



MELBOURNE TIGERS TRYOUTS GUIDELINES

2026/2027

1. ATTENDANCE

- a) All tryout sessions are closed sessions. Only participating players, coaches, selection staff, MCBA operations 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.
- b) While tryouts are not blacked out, parents will not be permitted to enter the tryout space as defined by MCBA management unless for medical reasons, we request that parents do not linger during tryout times to observe tryouts as this is distracting for the tryout participants. If you have any child safety concerns or other concerns relating to your child during tryouts, please speak with one of our operations managers or Child Safety Officers.
- c) Players cannot attend any tryout session unless they have pre-registered.
- d) Each player/s attending tryouts will be required to check in at registration and must get their name ticked off at the registration area.
- e) Players MUST report 20-minutes prior to the each tryout.
- f) Once registration has been confirmed the player will be emailed their tryout number, prior to attending tryouts. The assigned number will be the player's number for all tryout sessions and players MUST be marked clearly in a high contrasting marker on their right leg (lower calf), and upper left arm before attending each tryout.
- g) 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. Long hair is required to be tied up/back and all jewellery to be removed/ears taped.
- h) If you will be absent for any tryout please inform Melbourne Tigers Administration via e-mail to tigerstryouts@mcba.net.au as early as possible. Please supply evidence of reason for missing the session, for example a letter from school stating school camp dates.

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 in their team.
- 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 High Performance and/or Director of Coaching, 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 codes of conduct, 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 criticising other players will assist a player's development and help them move forward. 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 High Performance, Directors 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. Feedback will not be given on particular players throughout the tryout process. We ask that you trust the process throughout the tryout period.