



2027 JUNIOR BREAKERS TRYOUT FAQ's (updated Jul 2026)

This information has been provided to answer all your questions in regards to our upcoming selections. Please take the time to read all the information provided to help you understand the process and our program.

WHO ATTENDS BREAKERS TRYOUTS?

- Returning Breakers Players from 2026;
- Players transferring from another VJBL association;
- Players invited from New Player Tryouts
- Players who have NOT previously played VJBL but fall within the following age groups — Under 12 Girls, Under 14 Girls, Under 16 Girls, Under 16 Boys, Under 18 Girls, and Under 18 Boys

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR BREAKERS?

Players from any association are welcome to attend tryouts and do not need to be currently registered in the Mornington Basketball Domestic Competition. If selected in a Breakers VJBL team, they must read and understand the eligibility requirements outlined below.

To represent Mornington District Basketball Association (MDBA), all players selected in a Breakers VJBL Team must participate in the MDBA Domestic Competition in both the Summer and Winter Seasons.

Please use this link to view more about our [Breakers Eligibility Criteria](#).

I CURRENTLY PLAY REPRESENTATIVE BASKETBALL FOR ANOTHER ASSOCIATION, CAN I TRYOUT FOR BREAKERS?

Players registered with another VJBL association are welcome to attend Breakers tryouts; however, they must submit a signed Permission to Train form to development@morningtonbasketball.com.au no later than five days prior to the commencement of tryouts. Players who arrive without a valid Permission to Train will not be permitted to participate under any circumstance.

All players must also read and understand the eligibility requirements outlined above.

WHAT ARE THE DATES AND TIMES OF BREAKERS PLAYER TRYOUTS?

These dates and times are published on our [website](#), and are also provided below. Please note that all details are subject to change.

Under 12 Boys — Born 2016 & 2017

Phase 1: Saturday October 3rd | 9:00am to 10:30am | Mornington Basketball Stadium

Phase 2: Monday October 5th | 6:00pm to 7:30pm | Peninsula Grammar Senior Gym

Phase 3: Sunday October 11th | 9:00am to 10:00am | Mornington Basketball Stadium

Under 12 Girls — Born 2016 & 2017

Phase 1: Saturday October 3rd | 10:30am to 12:00pm | Mornington Basketball Stadium

Phase 2: Wednesday October 7th | 6:00pm to 7:30pm | Peninsula Grammar Senior Gym

Phase 3: Sunday October 11th | 10:00am to 11:00am | Mornington Basketball Stadium

Under 14 Boys — Born 2014 & 2015

Phase 1: Saturday October 3rd | 12:00pm to 1:30pm | Mornington Basketball Stadium

Phase 2: Friday October 9th | 5:30pm to 6:30pm | Mornington Basketball Stadium

Phase 3: Sunday October 11th | 11:00am to 12:00pm | Mornington Basketball Stadium

Under 14 Girls — Born 2014 & 2015

Phase 1: Saturday October 3rd | 1:30pm to 3:00pm | Mornington Basketball Stadium

Phase 2: Friday October 9th | 4:30pm to 5:30pm | Mornington Basketball Stadium

Phase 3: Sunday October 11th | 12:00pm to 1:00pm | Mornington Basketball Stadium

Under 16 Boys — Born 2012 & 2013

Phase 1: Sunday October 4th | 10:30am to 12:00pm | Mornington Basketball Stadium

Phase 2: Friday October 9th | 7:30pm to 8:30pm | Mornington Basketball Stadium

Phase 3: Sunday October 11th | 1:00pm to 2:00pm | Mornington Basketball Stadium

Under 16 Girls — Born 2012 & 2013

Phase 1: Sunday October 4th | 9:00am to 10:30am | Mornington Basketball Stadium

Phase 2: Friday October 9th | 6:30pm to 7:30pm | Mornington Basketball Stadium

Phase 3: Sunday October 11th | 2:00pm to 3:00pm | Mornington Basketball Stadium

Under 18 Boys — Born 2010 & 2011

Phase 1: Sunday October 4th | 1:30pm to 3:00pm | Mornington Basketball Stadium

Phase 2: Friday October 9th | 9:30pm to 10:30pm | Mornington Basketball Stadium

Phase 3: Sunday October 11th | 3:00pm to 4:00pm | Mornington Basketball Stadium

Under 18 Girls — Born 2010 & 2011

Phase 1: Sunday October 4th | 12:00pm to 1:30pm | Mornington Basketball Stadium

Phase 2: Friday October 9th | 8:30pm to 9:30pm | Mornington Basketball Stadium

Phase 3: Sunday October 11th | 4:00pm to 5:00pm | Mornington Basketball Stadium

DO I ATTEND EVERY PHASE OF TRYOUTS FOR MY AGE GROUP?

