



BIG V POLICY

MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

The Director of Coaching is responsible for the appointment and ongoing management of the Big V coaching staff. The General Manager is responsible for the overall administration of the program. The Director of Coaching and General Manager work together to deliver the program and report monthly to the Committee of Management.

TEAM REGISTRATION

MDBA may at its own discretion register teams into the Big V competition only if we have sufficient player numbers that meet the Morningsong Basketball player quota. MDBA may enter up to four teams to compete as follows:

- Senior Men
- Senior Women
- Youth League Men
- Youth League Women

TEAM NUMBERS

A maximum of twelve players will be selected in each Big V team.

Senior Teams

It is expected that a minimum of 50% or 6 players of the Big V senior training squad must be graduates from MDBA's Junior Breakers program. A player who has spent one year as a youth league player or junior player qualifies as an MDBA player.

Youth League Teams

It is expected that a minimum of 75% or 9 players of the Youth team training squads must be graduates from MDBA's Junior Breakers program.

TRY OUTS

Up to three tryout sessions will be scheduled at date and time scheduled by the General Manager in or around October – November each year.



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SENIOR OPEN TEAM

MDBA's Big V senior open team is the ultimate achievement of a Mornington Breaker.

Winning is the number 1 priority and focus of the senior open team. Given this, the best players available, regardless of age, will be selected in the senior open teams.

YOUTH LEAGUE TEAM

Player development and preparation for future senior open team selection is of equal importance as winning for the Youth League team. The Youth League team is the major source for future senior open players.

The age eligibility for the Youth League team is determined as at 31st December of the year of competition. Simply a player must be 23 years or under throughout the calendar year of competition. Players are eligible for selection to our Youth League program from top age Under 16 and above.

JUNIOR BREAKER ELIGIBILITY FOR BIG V SENIOR OR YOUTH LEAGUE PROGRAM

To be eligible to play in the Big V senior program be it the senior team or the youth league team you must be a current registered junior Breaker player, to be eligible for possible selection. This section relates to a player that is selected on to the team not a development player. Development players are discussed in the following section.

A junior Breaker playing in U18 or younger team must meet the following requirements: -

1. Commit to the eligibility requirements of being a junior Breakers player as per the MDBA By Laws except for
 - o A player under the age of 18 years who is selected on a Big V Senior or Youth League team is not required to play domestic basketball
2. Commit and be available to play the full grading and competition season with his/her junior Breakers team and be available for up to two junior tournaments per year. In the event there is a clash, juniors takes priority.
3. Maintain attendance at their junior weekly training sessions. Players are to train a maximum of 2 hours in any day. It is the players responsibility to manage their training load and commitment with the Head Coach of the junior team and Head Coach of the senior team. Junior commitments are the number 1 priority.

In extraordinary circumstances and with strong significant supporting evidence a junior Breaker's player Under 18's or below, may apply in writing to the Committee of Management for an exemption from playing in the junior Breakers program. In making any decision the Committee will consult with the junior Breakers Coach, the Senior Men's/Women's Coach and any other relevant



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parties. The final decision will be made by a majority vote by the Committee of Management and will be deemed final.

If a player who starts a season in Under 18's and is also a selected player in the Big V senior program decides to withdraw from the Under 18 (VJBL) program, prior to or during the Season they will be ineligible to play in the Big V Senior or Youth League program.

An Under 21's Breaker's player or a Breaker's player who is 18 years or over that is still eligible to play in the Victorian Junior Basketball League (VJBL) may at their own discretion choose to play only in the Big V program only.

DEVELOPMENT PLAYERS

Talent identification of potential future Big V players from the underage Breakers is to be encouraged and can occur throughout the season from top age Under 16's and above.

Both youth league, senior coaches and the junior coach must agree that the player's ability and character is deserving of an invitation to train with the Big V squad.

The senior coach advises the General Manager of the player and his/her current junior Breaker's team and the parents/player is invited in writing to the Big V Squad.

