basketball, which includes the **2020 KICK-OFF** and **2020 CLASSIC** club basketball tournaments, is actively monitoring the ongoing public health situation surrounding Coronavirus (COVID-19). We have received many questions from coaches and we want to stress that we understand these concerns, especially given the significant attention this topic has received in the media. We are committed to help protect the health and safety of the athletes, staff, coaches, and extended families.

Vision Basketball does not offer medical advice regarding disease prevention, but we refer our teams to the resources listed at the end of this Advisory regarding Coronavirus.

Vision Basketball is monitoring developments from the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) and Alberta Health Services (AHS). While both the PHAC and AHS acknowledge that there is a public health concern, both agencies state that the risk for individuals in Alberta is low. **However, given how quickly things can change, Vision Basketball will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as circumstances require or if Vision Basketball makes changes.**

Considering the current situation, here is a potential step for our Vision Basketball 2020 Club Basketball tournaments:

Currently both the KICK-OFF (May 1-2) and CLASSIC (June 5-6) tournaments are scheduled to run as planned. If, due to the Coronavirus outbreak, either tournament has to be cancelled, a) you will be notified in advance, and b) any team or club who has paid an entry fee will be reimbursed in full.

\*\*\* Please note: teams that withdraw due to their own response to the Coronavirus will not be charged any service fees and a full refund will be issued—this situation is an extreme circumstance and grace will be given to all teams and clubs when providing refunds. \*\*\*

Please keep you and your family safe in these challenging circumstances.

We remind everyone to continue to take preventative actions advised by public health officials to help stop the spread of germs, including washing hands frequently (for at least 20 seconds), containing coughs into a tissue or sleeve, and staying home if you are sick, especially if you have a respiratory illness and fever. If you cough or sneeze into your sleeve or elbow, please do not bump elbows with others when greeting them—high fives are slowly being eliminated and have been replaced with the elbow bump. Certainly, common sense would suggest that the elbow bump may not be the best greeting gesture these days either...

The following resources are available for further information:

### Public Health Agency of Canada

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coro...>

### Alberta Health Services

<https://www.alberta.ca/coronavirus-info-for-albertans.aspx>

<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/topics/Page16944.aspx>

Thank you,



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