



## 2026 JUNIOR BREAKERS TRY OUT FAQ's (updated August 2025)

This information has been provided for those attending Breakers Try Outs that were registered with Breakers in the VJBL 2025 season, registered with another association in the VJBL 2025 season or those invited from Domestic Player Tryouts.

### 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 \(morningtonbasketball.com.au\)](https://morningtonbasketball.com.au/eligibility)

### What are the dates of "BREAKERS TRY OUTS"?

Tryouts for existing Breakers players U12 – U18 and those clearing from other VJBL Associations and those invited from Domestic Player Tryouts are as follows:

#### Phase 1: Saturday October 4th (Times TBC)

U16 Boys (2011/2012 Born)  
U16 Girls (2011/2012 Born)  
U18 Boys (2009/2010 Born)  
U18 Girls (2009/2010 Born)

#### Phase 1: Sunday October 5th (Times TBC)

U12 Boys (2015/2016 Born)  
U12 Girls (2015/2016 Born)  
U14 Boys (2013/2014 Born)  
U14 Girls (2013/2014 Born)

#### Phase 2: Friday October 10th (Times TBC)

All Age Groups

#### Phase 3: Sunday October 12th (Times TBC)

All Age Groups

### Do I attend each Tryout session for my age group?

Yes, players are expected to attend all tryout phases they have been invited to.

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

Players that are injured and have a doctor's certificate must be registered for tryouts 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 tryouts 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 tryouts 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 tryout sessions will be closed, meaning that only players are permitted inside the Stadium during tryouts. Parents are not permitted in the Clubroom or any other area of the stadium during tryouts.

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

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

### 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 tryouts but must submit a signed Permission to Train from a minimum of 5 days prior to tryouts. 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 tryouts. 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 tryouts. 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 – 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 tryouts 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 tryout.

### 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 (\$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](#). 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 tryouts are not guaranteed a position on a squad. Mornington Basketball along with all other Associations are experiencing an influx of players registering for tryouts. 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.

### Can I request feedback from Tryouts?

Requests for feedback for existing and new players on their performance at tryouts or team selection will not be provided due to the large number of players being assessed.

### 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.

There is every possibility that unsuccessful players be invited to join a squad at a later date if players do not accept their positions. Mornington Basketball will contact you directly if a position becomes available.

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.

### 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.

### 2026 Fees

- 1 player - \$715.00
- 2 players - \$643.50 each
- 3 players - \$572.00 each

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?

New players must pay an additional \$120 at the time of their deposit for their playing singlet, playing shorts and socks. All other items (*excl Warm Up Top*) can be purchased via the Mornington Basketball online uniform shop found [HERE](#).

Only Breakers uniform may be worn to training sessions and matches or any time 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 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](mailto:manager@morningtonbasketball.com.au)

### **When does the season start?**

The first grading match will commence late November.

### **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 – 7/11/25 to 9/11/25
- Eltham Dandenong Australia Day Tournament – 23/1/26 to 26/1/26

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