



BREAKER CONFIRMATION NOW REQUIRED

Key Dates

October

- Friday 24th Provisional Breaker Teams announced.
- Monday 27th – Thursday 30th Training with team coaches
- Tuesday 28th – Friday 31st 5.00 - 9.30pm. Registration & Uniforms. Conference Room. Open to all.
- Friday 31st Breaker Confirmation deadline. Move from provisional to Permanent
- Friday 31st – Thursday 6th No training.

November

- Thursday 6th Breaker Coaches Meeting @ Mornington Golf Club. 7.30 -10.00pm
- Friday 7th VJBL Practice Game 1.
- Sunday 9th Players, Parents and Coaches meeting @ Toorak College. Mt Eliza
- Monday 10th Full training program starts
- Friday 14th VJBL Practice Game 2.
- Friday 21st VJBL. Grading Game 1.
- Sat 22nd & Sun 23rd Southern Peninsula Tournament. Entry fee part subsidised by MDBA.

Coaches, Parents & Players,

This week is a critical week for all players named in the **Provisional** 2015 Breaker teams on Friday 24th October. **Provisional selection** will only become **Permanent** upon payment of a **Registration fee**.
Deadline: 9.30pm Friday 31st October.

The timeline to Permanency is very much determined by the player rule involved with the VJBL Practice Game 1 on Friday 7th November.

Breaker teams nominated for the VJBL practice game 1 on Friday November 7th will form the teams for Phase 1 of VJBL grading. No player movements can happen after this game.

Committee of Management [COM] Selection Guidelines

MDBA is a club of limited resources [3 courts] yet fast growing in player numbers in its Domestic competition. As a local community club the COM wanted to provide a “priority pathway” for the children of MDBA members. To facilitate this the following selection guideline steps were implemented:

1. Players had to be of Breaker Representative standard. This standard determined by the Coaching Director and the Independent Assessment Panel.
2. MDBA player: - A player currently playing Domestic or who played the Breakers 2014 Season qualified for priority selection.
3. For each age group the number of teams multiplied by the number of players in each team = Total number of player positions available.
4. MDBA players given priority placement. Remaining vacancies offered to new players.

Some age groups, most notably the Boys U14 and U16, had more players, both MDBA qualified and new, than positions available.

The end result is 5 MDBA players and 12 new players from other clubs missed out. This is a very small number given over 440 players started the Try Out process. Over 50 new players got in.

There will be 36 Representative Breaker teams for Season 2015. This is an increase of 4 teams on 2014.

For the 2016 Breaker season Try Outs will most likely be closed with all players being “MDBA qualified”. It will certainly simplify the process and significantly reduce the time involved.

2016 MDBA qualification: Play our 2015 Domestic competition & play required no. games to qualify for finals.

This “closed” approach should not be interpreted that MDBA has no commitment to success. This could not be further from the truth. There is an absolute drive to provide the best program for both our players and coaches. We are happy for the scoreboard to be the judge. The biggest drive for success lies in training - skill development and intensity being the keys.

Registration Deadline – Friday 31st October

Players named on Friday 24th October in Breaker’s 2015 teams have Provisional status. “Provisional” will ONLY become “Permanent” upon a Registration payment. Deadline: THIS Friday 31st October

PLAYERS NEED TO BRING A COPY OF A BIRTH CERTIFICATE OR PASSPORT FOR PROOF OF AGE

EXTENDED OPPORTUNITIES TO REGISTER ARE NOW AVAILABLE

- * Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday. 5.00 – 9.30 pm.
- * Come at ANYTIME during these hours.
- * The Conference and Boardrooms will be set up and staffed for both Registration and Uniform fitting.
- * 3-4 staff will be on duty throughout these hours. Nevertheless patience & understanding may be required.

2015 Season Fees

- U12 to U18: \$390.00
- U20: \$340.00
- 3rd child \$100.00 discount. Discount taken off the last payment.

Two Payment Options

1. In full.
2. Installments via Direct Debit from nominated bank account. \$190.00 [U12 to U18] or \$140 [U20] deposit + 4 x \$50 monthly payments on 30/11, 31/12, 31/01 & 28/02. Payment completed by February.

