

CBA VJBL Tryout Process 2026 - 27 Season

General Information

The Victorian Junior Basketball League (VJBL) incorporates competitions conducted state-wide and provides the highest level of junior competition in Victoria.

The competition includes the U12 to U20 age group for both boys and girls, in a graded structure from the Victorian Junior Championship League to the Regional Competition.

The Victorian Junior Championship League serves as a benchmark for excellence in competition and is the premier competition for junior teams nominated by affiliated Associations.

Craigieburn Basketball Association (CBA) has successfully competed in the VJBL competition for many years and is proud of both the Championships won and watching our players develop and move forward into Big V and other similar programs.

Each season, we aim to have teams representing the Association at the highest level possible and being competitive in the finals series. Player skills and ability development are a priority for both the individual player and Association growth.

The selection process for a CBA VJBL team is via a series of tryout sessions and practice games, which will commence on Monday 5 October 2026. This process allows our Selection Team and Coaches to fairly assess and place players into the most appropriate team for their skills and level of knowledge and to create the best competitive teams across each age group.

1. Registration

Registrations for the 2026 – 27 season will open in PlayHQ on 12 August and close on 1 October.

All athletes will be required to register online via the PlayHQ system prior to tryouts commencing.
There will be no registrations on the day of the tryout.

There will be two separate registration groups:

Domestic Players – if you have never played VJBL before;

Current or Previous VJBL Players – if you are currently or have previously played VJBL.

Any medical conditions or concerns must be recorded when registering on-line or if it is a recent condition, e-mail details to vjbl@craigieburneagles.com.au or advise the CBA Official upon check-in on the day.

All current CBA players/families must be financial from the previous season(s) to attend any tryout sessions.

Further information regarding tryout sessions will be available on CBA social media sites.

2. Access to Tryouts

To limit possible distractions and avoid undue pressure on an athlete, tryout sessions will be closed. This means that all parents/guardians will be excluded from entering the Stadium unless they are a Coach.

Parents who are CBA Officials will also be excluded from their child's session time, except in extreme circumstances and with the approval of the Director of Coaching (DoC) or VJBL Delegate. This also avoids any potential perceptions of favoritism or bias.

An exemption may also be given by the DoC, VJBL Delegate or onsite BoM Member if an athlete has an underlying medical condition or a severe injury during the tryout process, where a

parent/guardian may be required to enter.

3. Transfers/Imports

CBA welcomes athletes from other Associations, subject to the VJBL Rules of Operation.

It is the athlete's responsibility to ensure that they have completed the Permission to Train form process via the link on the VJBL website prior to attending their first tryout.

4. Access to Coaches

We request that parents/guardians refrain from approaching Coaches at any time during the tryout sessions.

If for any reason a coach and the DoC or VJBL Delegate believe it is necessary to have an individual discussion with a child, the DoC or VJBL Delegate will contact the parent and arrange a suitable time.

Any queries can be addressed via e-mail to vjbl@craigieburneagles.com.au.

5. Tryout Expectation & What to Bring

Generally, all athletes should arrive a minimum of 20 minutes prior to the commencement of their scheduled tryout session. CBA Officials will check your registration, permission to train (if applicable) and allocate an identification number which may be written on your arm and leg (if required).

Bring a correct size basketball and full water bottle or other sports drink as appropriate, both with name clearly marked.

Wear basketball appropriate attire – reversible light/dark singlet/top, basketball shorts and basketball shoes or appropriate footwear (runners).

It is compulsory to attend a minimum of two tryouts scheduled for your age group in the first week. Priority may be given to those players that attend all tryouts.

If you are unable to attend a session due to illness, compassionate grounds or similar please e-mail vjbl@craigieburneagles.com.au prior to the scheduled tryout time. Any absence due to illness will require a Doctor's Certificate or Statutory Declaration to be supplied. If absence is due to scheduled travel/holiday, please record this at the time of registration.

Injured players are expected to attend every scheduled tryout session and supply a medical certificate to vjbl@craigieburneagles.com.au.

6. Tryout Process

The DoC (or their Delegate) will arrange and oversee the complete tryout process.

