

TIP OFF



NEWSLETTER

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NOMINATE YOUR TEAM FOR SPRING COMPS

SPRING IS IN THE AIR

IT seems like forever since our last edition of **TIP-OFF**. We would like to thank everyone for their patience and co-operation during lockdown, since we reopened, and as we continue to negotiate the ever-changing living conditions we all face. Keep checking the COVID-19 Update page on the Newcastle Basketball website for all the latest information.

As we make our way through the second half of our Winter Competitions, please note that nominations for Spring Competitions open on **Monday, August 24**. Winter Competition teams have until **Monday, September 7** to nominate, before new teams can nominate. **ALL** nominations close Monday, September 21. Spring Competitions begin the week starting **Monday, September 28**. Grand Finals week starts **Monday, December 14**. The stadium will close for the Christmas/New Year break after the last game on **Thursday, December 17**.

EYE IN THE SKY

WE hope to use the Spring Competition to trial a new video capture system on Main Court. We believe this will enhance the overall game-night experience for our domestic players, as it will potentially allow them to watch their games live (or replays) each week. It is our intention to implement such a system on all courts in the new stadium at Hillsborough.

NEW STADIUM UPDATE

SPEAKING of the new stadium at Hillsborough, it is getting closer. Lake Macquarie City Council is working through the details of the new facility before handing it over to the Hunter & Central Coast Regional Planning Panel. The development application was lodged with LMCC on June 19, in line with all timeframes set out at the start of the process. Based on this, we hope to start construction at the end of this year and that the stadium will be completed and ready to open the doors by the end of 2021.

EAST COAST MASTERS

RESTRICTIONS relating to the COVID-19 pandemic left us with no option other than to cancel the 2020 East Coast Masters, because we did not want to compromise on what has developed into a fun tournament and enjoyable social event in the past four years. We hope to be back bigger and better next year and have scheduled the dates for 2021. Circle **September 11-12** in your 2021 calendars and start rounding up your mates to enter a team.

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