Attending Phase 1 of Breakers Tryouts does not guarantee progression to Phases 2 and 3. Progression to these phases is by invitation only, and all player selections are made at the club's discretion. Players are expected to attend every phase to which they have been invited.

FEEDBACK AND MISSING OUT

There is **NO FEEDBACK** provided to players following any phase of Breakers Tryouts. During the tryout period we assess over 500 children and almost 50% of those children will not be successful in making team in 2027. Selections are part and parcel of representative basketball and we strongly encourage you to have this conversation with your child prior to attending selections.

WHAT IF I CANNOT MAKE TRYOUTS?

Players who are injured and have a doctor's certificate must still register for tryouts online and submit a copy of their medical certificate to manager@morningtonbasketball.com.au no later than 24 hours prior to the commencement of tryouts.

Players who are unavailable must still register for tryouts online and must contact manager@morningtonbasketball.com.au to provide the reason for their absence no later than 7 days prior to the commencement of tryouts.

Players who miss any phase of Breakers Tryouts because they are attending another association's tryouts will not be given consideration for selection in the phase they did not attend.

WHAT TIME SHOULD I ARRIVE?

Please arrive a minimum of 15 minutes prior to your scheduled session time.

CAN PARENTS OR CARERS BE IN ATTENDANCE DURING TRYOUTS?

All tryout sessions will be closed. Only players are permitted inside the stadium during tryouts. Parents and carers are not permitted in the Clubroom or in any other area of the stadium for the duration of the sessions.

WHO WILL BE IN THE STADIUM DURING TRYOUTS?

Players, invited coaching staff, and employees may be in attendance as officials during tryouts. All coaching staff and officials hold valid Working With Children Checks and have signed Member Protection Declarations.

WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS A MEDICAL CONDITION?

If your child has a medical condition this must be noted on their online registration form. In addition to this please contact the MDBA CEO, Samantha Browne at manager@morningtonbasketball.com.au to discuss your child's condition. Medication and medical management plans should be left with the staff on duty.

WHAT SHOULD I WEAR?

Players must wear the singlet that was recorded on their online registration form. This singlet must be reversible, with both light and dark sides.

WHAT DO I BRING?

You are required to bring the correctly sized, named basketball for your age group, and a named drink bottle.

- Under 12 Boys & Girls – Size 5 Basketball
- Under 14 Boys, Under 14 Girls, Under 16 Girls, U18 Girls – Size 6 Basketball
- Under 16 Boys, Under 18 Boys – Size 7 Basketball

HOW DO I PREPARE?

Players must arrive fuelled, hydrated, and having used the toilet before their tryout begins. Players will not be permitted on the courts under any circumstances prior to the commencement of their tryout. As with all training environments, players are expected to show respect to their Coaches and Assessors and must refrain from bouncing their basketball while instructions are being given.

WHAT IS THE STRUCTURE OF TRYOUTS?

Players will undertake warm-up drills, skills assessments, and scrimmages.

CAN PARENTS OR CARERS SPEAK TO THE COACHES OR ASSESSORS ON THE DAY?

Parents are not permitted to speak with coaching staff or assessors during tryouts. Any questions must be directed to the CEO or the Administration Staff on duty, who will pass on any necessary information to coaching staff or assessors as required.

WHEN ARE COACHES ANNOUNCED?

Team 1 coach appointments are announced prior to the commencement of tryouts, and all remaining coach appointments are released alongside the squad selections.

WHEN ARE VJBL TEAMS ANNOUNCED?

Preliminary squads will be announced on our website and social media channels in the days following the final tryout session.