Appointed coaches and a selection of suitably qualified, independent advisors oversee each age group session, observing drills and game play and taking comprehensive notes/complete checklists.

Following the completion of each session, the DoC and age group coaches will discuss the assessment criteria checklists for each player and assess their suitability for a particular team level. Athletes should expect to rotate through various groups of players throughout the tryout process.

There is no guarantee that each player trying out will be selected in a squad/team.

Squad Trials

Players will be placed into Squads at the conclusion of the tryout process (this may not relate to U20's age group). Squad trials allow the team selectors to see like skilled players compete against each other, evaluate how players deal with and react to specific situations and follow instructions etc.

It is not uncommon for the DoC and Coaches to continue moving players during Grading Phase 1, therefore players and parents should not regard a position in a squad as permanent.

Changes can occur for many reasons including but not limited to:

- Best interest of individual players for their development
- Team requirements in terms of playing positions/opportunities
- Level of commitment to training and games
- Compliance with program rules and policies

7. Team Offers & Announcement

The DoC and Head Coach of each age group will lead the discussion for the final creation of each squad/team, ensuring that all are well balanced to achieve the appropriate team level and opportunities for player development.

All teams/squads will be announced via the CBA website (craigieburneagles.com.au) or via individual correspondence. The announcement dates will be advised at the last tryout and via alerts on our social media platforms.

Players (Parents/Guardians) then have 24 hours to confirm their child's acceptance of the offer or to decline. Any player who does not accept their offer within the 24 hour timeframe may forfeit their position.

At no stage will any member of the selection panel offer a player a position on a team outside of this process.

Following acceptance, parents should register their child to the team via the PlayHQ link provided and pay the non-refundable registration \$150 deposit within 24 hours of their acceptance.

Failure to complete the above acceptance process may result in the team position being offered to another athlete.

Records of all athletes are to be retained by the VJBL Delegate.

8. Ineligibility for Selection

Players who have inappropriately left a CBA VJBL team over the previous two seasons, may not be eligible for selection, especially into a 1's team.

9. Number of Teams

The number of teams in each age group can vary from season to season and can be dependent on:

- the number of athletes attending tryouts
- the balance of top and bottom age players
- the quality of the playing group
- the availability of appropriate coaches
- VJBL rules and regulations

CBA reserves the right to register the number of teams it feels appropriate for each season.

10. Bylaws Section 8.5

As per CBA's Bylaws, there is an expectation that all players participating in Representative (VJBL) basketball with the Craigieburn Eagles, also play domestic basketball in a CBA Domestic Competition.

For the 2026 – 27 season this Bylaw will be enforced for all players in the U12 and U14 age groups

(Domestic Summer 2026 and Winter 2027 seasons).

Exemptions for certain circumstances may be considered upon application in writing to the CBA Board of Management at secretary@craigieburneagles.com.au

11. Parent Involvement

CBA relies on volunteers and there are a number of ways in which you could help.

If you would be interested in becoming a Team Manager for a VJBL team or if you could assist in any other way, please contact the VJBL Delegate at vjbl@craigieburneagles.com.au.

12. General

CBA Board of Management reserve the right to adapt any policies and processes based on information from Basketball Australia, Basketball Victoria, the Victorian Government, Hume City Council or at the Board's discretion for the health and wellbeing of our community.

It is an expectation that any and all safety standards, QR code requirements and the like will be adhered to by everyone associated with CBA or attending a CBA run event.

2026 – 27 Tryout Dates/Times

DOMESTIC/NEW TO REP PLAYERS

Craigieburn Sports Stadium

Courts 6, 7 & 8 (unless otherwise notified)

U14 Boys & Girls	Thurs 1 Oct	5:00 – 6:00 pm
U16 Boys & Girls	Thurs 1 Oct	6:00 – 7:00 pm
U18 Boys & Girls	Thurs 1 Oct	7:00 – 8:00 pm

CURRENT OR PREVIOUS REP PLAYERS

Craigieburn Sports Stadium

Courts 6, 7 & 8 (unless otherwise notified)

