

# IN THE ZONE

## Weekly



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The Numbers for 2019/2020

<b>18</b> Number of leagues running	<b>6</b> leagues for mini YBL ballers	<b>7</b> U9 teams	<b>19</b> U11 teams	<b>19</b> U13 teams	<b>19</b> U15 teams	<b>14</b> U17 teams	<b>6</b> Junior Mens teams	<b>10</b> Women's teams
<b>9</b> Development Men's teams	<b>8</b> Wheelchair teams	<b>111</b> teams for 2019/2020 season	<b>17%</b> increase of overall teams from last season	<b>11,894</b> views of the YBL website for the 2018/2019 season	<b>2,103</b> views of the YBL YouTube videos (collectively)	<b>800</b> fixtures will be played across the YBL this season	<b>+50%</b> increase of women's teams from last season	

**Little Bits of News**

### Fixture Deadline Approaches

Clubs still organising their fixtures list have until midnight, Sunday 1 September 2019 or Friday 6 September for U15 Leagues.

# SEASON SIX IS HERE!

**A jam-pack and exhilarating season ahead...**

With only sixteen days to go before the YBL 2019/2020 season gets underway, clubs are in the midst of their pre-season preparations for the sensational sixth season of the YBL.

The YBL expands once again this season with an increase of clubs and teams across the board. New clubs; Arden Giffins, Gloucester Saxons, Hereford Hornets and Tamworth Tigers join the fold, as they join previous clubs in their campaign to make the Finals in 2020. We welcome 17 new teams and introduce a brand new U9s league and Wheelchair Development League, joining the YBL Family for this season.

We also see 50% increase in our women's league, with five new teams.

More teams, more leagues, means more fixtures this season. This season we will have approximately 800 fixtures, including regular season, cup games, trophy games and of course our Championship Semi-Finals and Final weekends.

The YBL continues to pride itself on the

excellent work we do off-court.

We are providing club-based level one referee and table official courses to help build each clubs' workforce to meet the growing number of fixtures if you want a course running contact Kim.

We have been in conversation with West Midlands Basketball League, Basketball England and the West Midlands Aspire Programme, looking at ways of working together to help the leagues run more smoothly, for example; not scheduling U11, U13 and U15 games on Aspire training days (more information about Aspire in September). Creating a play-off systems with our Development Men and WMBL Div3, more information soon!

This years Championship Semi-Finals and Final weekends (16th/17th and 23rd/24th May) 2020 are going to be bigger and better with a jam-packed four day extravaganza.

We hope you are looking forward to your YBL 2019/2020 season.



## WELCOME

**We welcome fifteen new clubs to the YBL family**

A very warm welcome is sent out to the new clubs joining the YBL family for the 2019/2020 season. This season sees a record number of new clubs, another increase on previous seasons. When you play them, please give these teams a warm YBL Family welcome.

- Arden Giffins B.C - Solihull
- Aston University B.C - Aston
- Gloucester Saxons B.C - Gloucester
- Hereford Hornets B.C - Hereford
- LT Patriots B.C - Wolverhampton
- Tamworth Tigers B.C - Tamworth
- Team Wolverhampton SLAMI B.C - Wolverhampton
- Worcester Wolves University B.C - Worcester

Brand new for this season is our WDL: Wheelchair Development League and their teams for this season. A huge YBL Family welcome to;

- The Bears (Warwickshire Bears W.B.C)
- Birmingham Eagles W.B.C
- Bromsgrove Blaze Hotshots W.B.C
- Jaguars W.B.C
- Bradford Bears W.B.C
- Worcester Wolves W.B.C
- Leicester Cobras W.B.C

## OPENING WEEKEND

Fixtures were correct at the time of this issue

<b>DOUBLE HEADER</b>	
<p><b>YBL U13 West</b> Friday 13 Sept. 18:30</p> <p><b>WALSALL 99ERS</b> SQUAD</p> <p>Walsall 99ers versus WBA D-Squad</p>	<p><b>YBL U13 West</b> Saturday 14 Sept. 10:20</p> <p><b>Frankley Falcons</b> versus <b>Shrewsbury Storm</b></p>
<p><b>YBL U13 West</b> Saturday 14 Sept. 12:30</p> <p><b>Bournville Bears</b> versus <b>Coventry Tomadoes</b></p>	<p><b>YBL U15 West</b> Saturday 14 Sept. 15:00</p> <p><b>Bournville Bears</b> versus <b>Coventry Tomadoes</b></p>
<b>TRIPLE HEADER</b>	
<p><b>YBL U13 West</b> Saturday 14 Sept. 10:00</p> <p><b>Bromsgrove Bears</b> versus <b>Stourport Spartans</b></p>	<p><b>YBL U13 South West</b> Saturday 14 Sept. 11:15</p> <p><b>Leadonites Basketball</b> versus <b>Stourport Spartans</b></p>
<p><b>YBL U17 North</b> Saturday 14 Sept. 13:15</p> <p><b>Leadonites A-Squad</b> versus <b>Yardley Defenders</b></p>	<p><b>YBL U17 South</b> Saturday 14 Sept. 15:15</p> <p><b>Leadonites D-Squad</b> versus <b>Hereford Hornets</b></p>
<p><b>YBL U13 West</b> Sunday 15 Sept. 15:00</p> <p><b>West Brom</b> versus <b>Walsall 99ers</b></p>	<p><b>YBL U15 West</b> Saturday 14 Sept. 12:00</p> <p><b>WBA D-Squad</b> versus <b>West Brom</b></p>
<p><b>YBL U15 East</b> Sunday 15 Sept. 12:00</p> <p><b>Tamworth Tigers</b> versus <b>Leicester Riders</b></p>	

**Little Bits of News**

### New League Tables

Under 9 and Under 11 League receive new league table for the upcoming season

With competition comes the need to score, to keep a league table of how well your has been doing. The YBL have listened to some parents and club coaches comments and have decided to implement a new league table for all the mini-YBL league at Under 9 and Under 11.

While the table will still rank clubs positions and you'll see how many games have been played. All the other information will be removed from public view on the webpages, but will be replaced with their team win/loss record. Hopefully, this will be a huge success and this table format will be here to stay!

League Standings		
	Pld	Record
1 Walsall 99ers A	0	0 / 0
2 Walsall 99ers B	0	0 / 0
3 Coventry Elite	0	0 / 0
4 Arden Griffins	0	0 / 0
5 Yardley Defenders	0	0 / 0

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### When we Return

All your favourite YBL productions returning for 2019/2020

Most talked about production from last season must have been the YouTube videos. With the quirky Kim and the professional James hosting, we return with our first video of the season, watch out for our first instalment on the 19 September. We have much more content planned for you this coming season.

We will be shining a light on the development of officials and coaches in a new mini-web series.

In the Zone Weekly returns with Club of the Week and we look more closely at the teams and their development after several seasons playing in the YBL.

Lots of exciting content coming your way!