



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

This information has been provided for those attending Breakers Try Outs that were registered with Breakers in the VJBL 2024 season, registered with another association in the VJBL 2024 season or those invited from Phase 1 and Phase 2 of New Player Try Outs.

Am I eligible for Breakers?

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

Any player not registered in our summer domestic competition at the time of junior Breakers teams being announced/selected will be required to pay an initial \$150 fee (excludes those players that are exempt). See eligibility by following this link or viewing the MDBA By Laws [ELIGIBILITY – Morningsong District Basketball Association \(morningsongbasketball.com.au\)](http://www.morningsongbasketball.com.au)

- The \$150 fee will be refunded when the player registers for a team in the summer competition; or, if they don't register
- Pay an additional \$100.00 (\$250.00 total); or
- The player will be removed from the Breakers program if not registered in our domestic competition or paid the \$250.00 fee by 1st November.

I don't play "domestic basketball" at Morningsong, can I try out?

Yes, players that are not currently registered in the Morningsong Basketball domestic competition can attend try outs but they must read and understand the strict eligibility requirements above.

What are the dates and times of "BREAKERS TRY OUTS"?

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

Phase 1: Sunday 6th Oct

Phase 2: Friday 11th Oct

Phase 3: Sunday 13th Oct

Venue: Morningsong Basketball Stadium (1051 Nepean Highway, Morningsong)

Times will be released closer to try-outs

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

Do I attend each Try Out session for my age group?

Yes players are required to attend each Try Out session for their age group, three in total.

What is Phase 1, Phase 2 and Phase 3 of Breakers Try Outs?

This year we will be releasing players after Phase 1 and Phase 2 of Breakers Try Outs. Current Breakers players (those registered in VJBL 2024) will automatically progress to Phase 3. All players will receive an email in the days following Phase 1 of try outs to notify them if they are progressing to the next stage or if they have been released. Due to the large volume of players that will be assessed we will **NOT** be providing feedback through this process. Selections are part and parcel of representative basketball and we encourage you to have a conversation with your child prior to try outs to prepare them if they are released. Telephone calls or emails requesting feedback or complaints regarding player selections will not be responded to.

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 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. Players that are missing a session due to attending another Association's Try Outs will not be given any consideration for selection for that missed 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.

I currently play representative for another Association; can I try out for the Mornington Breakers?

Yes, players that are registered with another Association are welcome to attend Breakers Try Outs but must submit a signed Permission to Train from a minimum of 5 days prior to Try Outs. Players that present without a valid Permission To Train will not be able to Try Out under any circumstance.

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 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
- Under 16 girls, Under 18 girls – size 6 basketball
- Under 16 boys, Under 18 boys, Under 20 boys – size 7 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.

When are coaches announced?

Team 1 Coach appointments are announced prior to Try outs and all other Coach appointments are announced with squad selections.

When are squads announced?

Preliminary squads will be announced on our website and social media pages in the days following the last Try Out.

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 (\$150.00) 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](#). Your child may be moved to a higher or lower team during grading based on their performance and to balance teams. Player movements will be made in consultation with relevant coaching staff and the player/family.

Will all players that Try Out make a team?

Existing and new players that attend Try Outs are not guaranteed a position on a squad. Mornington Basketball along with all other Associations are experiencing an influx of players registering for Try Outs. Our team numbers are limited by the number of training, competition venues and resources available and being able to deliver a high-quality program and experience for all players. This means that many players Trying Out will not be successful in making a team and this may include existing Breakers players.

What happens if my child is not selected?

Squad lists are published on our website and social pages. If your child is not on 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.

If your child is not selected it does not mean that they won't go on to be a successful basketballer and we strongly encourage these players to continue to work on their game and try out again the following year. We run a number of camps and programs throughout the year for players to continue to work on their skills.

Telephone calls or emails requesting feedback or complaints regarding player selections will not be responded to.

What is the criteria for selection?

Selections for a Breakers team is made up of two assessment pieces:

1. Performance at try out sessions and if required;
2. Assessments from the previous season.

2025 Fees

- 1 player - \$715.00 - \$21.00 per week
- 2 player - \$643.50 each - \$37.50 per week
- 3 player - \$572.00 each - \$50.50 per week

Teams that qualify for Victorian Championship (VC) each player will be invoiced an additional \$35.00, which will be due at the conclusion of VJBL grading.

If your family is experiencing financial difficulty, please contact Sam Browne – General Manager for a confidential discussion as soon as squads are announced.

How do I order a uniform if selected?

All uniform orders are to be placed online via the Breakers shop. Only Breakers uniform may be worn to training sessions and matches or any time a player is representing Mornington Basketball. A small selection of sample sizes is available during competition hours at Mornington Basketball Stadium to try on before ordering. The uniform shop will be open online after Try Outs are complete.

Compulsory Uniform items:

Playing singlet, training singlet, playing shorts, hoodie, warm up top, Breakers bag & socks

Other items:

- Sublimated playing reversible singlet \$75.00 (compulsory)
- Sublimated pro cut shorts \$60.00 (compulsory)
- Performance Short Sleeve Warm Up Top \$50.00 (compulsory)
- Reversible High Performance Training Singlet \$35.00 (compulsory)
- Hoodie \$80.00 (Compulsory)
- Reversible High Performance Training Singlet \$50.00 (compulsory)
- Socks \$15.00 (compulsory)
- Backpack or Duffle Bag \$70.00 (compulsory)
- Sublimated short sleeve polo \$60.00
- iAthletic Track Pant \$70.00
- Shell jacket \$120.00
- Beanie \$30.00
- Scarf \$30.00
- Pro Zip Hoodie \$100.00

I am a parent and want to get involved, what can I do?

Our Club relies on parents volunteering. We have a number of roles available and one of the most important is Team Manager. If you believe that this might be a role you are interested in, you should flag this with the Coach of the team immediately and notify manager@morningtonbasketball.com.au

When does the season start?

The first grading match will commence on 15th November 2024. You can view the 2025 VJBL Calendar by following this link [2024-25 Calendar \(morningtonbasketball.com.au\)](#)

When is training?

All players are required to train twice per week. Training sessions are held on Sunday's and Monday (boys) and Sunday and Wednesday (girls). The midweek squad session is conducted by MDBA staff and VJBL coaches. Players that are sick should not attend training but players that are injured are expected to be in attendance, where possible. Attendance at training sessions is recorded and players may be removed from the program if training attendance is not satisfactory.

When will training start?

Training dates and times will be published at a later date. You can expect training to start approx. 1 week after squad announcements.

Are tournaments scheduled during the year?

Mornington Breakers participate in two compulsory tournaments each year being:

- Southern Peninsula Tournament: 8th – 10th November 2024
- Eltham Dandenong Australia Day Tournament – January 2025

All other tournaments are at the discretion of each Coach and team during the season.