



MEDIA STATEMENT

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THE FUTURE OF NBL1 SEASON 2020

The NBL1 management team have today announced that the 2020 NBL1 South season will not go ahead.

"While it is very disappointing that the Torns won't be taking to the court in 2020, we do support the decision of the NBL1 and the actions of state and federal governments to contain the spread of COVID-19," said Tornadoes Chair, Neil Grose.

"The events of recent days together with stringent travel restrictions in and out of Tasmania along with the closure of all indoor sporting facilities has made this decision inevitable.

"The health, safety and wellbeing of the Tasmanian community and the entire league must come first.

"The board of the Tornadoes thanks all our sponsors, players, staff, many volunteers and our huge fan base for their work and anticipation of a big new season.

"The Torns would also like to thank the Hobart Chargers and North West Thunder for their support and solidarity with the Torns during this uncertain time. The relationship between the three clubs has only become stronger as a result of these unfolding events and while we will compete strongly on the court, we are a united group off the court to make Tasmanian basketball stronger.

"We also thank Basketball Victoria for the way it has handled this decision and especially Dean Anglin for his professionalism in such a difficult situation.

"The Tornadoes along with the Chargers and Thunder are very confident that Basketball in Tasmania will continue to grow in the future, and we are already looking forward to season 2021," said Mr Grose.

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