* Courts 3, 4, 5

U12 Girls	Mon 5 Oct	Wed 7 Oct	Mon 12 Oct*	4:30 - 6:00 pm
U14 Girls	Mon 5 Oct	Wed 7 Oct	Mon 12 Oct*	6:00 - 7:30 pm
U16 Girls	Mon 5 Oct	Wed 7 Oct	Mon 12 Oct*	7:30 - 9:00 pm
U12 Boys	Tues 6 Oct	Thurs 8 Oct	Thurs 15 Oct	4:30 - 6:00 pm
U14 Boys	Tues 6 Oct	Thurs 8 Oct	Thurs 15 Oct	6:00 - 7:30 pm
U16 Boys	Tues 6 Oct	Thurs 8 Oct	Thurs 15 Oct	7:30 - 9:00 pm
U18 Girls	Sun 11 Oct	12:00 - 2:00 pm	Wed 14 Oct	5:00 - 6:30 pm
U18 Boys	Sun 11 Oct	2:00 - 4:00 pm	Wed 14 Oct	6:30 - 8:00 pm

All Teams	Fri 17 Oct	IntraClub games		Times TBA
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U20 Age Group

U20 Girls	Mon 19 Oct	6:30 – 8:00 pm	Thurs 22 Oct	7:30 – 9:00 pm
U20 Boys	Mon 19 Oct	6:30 – 8:00 pm	Thurs 22 Oct	7:30 – 9:00 pm

Dear Families,

Thank you for registering for Craigieburn Eagles Junior Representative tryouts for the 2026 - 2027 season and we would like to wish your son/daughter all the best and hope that they are successful in making a team for the upcoming season.

Parents usually have a number of questions regarding the Representative program and we hope the information provided here and in our attached Tryout Guideline document will go some way in giving an explanation, especially for those who are new to VJBL.

Fee Structure

We have an inclusive registration fee for the upcoming VJBL season. This new approach streamlines payments and gives clarity and simplicity and allows families to plan ahead with confidence.

Included in the Full Registration Fee:

- VJBL team registration costs
- Training venue hire for the season
- Team equipment and supplies
- Coaching support and development
- Score bench training (if applicable)
- VJBL affiliation fees
- Administrative and operational costs
- CBA – Tip Off Tournament entry

We believe this model helps reduce the stress of managing ongoing payments throughout the season and enhance the overall experience for players and their families.

Fee Amount & Payment Options U12 – U18

Total Fee (can be paid via payment plan)	\$900
First Payment	
Non-refundable deposit payable on acceptance of position (mid Oct)	\$150
Payment Options	
Balance of payment upfront by 15 January, or	\$750
Direct debit instalment plan starting from 15 February (7 months)	\$107.14 p/m

U20's team registration will be \$600 due to the shorter season and competition parameters.

Please Note: additional costs such as non-CBA tournament entry fees, travel/accommodation for away games or optional extras (e.g. second uniform set, club merchandise) are not included and will be communicated separately, if applicable.

Additional Weekly Team Fees – VJBL 2026 - 27 Season

In line with Basketball Victoria's guidelines, weekly team sheet fees will commence at the start of the grading season.

Breakdown (based on 2026 team sheet pricing as set by VJBL)

- **VJL Teams:**
Approximately **\$12.50 per player per week** (based on a 10-player team)
- **Victorian Championship (VC) Teams:**
Approximately **\$16.00 per player per week** (based on a 10-player team)

These fees cover game day court hire, referee payments and Association game-day costs and are set by VJBL.

Teampay – Simplified Weekly Payments

All CBA teams will be using Teampay to manage weekly game payments efficiently. This platform offers a simple and streamlined process for families and all VJBL Associations, ensuring payments are collected efficiently and on time.

Payments are automatically processed each Thursday, ahead of scheduled Friday night games.

Once appointed, Team Managers (TM) will set up Teampay for their team and be your main point of contact once teams are finalised.