Each team may nominate two development players that must be registered in the Breakers junior program. Development players are in addition to the maximum twelve players per team. The development players train once per week with the senior or youth team but their first priority and commitment is always to the junior team. The same eligibility requirements as per above item are relevant. A development player receives a Big V polo only and may attend matches and sit on the bench with the team. The developmental opportunity to sit on the bench in a Big V game as player 11 or 12 is to be encouraged. Such players need to be made aware that while court time will most likely be limited, the experience will be very beneficial to their development.

BIG V PLAYER AVAILABILITY

In the event that a senior team has 9 or fewer players available for selection the senior coach can nominate a player[s] from the youth team to fill the vacancies so that 10 players are available.

The youth league players comprise the feeder group of the senior team. The U18 team 1 and U21 team 1 junior Breakers comprise the feeder group of the youth league team.



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COACHING

Each team will have a Head Coach, Assistant Coach and a Team Manager.

Big V coaches are to adopt a team approach to the preparation and development of all Big V players. A commitment to a united approach is expected and required. The example of coaches working productively and positively together cannot be overestimated when the major expectation coaches have of their players is a commitment to "team" for ultimate success to be achieved.

SENIOR COACH RESPONSIBILITIES

The Senior Coach will coordinate and lead senior program. This coaching appointment encompasses the following key performance tasks:-

- Recruitment of both senior and youth players for the Big V squads in consultation with the Youth League Coach and Director of Coaching;
- Overseeing pre-season training;
- Meeting with the Youth League Coach to determine team selections, pre-season training, replacement players and finals preparation;
- Providing a summary report of the performance of the senior open team at the end of the season;
- Complying with the Working with Children Check and the Member Protection Declaration requirements;
- Abiding by, Basketball Victoria's Big V by-laws, MDBA Big V policies and the employment conditions of MDBA's Big V coach's agreement.

YOUTH LEAGUE COACH RESPONSIBILITIES

The Youth League Coach will coordinate and lead the youth program. This coaching appointment will encompass the following key performance tasks:-

- Selection of the youth league team in consultation with the Senior Coach and Director of Coaching;
- Talent identify junior Breakers with potential to train and/or play with the youth team in consultation with junior Breaker coaches; Director of Coaching and General Manager;
- Lead training of the youth league squad;
- Overseeing pre-season training;
- Meeting with the senior coach to determine team selections, pre-season competitions, replacement players and finals preparation
- Providing a summary report of the performance of the youth team at the end of the season;
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PLAYER COMMITMENT

Players must be available for all fixtured games of the season and play in all matches in which he/she is selected to play or as otherwise directed by the Club unless a duly qualified Medical Practitioner rules him / her unfit to play. Players are expected to attend all scheduled training sessions and team meetings of the Club.

Behaviour

Players must obey all reasonable directions of the Head Coach, Assistant Coach, Team Manager and Association. Players must adhere to the MDBA Big V policies and guidelines and the Rules and Regulations of the Association, Basketball Victoria Codes of Conduct of the Club and rules and regulations of Big V.

Junior Club support

All senior players must commit to attending no less than 2 hours of support per month to a Breakers junior team either at training sessions or matches. Players that are appointed as an Assistant Coach on a full time basis will have their fees for the season waived. If they fail to fulfil the commitment fees will be required to be paid pro-rata.

Uniform and dress code

Players must adhere to the Big V Rules of Operation dress code. Dress code is taken seriously as Big V has the ability to fine any club not following dress codes. Fines will be passed onto any player that incurs the fine. Players will be provided with a playing singlet, playing shorts, warm up top, polo shirt and hoodie all other items must be purchased at the players expense. The playing singlet, shorts and warm up top remain the property of MDBA and must be returned at the end of the season. Players must wear the Mornington Basketball socks and these are to be purchased at the players expense.

Insurance

It is the player's responsibility to maintain membership of recognised hospital and medical benefits fund which provides hospital, medical and dental benefits coverage and must have ambulance subscription.

Permission to Train

A player must not play or train with any other Club or team without first obtaining the consent in writing from the MDBA General Manager.