The deposit for Direct Debit can be paid via cash, cheque, EFTPOS or via Direct Debit form.

Payment Methods

1. Cash.
2. Cheque (payable to M.D.B.A.)
3. EFTPOS now available!
4. Direct Debit

Uniforms

- We believe we have ordered enough stock to cover demand
- Compulsory: - Singlet (reversible), shorts, training top (reversible), hoodie & bag. Cost: \$240.00
- Please note: Players cannot choose their playing number

Financial Hardship

The Committee of Management has allocated a small fund to provide a level assistance to any family that may have good reason for assistance. Such cases will be treated confidentially. Please submit application to Mr. Lyndsay Baczyk, Treasurer, Committee of Management, MDBA. Place in sealed envelope and hand deliver to the administration office or mail to PO Box 373 Mornington, Victoria, 3931

Insurance

Registration fees provide for extensive insurance cover under an arrangement with Basketball Victoria. It covers players, coaches, trainers, referees, voluntary workers, committee members and employees for professional indemnity, public liability and personal accident.

The scope of personal accident covers competition, training, social functions, committee meetings and fundraising and travel to and from these activities. Further information is available via the website link at the end of this document.

The registration fee also covers court hire, training sessions and payments to the VJBL and are generally not refundable.

Breaker Dedicated Office

Direct queries to: - Deb Kruger P: 5975 0067.

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Additional Costs

Other than the registration fees and the travel costs, for VJBL sanctioned games each team is required to pay the venue they play in a fee for the team-sheet and there is usually an accompanying door entry fee ranging from \$2.50-\$3.00 per person including players and spectators. Teams manage their own costs and will typically charge each player about \$10 per game to cover the team-sheet fees and other incidentals.

Game Times

Matches are played on Friday nights with U12s scheduled early in the evening around 6:40pm through to 9:50pm for U18 and U20's. Players are typically required 30 minutes prior to game start time.

Allow 50 minutes for the game.

Setting up the Season

Opinion is the medium between knowledge and ignorance. Plato

At MDBA we want opinion to be knowledge! For this to occur communication must happen and to facilitate this two meetings have been scheduled. All key stakeholders – Players, Parents and Coaches must be fully informed. Please make every effort to attend. It will make for a great season.

Meeting 1: Coaches Meeting. Thursday 6th November

To facilitate this Committee of Management [COM], Breaker Sub Committee, Coaching Director and Breaker Office staff will be providing the opportunity for a meet and greet with the Breaker coaches on Thursday 6th November from 7.30 to 9.30 pm. Location Mornington Golf Course.

Meeting 2: Parents, Coaches and Players. Sunday morning 8th November

Similar format will be provided to players and parents. The opportunity for team coaches to meet parents will also be provided via morning tea after overall group presentation. Location: Toorak College, Mt Eliza

These two meetings will set up the year and bring the collective Breaker family together. Hope to see you all there!

Southern Peninsula Tournament.

This tournament has a team entry fee of \$350. Breaker players will pay \$25 with COM approving to pay the balance. All games are held locally so it is a nice convenient tournament and a great way to get each team to build friendships etc. MDBA and MLC [David Collings Centre] courts will be utilised throughout the tournament so your team might be lucky and get a "home" game.

Note: Full Domestic Competition will still run Saturday at MDBA.

PLAYERS NAMED IN TEAMS MUST CONFIRM PLACE BY REGISTRATION PAYMENT BY FRIDAY 31ST
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COUNTDOWN TO GAME 1 PHASE 1

Friday	31 st	Provisional Breakers deadline to confirm team position 2015 Season.
Wednesday	4 th	De Marcus finalises & Breaker's sub committee signs off on teams for Phase 1 Grading.
Thursday	5 th	Coaches get team lists at meeting. Reserve players advised of status. Teams loaded on Web Site 8.00pm.
Friday	6 th	VJBL Practice Game 1.

If you know a teammate or friend is away on holidays or absent due to illness please let them know
"Permanency is required by Friday".

Why not speed up the process by completing the Registration form [if not done already], Medical Form, Direct Debit Form [if this is your preferred payment option], Uniform Form [if required]? Simply download, fill out and arrive at Registration and fast track required tasks.

Go Breakers!