Information regarding Tryouts

- Tryout for Domestic/New to Rep players will be on Thursday 1 October 2026.
- Tryouts for current/previous Rep players will commence on Monday 5 October 2026.
- Registrations open in PlayHQ on 12 August and close on 1 October.
- Cost to register for tryouts is \$25 per player.
- **There will be no registrations taken on the day of the tryout.**
- Further key information, including tryout dates and times can be found in the attached CBA Tryout Guidelines document.
- It is highly recommended that each player attends all tryout sessions to give themselves the best chance of final team selection.
- No guarantee of selection – trying out for representative basketball does not mean the player is guaranteed placement in a team, and placements cannot be appealed or disputed.
- Roles - players are allocated specific roles in the team based on their size, their abilities and that of their teammates. They often don't have the opportunity to play in all positions in a game situation.

Training & Court Time

There will be two compulsory training sessions per week which will be held on either a weeknight (Monday - Thursday) or Sunday.

Court Time – players are not rotated evenly as is often the case in Domestic. Players will have more or less time on court during the game, depending on a number of factors including skill level, match-up to opposition players/game plan, participation and attendance at training and performance on the night.

Bylaws Section 8.5

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Uniforms

Each player must have a compulsory uniform of shorts, singlet, warm up top and reversable training top. The full uniform must be worn for all games. Please note that the warm-up top can only be worn, no plain tee shirts etc. A long sleeve tee or hoodie is permitted to be worn under warm up tee on colder nights.

Further details regarding uniform ordering and sizing nights will be advised following team selection. Orders must be placed by the end of October.

Tournaments

All U12 – U18 Representative teams are expected to compete in a minimum of three tournaments for the playing year. ALL teams are expected to play the Craigieburn Tip Off Tournament in November and the Eltham/Dandenong tournament over the Australia Day long weekend, as this a great Championship season preparation opportunity for additional training. The Coach will assess the most appropriate third tournament.

Codes of Conduct

All persons involved in a team are bound by the Codes of Conduct, policies and procedures as set out by Basketball Victoria (BV) and the Craigieburn Basketball Association (CBA). All players, parents, team managers and coaches will be required to sign that they have read and understood these Codes of Conduct. Your Team Manager will provide further information.



Parents should always maintain a positive attitude and support their child and their team. Encourage your child to work and train hard to improve their skills, be patient and always remember it is a TEAM sport.

If a parent wishes to have a discussion with the coach, this does not occur on game night, but a meeting time arranged via the Team Manager, usually before or after a training session. While we encourage supporting behaviour, parental coaching from the sidelines is **not allowed**. CBA has a zero tolerance to parents and spectators behaving badly.

Scoring

Scoring is a role of the parents, and each player will be required to nominate a family member or friend to score on a regular roster basis. Scorers should be over the age of 18 years.

Fundraising

Fundraising activities will take place during the season to help teams raise funds to help pay for tournaments and presentation night tickets.

Team Manager

Each team needs someone to volunteer to be the TM. The TM is the vital link between the Club, players, parents and coach. How the TM develops and maintains these relationships can be critical to a successful season. All TM's are required to hold a valid Working with Children card.

CBA will support the TM with a comprehensive information booklet, Club polo and hoodie, meetings throughout the season and direct access to our VJBL Delegate. In addition, a reduction of \$200 will be taken off the registration fee for the child playing in the team you are managing.

Please email vjbl@craigieburneagles.com.au if you are interested in becoming a Team Manager.

Parent Meeting

A compulsory parent/guardian meeting will be held, usually at the first tryout. Further information will be advised closer to the time.

Welfare Officer

Should you have any concerns regarding the welfare of any CBA member please e-mail our Welfare Officer, Stacey, at welfarecba@gmail.com Also refer to our CPP policies on our [Website](#).

Resources

We recommend that all parents visit the Resources section of the VJBL website which is designed to provide further helpful information. <https://www.basketballvictoria.com.au/vjbl/about-us#resources>

In registering for our VJBL Representative Competition, you agree to abide by all CBA policies, procedures, terms and conditions which can be found on our website or individually issued from time to time (www.craigieburneagles.com.au).

Should you have any other questions you would like answered please e-mail vjbl@craigieburneagles.com.au

We wish every player a successful and positive tryout experience and look forward to a positive 2026 – 27 season.

Kind regards,
CBA Board of Management