



## 2025 JUNIOR BREAKERS NEW PLAYER TRY OUT FAQ's (updated July 2024)

Welcome to Mornington Breakers. New Player Try Outs are for any Under 12 or Under 14 players who have **NOT** played VJBL in the 2024 season. This information has been provided to answer all your questions in regards to our upcoming selections. New Player Try Outs are for players eligible for Under 12 or Under 14 (born 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015) that have not played representative basketball with Mornington or any other association in the past. Please take the time to read all the information provided to help you understand the process and our program.

### Am I eligible for Breakers?

To be eligible to represent the Mornington District Basketball Association (MDBA) as a Mornington Breaker it is compulsory for all players under 18 years of age participate in our MDBA domestic competition both Summer and Winter seasons.

To read our full eligibility requirements please follow this link [ELIGIBILITY – Mornington District Basketball Association \(morningtonbasketball.com.au\)](http://morningtonbasketball.com.au)

### What are the dates and times of “NEW PLAYER BREAKERS TRY OUTS”?

#### *Dates and Times:*

Venue for all sessions will be Mornington Basketball Stadium, 1051 Nepean Highway, Mornington

#### **Phase 1: Friday September 6th**

4pm- U12 Boys  
5pm- U12 + U14 Girls  
6pm- U14 Boys

After Phase 1, you will be notified via email if your child is invited to Phase 2

#### **Phase 2: Friday September 13th**

4pm- U12 Boys  
5pm- U12 + U14 Girls  
6pm- U14 Boys

After Phase 2, you will be notified via email if your child is invited to attend Phase 1 of Breakers Try Outs in October

### Feedback and missing out

There is **NO** feedback provided to any athletes if they are unsuccessful in progressing through to Phase 2 of New Player tryouts, or Phase 1 of Breakers tryouts. During the try out period we assess over 500 children and almost 50% of those children will not be successful in making team in 2025. 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 make it through to Phase 1 of Breakers Try Outs”?

Try Outs for existing Breakers players U12 – U20, those clearing from other VJBL Associations and those invited from New Player Try Outs are as follows:

Phase 1: 6<sup>th</sup> Oct  
Phase 2: 11<sup>th</sup> Oct  
Phase 3: 13<sup>th</sup> Oct

Times will be released closer to try-outs.

**\*\*Note all times are subject to change\*\***

## What if I can't make Try Outs?

Players that are injured and have a doctor's certificate must be registered for Try Outs online and submit a copy of the medical certificate to [manager@morningtonbasketball.com.au](mailto:manager@morningtonbasketball.com.au) a minimum of 24 hours prior to the Try Outs commencing. If a player is not available for a session they must contact Sam Browne, Mornington Basketball - General Manager stating the reason for the absence a minimum of 7 days prior to the scheduled session.

## What time should arrive?

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

## Can parents or carers be in attendance during Try Outs?

No all Try Out sessions will be closed, meaning that only players are permitted inside the Stadium during Try Outs. Parents are not permitted in the Clubroom or any other area of the stadium during Try Outs.

## Who will be in the stadium during Try Outs?

Players and invited coaching staff and employees may be in attendance as officials during Try Outs. Coaching staff and officials hold valid Working With Children Checks and 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 General Manager, Samantha Browne at [manager@morningtonbasketball.com.au](mailto: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 be wearing the singlet that they were photographed in, when registering for Try Outs. Singlets must be reversible light and dark.

## What do I bring?

You need to bring the correct sized named basketball for your age and a named drink bottle.

- Under 12 girls and boys – size 5 basketball
- Under 14 boys and girls – size 6 basketball

## How do I prepare?

Players need to be fuelled, hydrated and should go to the toilet before their sessions starts. Players will not be permitted on the courts under any circumstance prior to their session starting. As with any training session players must respect their Coaches and Assessors and refrain from bouncing their ball whilst they are talking.

### **What is the structure of Try Outs?**

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

### **Can parents speak with coaching staff or other officials on the day?**

No parents are not permitted to speak with coaching staff. Any questions must be referred to the General Manager or Administration Staff on duty who will if required pass any information on to the Coaching Staff or Officials.