



WORTHING THUNDER BASKETBALL CLUB PRESS RELEASE

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Worthing Thunder Basketball Club has today announced its intention to seek membership of the British Basketball League, the top flight in British basketball, for the season beginning September 2008.

Having won the English Basketball League Division 1 title for the last two seasons and currently enjoying a successful season this year, the club believes that it is time that it makes the natural progression to the BBL.

The move is fully supported by Head Coach Gary Smith who believes that the club will find the potential move an exciting and positive development and expects that the increased competition will stretch the club to reach its full potential.

The formal application to join the BBL was made last week.

A key to the successful move will be attracting additional sponsors to the club, and a number of businesses have already indicated a willingness to become involved with the Thunder as they aim to re-establish the town of Worthing at the pinnacle of professional basketball in the UK.

Some changes to the ownership structure of the club are expected to occur next season whatever the outcome of the application to join the BBL. A new Board of Directors and a new administrative and management team will be introduced to seek to make a move into the BBL successful for the club and for the town of Worthing.

The club intends to hold a public meeting on Thursday 28 February at 8pm at Worthing Leisure Centre to outline its plans to supporters, other members of the public and potential new sponsors.

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