

Basketball New Zealand (BBNZ) is now accepting Expressions of Interest (EOI) for the 2020 Women's Development League (D-League) which will replace the WBC Division Two competition.

The D-League will come with a set of unique rules that help to position the competition as a priority for players seeking a more defined pathway through to the National League and the Tall Ferns.

This competition will cater for between 8 and 12 teams from across New Zealand and aims to provide an affordable and sustainable environment for competing teams.

**The 2020 D-League will feature:**

- between 8 and 12 teams.
- 4 tournament weekends / includes the season opener and finals.
- 2 x South Island tournaments / 2 x North Island tournaments.
- starts early May / ends early July.
- annual league fee of \$3,000 (plus GST).

**The 2020 D-League rules:**

- players must be aged 25 years and under – players cannot turn 26 years old during the defined season (including finals).
- teams can have 3 restricted players. A restricted player is classed as someone over the age of 25.
- teams can have 1 player living permanently in New Zealand who can not represent New Zealand under FIBA rules. This is not in addition to the restricted player rule.
- payments to any players are not allowed. A list of permitted allowances that can be paid for will be made available.

**EOI Timeline**

November 1, 2019 – EOI submission deadline to BBNZ

November 15, 2019 – successful teams granted a 3-year D-League Participation License

November 29, 2019 – tournament dates and locations released

December 13, 2019 – 2020 season schedule released

**EOI Requirements**

1. Team name, city, uniform colours and contact details (team contact person, phone, email).
2. Proof of affiliation to a BBNZ Association or a letter of endorsement from a BBNZ affiliated Association.
3. Draft budget for season 2020 (tournament hosting costs excluded).
4. Forecast budgets for seasons 2021, 2022.
5. A brief overview of your basketball programme and player pathway for girls and women.

**Send EOI To**

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