



2022 JUNIOR BREAKERS

TRY OUT INFORMATION GUIDE AND FAQ'S

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COVID safety

Try Outs will be conducted in line with the Victorian Government restriction levels and the Mornington District Basketball Association COVID Safety Plan.

All patrons at Mornington Basketball Stadium aged 16 year and above must be fully vaccinated to enter the venue. Players that are aged 16 and above will need to show proof of vaccination through the Services Victoria App or a hard copy. Anyone with an exemption from vaccination will need to provide an approved hardcopy at each session. Only those coaching staff, employees and volunteers that are fully vaccinated over the age of 16 years will be permitted to attend Try Outs.

If your child is not fully vaccinated please contact Sam Browne, General Manager as a matter of urgency to discuss at manager@morningtonbasketball.com.au. Access will not be permitted on the day to unvaccinated players 16 years and over. Players over 16 years that are waiting on their second vaccination and unable to attend Try Outs will still be eligible for selection.

How do I register for Breakers New Player or Breakers Try Outs?

Registration for Breakers Try Outs are online only and will close on 28th October 2021. It is mandatory that all players [register online](#) within the specified dates.

Am I eligible for Breakers?

All players and families must read and understand strict eligibility requirements available at [ELIGIBILITY – Mornington District Basketball Association \(morningtonbasketball.com.au\)](http://morningtonbasketball.com.au)

What happens if I can't find a domestic team to play in?

In accordance with the eligibility requirements you will receive an additional \$250.00 fee due by 15th April 2022 and the Association reserves the right to remove the player from the Breakers program.

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 available at [ELIGIBILITY – Mornington District Basketball Association \(morningtonbasketball.com.au\)](http://morningtonbasketball.com.au)

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 provide a signed [Permission To Train](#) from their current Association and submit this to manager@morningtonbasketball.com.au a minimum of 3 days prior to Try Outs. Players that present without a valid Permission To Train will not be able to Try Out under any circumstance.

What if I can't make Try Outs?

Players that are injured and have a doctors certificate should register 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 sick must not attend under any circumstance and you should notify the General Manager on 0427 305 536 asap.**

Will I be considered for a team if I am not at Try Outs?

Given the challenges of the last 2 years all reasonable requests to be excused from a session will be considered. There will be no further sessions held for any player than cannot attend Try Outs regardless of the circumstances.

Are parents, carers, family members or others able to watch 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.

What time should I arrive for Try Outs?

You must arrive at Try Outs a minimum of 15 minutes prior to your scheduled time. Upon arrival you will need to register.

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?

Current Breakers players should wear their training uniform. New players should wear, if possible a reversible singlet or bring a light and dark coloured t-shirt.

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.

Do I need a VJBL Permission to Train Form?

If you are coming to Mornington from another Association and are eligible to Try Out for Breakers you will need a completed and signed [Permission to Train](#) form. This form must be submitted to our staff before the player enters the stadium.

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 assessors or coaching staff. Any questions must be referred to the General Manager or Administration Staff on duty who will if required pass any information on.

When are Coaches announced?

Team 1 Coaches can be viewed by following this [link](#) all other coaches are announced at the same time as squad selections.

When are squads announced?

Preliminary teams will be announced on our website and social media pages usually around 7 days from the last Try Out.

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.

How long do I have to accept a position on a Breakers team?

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

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**. A number of players both new and existing will not make squads in 2022.

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.

If your child is not selected it does not mean that they won't go on to be a successful basketballer. Families and players 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.

What is the criteria for selection?

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

1. Performance assessments generated by coaching staff based on individual reviews conducted by age group coaches from 2021 season.
2. Try out sessions.

Fees (currently under review will be updated 21/10/21)

\$600.00 - Victorian Junior League (VJL) 1 or below

\$675.00 - Victorian Championship (VC)

Deposit: \$100.00 non refundable deposit is paid at the same time as signing the Player Contract

Payment 1 - due by 1st December 2021 - \$250.00

Payment 2 - due by 2nd February 2022 - \$250.00 (VJL 1 or below) or \$325.00 (VC)

View full details regarding fees here [2021 BREAKERS FEES – Mornington District Basketball Association \(morningtonbasketball.com.au\)](https://www.morningtonbasketball.com.au/2021-breakers-fees)

How do I buy a uniform?

All uniform orders are to be placed on via our online uniform shop [Uniform Shop \(jotform.com\)](https://www.jotform.com). Players must try on uniforms for sizing in the Mornington Basketball office before ordering. Further information on uniforms will be provided in the coming weeks.

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 will the season start?

View the key dates by following this [link](#)

View the VJBL Calendar by following this [link](#)

How many training sessions will I be required to attend each week?

The training plan for 2022 will be released in late November. Players can expect up to two training sessions per week. One session will be held on a Sunday and one session mid-week. The training plan is set by the Club and is not changed to meet individual requests. It is compulsory for the players to attend the training sessions set by the Club each week unless they are sick. Injured players must attend training. Training sessions may involved both on court sessions and off court ie fitness class, running class, yoga class.

Are their tournaments during the year?

Tournaments may be scheduled during the year and players are expected to make themselves available to participate. The coaching staff and team may agree on which tournaments they wish to enter and the Club will not be scheduling compulsory tournaments in 2022.