

MELBOURNE TIGERS

TRYOUTS GUIDELINES

2024/2025

1. ATTENDANCE

- a) **All tryout sessions are closed sessions. Only participating players, coaches, selection staff, Melbourne Tigers Representative Advisory Committee members and MSAC staff are permitted entry into tryout venues. Parents / guardians and family members are not permitted entry into tryout venues, this includes any parent viewing the tryouts from the windows above the main stadium at MSAC. *With the exception of entering for the parent info session.**
- b) Players cannot attend any try out session unless they have pre-registered.
- c) Each player/s attending tryouts will be required to check in at registration and must get their name ticked off at the registration area.
- d) Players **MUST** report 20-minutes prior to each tryout.
- e) Once registration has been confirmed the player will be emailed their try out number, prior to attending tryouts.
The assigned number will be the player's number for all tryout sessions and players **MUST** be marked in clear black marker on their right leg (lower calf), and upper left arm before attending each tryout.
- f) Players **MUST** wear their Melbourne Tigers training reversible singlet or a light/dark reversible singlet (for those coming from another club or new to representative basketball), bring a drink bottle with name clearly marked and a basketball (size according to age group) with name clearly marked. Junior Girls are required to have their hair tied up/back and all jewellery to be removed/ears taped.
- g) Please note that all tryouts are compulsory, if you will be absent for any tryout due to an emergency please inform Sophie Porter at juniortigers@mcba.net.au as early as possible.

2. SELECTION PROCESS

- a) The selection team will comprise of independent Melbourne Tigers coaches.
- b) Evaluators will rotate courts so that they get to see all players participate in all types of drills and competitions. They will assess skills and basketball ability.
- c) Players will be selected based upon attitude, behaviour, commitment and performance.
- d) The Melbourne Tigers reserve the right to adjust team selections following the tryout phase, the Age Group Head Coaches at each level, in consultation with the team Head Coaches and by approval of the Head of Coaching (HOC) / Director of Coaching (DOC), may adjust teams to balance out positions.

3. NOTIFICATION OF TEAM SELECTION

- a) The program will notify players of their team placement via email.
- b) The maximum amount of time required to consider an offer, if necessary, is 24-hours. If there is no response from the player/parent to the offer within 24-hours, the offer may be withdrawn.
- c) Players may decline an offer to play for a team but must be aware that when declining an offer the spot will be offered to another player and therefore the player will no longer be eligible to play for Melbourne Tigers.

4. GENERAL INFORMATION FOR ALL PARENTS

- a) It is important that all parents and players understand that accepting a place in the program means abiding by all Basketball Victoria Codes of Conduct, and Melbourne Central Basketball Association/Melbourne Tigers code of conducts, policies and procedures.
- b) Tryouts are a stressful time for everyone, including parents. The tryouts are conducted fairly, and everyone has an opportunity to display their skills. No pre-determined positions are guaranteed at any time. There will be disappointments; it is inevitable that some players will not make the team that they thought they may make. Positive reinforcement rather than critiquing the tryout process or criticizing other players will assist a player's development and help them to move forward. As we all know once the new teams are formed and have had their first training sessions, optimism for the coming season becomes the focal point.
- c) **IMPORTANT: Parents must not communicate with the Head of Coaching, Director of coaching or coaches during the tryout process in person, by phone, email or SMS. If you have any queries throughout the tryout process please contact the administrative team noting that feedback will not be given on particular players throughout the tryout process. We ask that you trust the process throughout the tryout period.**