



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE TO ALL ILLAWARRA BASEBALL STAKEHOLDERS

COVID-19 and Illawarra Baseball - Winter 2020 Season

Last week Baseball Australia and Baseball NSW suspended all sanctioned baseball activities until at least the 30th of April 2020 – as a member of Baseball NSW we are bound to operate within these guidelines.

Last evening (Monday 23 March) the Baseball NSW Country Liaison Standing Committee met and made further decisions concerning baseball activities within the Country areas of NSW – specifically these are:

- ALL face-to-face Baseball activities are cancelled until AT LEAST 30 April 2020 (this includes training);
- The June Tamworth carnival is CANCELLED;
- The Port MacQuarie Easter carnival is CANCELLED; and
- A decision on the Country Championships (“A”, “B”, U18 and womens) has been deferred.

As of 22nd March the IBL has indefinitely ceased maintenance operations on the Fred Finch complex as this required “non-essential” travel of the maintenance crew.

Noting that other frontline sports (AFL/NRL) within the country have now suspended all competition until at least June, it is the view of the IBL Executive that the earliest probably start date of competition would be late June (allowing for some level of pre-season) – this, however, will be guided by the recommendations of the state/national bodies and the relevant medical advice closer to that time.

The IBL executive are working with Baseball NSW on the treatment of registration fees that have already been paid given the likelihood of a significantly shortened season – further information on this will be released as it becomes available.

I urge each of you to stay safe, observe the physical separation recommendations published and I look forward to seeing you all on a diamond soon.

Thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dale Jenkins', written over a light blue circular stamp.

Dale Jenkins
President