HOW LONG DO I HAVE TO ACCEPT A POSITION ON A BREAKERS TEAM?

Players will have 48 hours from the time squads are announced to complete and submit the online Player Contract and pay the non-refundable deposit of \$200.00 to confirm their acceptance of their position.

PLAYER MOVEMENT

All squads are considered preliminary throughout the grading phases. The Association reserves the right to move players between squads in accordance with VJBL Rules of Operation. Players may be moved to a higher or lower team during grading based on performance and to ensure team balance. Any player movement will be undertaken in consultation with the relevant coaching staff, the player and their family.

WILL ALL PLAYERS WHO TRYOUT MAKE A BREAKERS TEAM?

Existing and new players attending tryouts are not guaranteed a position on a squad. Mornington Basketball, like all associations, is experiencing a significant increase in the number of players registering for tryouts. Team numbers are limited by available training and competition venues, resources, and our commitment to delivering a high-quality program and experience for all players. As a result, many players who tryout will not be successful in securing a position, and this may include existing Breakers players.

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY CHILD IS NOT SELECTED?

Squad lists are published on our website and social media pages. If your child is not selected for a squad, their name will not be published. We do not notify unsuccessful players individually, and families do not have the right to appeal the Club's decision. There is a possibility that unsuccessful players may be invited to join a squad

at a later date if positions become available due to non-acceptance. Mornington Basketball will contact families directly should a position open.

If your child is not selected, it does not mean they will not go on to become a successful basketballer. We strongly encourage these players to continue developing their skills and to try out again the following year. Mornington Basketball offers a range of camps and programs throughout the year to support ongoing player development.

WHAT IS THE CRITERIA FOR SELECTION?

Selections for a Breakers team are based on two key assessment components:

1. **Performance during the tryout sessions**, and, if required;
2. **Assessments from the previous season.**

2027 BREAKERS FEES

The 2027 Breakers fees are not yet confirmed and will be released in the coming weeks.

HOW DO I ORDER A UNIFORM?

New players must pay an additional \$120 at the time of their deposit for their playing singlet, playing shorts, and socks. All other uniform items (*excluding the warm-up top*) can be purchased through the Mornington Basketball online uniform shop, found [HERE](#).

Only Mornington Breakers uniform may be worn to training sessions, matches, or any occasion where a player is representing Mornington Basketball.

Compulsory Uniform items:

- Playing Singlet
- Playing Shorts
- Training Singlet
- Warm Up Top
- Hoodie
- Socks
- Backpack

Uniforms are available to try on at Mornington Basketball Stadium. This can be done during competition hours just take note of the correct sizes.

I AM A PARENT AND I WANT TO GET INVOLVED, WHAT CAN I DO?

Our Club relies on parents volunteering, and we have a number of roles available. One of the most important roles is the Team Manager. If you are interested in taking on this role, you should advise your child's Coach immediately and also notify manager@morningtonbasketball.com.au.

WHEN DOES THE VJBL SEASON START?

The first grading match will commence in late November. The 2027 VJBL Calendar is not yet confirmed and will be released in the coming weeks.

WHEN IS BREAKERS TRAINING?

All selected Breakers players are required to commit to two compulsory training sessions per week. This includes one team session and one squad session. These sessions are scheduled by the club, generally consisting of a Sunday session and one mid-week session.

The team session is led by the team's Head Coach, while the squad session brings together multiple teams with similar experience and is overseen by our Basketball Development Manager, Nathan Cumberland.

Attendance at all training sessions is recorded, and players may be removed from the program if their training attendance is not satisfactory.

Please use this link to view more about our [Guidelines For Breakers Training Absences](#)

WHEN WILL BREAKERS TRAINING START?

Training dates and times will be published at a later date. Training is expected to commence approximately one week after squad announcements.

WHAT TOURNAMENTS DO BREAKERS TEAMS PARTICIPATE IN?

Mornington Breakers participate in two compulsory tournaments each year:

- **Southern Peninsula Tournament** – 6th of November 2026 to the 8th of November 2026
- **Eltham Dandenong Tournament** – 22nd of January 2027 to the 25th of January 2027

All other tournaments throughout the season are optional and may be entered at the discretion of each Coach and team.