



**VJBL 2025/26
TRYOUT GUIDELINES**



Blackburn Vikings Basketball



VJBL Tryout Guidelines Handbook - What's included

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PREPARATION FOR TRYOUTS

- All players must pre-register prior to our tryout sessions. We are unable to accept walk-ins.
- If you have played VJBL at another club at any time, it is your responsibility to arrange for a Permission to Train (PTT) and make sure that it has been approved prior to the tryout session. Players cannot try out if we have not received your PTT.
 - The VJBL will open the PTTs on Monday 22nd September 2025.
- Please arrive at least 20 minutes prior to your first tryout time so you can be checked-in and numbered.
- Please wear your Vikings reversible training singlet or if you are new to representative basketball at Blackburn a light/dark reversible singlet (preferably black/white).
- Please bring a clearly named drink bottle and basketball (ensure you bring the correct size)

BASKETBALL SIZES PER AGE GROUP:

Age Group	Boys	Girls
Under 12	Size 5	Size 5
Under 14	Size 6	Size 6
Under 16 and older	Size 7	Size 6

- It is our expectation that all players will attend each try out session, unless advised otherwise.
- Please complete the following link (do not send an email) as soon as possible if you will be absent from any tryout session:
<https://www.cognitoforms.com/VikingsDocuments/VJBLTryoutAbsence2025>
- Please note: If you fail to notify us via the link above of your absence from a tryout session, this will affect your eligibility for final team selection.



NEW PLAYER TRYOUT SESSION

- Players who are new to representative basketball **MUST** attend the new player Identification Camp on Thursday 18th September 2025. Following this session, these players will be notified via email if they are required to attend further tryouts.

TEAM SELECTION

- Multiple coaches will be involved in the team selection process, including the Coaching and Athlete Development Officer.
- Considerations during team selection include:
 - **Tryout performance**
 - **Player distribution** – the team may not for example, comprise of all point guards and therefore, once the coach has enough point guards his/her other selections will be focused on other positions/skills etc. Coaches will select players for specific positions/roles to ensure a balanced team, as well as considering team chemistry when finalising their team so the result is a quality and competitive team.
 - **Skills** – Fundamental skills, technique, coordination, attitude, sportsmanship, intensity, competitiveness, performance under pressure, court awareness and scrimmage performance.
 - **Past performance** – tryouts may provide an incomplete indication of a player's skills and therefore input from a player's previous coach may be considered.

NOTIFICATION OF TEAM SELECTION

- Throughout the tryout period, players will be notified via email if they are unsuccessful. If you receive an unsuccessful email, this will mean the player will no longer be required to attend any further tryouts.
- Players will be notified of their team placement following the final tryout session.
- Players may consider an offer for 24 hours and if there is no response from the player to the Coach within 24 hours, the offer will be withdrawn.
- Please note, declining an offer means that player is ineligible to play on any Blackburn Vikings Representative team in that season.



GENERAL INFORMATION

- All tryout sessions are player only and **parents and other spectators are not permitted to attend.**
- Everyone will be provided access to our 2024/2025 Junior Representative Guidelines. These guidelines provide an overview of important information relating to our Representative program. We will also run an information session for each age group as part of our tryout process. The time, date and location will be advised closer to the tryouts.
- Tryouts are a stressful time for everyone, including parents. We conduct our tryouts fairly, with everyone being given an opportunity to display their skills, basketball knowledge and attitude. We do not offer pre-determined places. Please understand that some players will not make the team that they hoped to make and therefore may be disappointed. We ask that you keep a positive attitude regarding the process and outcome to assist your child's development and ability to move forward. It is essential that everyone displays positivity as we move into the season.
- **IMPORTANT:** Under no circumstances are parents to communicate with the Coaching and Athlete Development Officer, coaches or any BVBA staff or volunteers during the tryout process in person, by phone, email or SMS in relation to player selections and team placements.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FROM PARENTS & PLAYERS

- Whilst attending tryouts and if chosen for a team, all players and parents have agreed to abide by the relevant Terms and Conditions by completing the registration. The Basketball Victoria Code of Conduct, as well as Blackburn Vikings Policies can be found on our website: <https://www.blackburnvikings.com/>
- Your attendance at Blackburn Vikings' Representative Tryouts acknowledges you have read and understand these tryout guidelines.
- As a family, you understand that if selected you are committed to all scheduled VJBL Grading, Regular Season and Finals games as well as selected tournaments throughout the year. You also understand that it is a requirement to attend **all** training sessions throughout the season, even when injured.