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MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

Big V will consist of a Coaching body consisting of the Head Coach of each team, the MDBA Operations Manager and a Committee of Management member. The Coaching body will meet prior to and during the Season when required.

The Big V Coaching body will body is responsible for the coaching and performance of players in the program and may be required from time to time to work with the Committee of Management to ensure the success of the program.

PLAYER SELECTIONS

Teams

The MDBA will support the registration of teams into the Big V competition should we have sufficient player numbers of suitable ability to compete and represent Breakers at Big V level. MDBA may enter up to four teams to compete as follows:

- Senior Men
- Senior Women
- Youth League Men
- Youth League Women

Each team will have a head coach, assistant coach and a team manager.

Twelve players will be selected in each Big V team.

The **Senior Program** referred to in this document refers to all four Big V Breakers teams.

Tryouts

A minimum of three tryout sessions will be scheduled at date and time scheduled by the Operations Manager.

Training Squads

All players nominating for a Big V team will form the try out squad from which the senior coaches for each gender will make team selections.

Training squads will consist of senior open, youth league, under 20 and 18.1 teams and nominated talent identified from other junior Breakers age groups. Squad training not only provides the talent pool for senior open and youth team selections but also development opportunities for younger Breakers aspiring to become Big V players.

The squads will train concurrently at least one session per week if possible.

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SENIOR OPEN TEAM

Notwithstanding being recruited to a USA College or a higher level of competition in Australia, playing for MDBA's Big V senior open team is the ultimate achievement of a Mornington Breaker.

Winning is the number 1 priority and focus of the senior open team. Given this, the best players available, regardless of age, will be selected in the senior open teams.

It is expected that a minimum of 50% or 6 players of the Big V senior training squad must be graduates from MDBA's Junior Breakers program. A player who has spent one year as a youth league player qualifies as an MDBA player. In the event that 50% or 6 suitably skilled MDBA players are not available an exemption from this rule may be sought from the Committee of Management.

YOUTH LEAGUE TEAM

Player development and preparation for future senior open team selection is of equal importance as winning for the Youth League team. The Youth League team is the major source for future senior open players.

The age eligibility for the Youth League team is determined as at 31st December of the year of competition. Simply a player must be 23 years or under throughout the calendar year of competition.

It is expected that a minimum of 75% or 9 players of the Youth team training squads must be graduates from MDBA's Junior Breakers program. In the event that 75% or 9 suitably skilled MDBA players are not available an exemption from this rule may be sought from the Committee of Management.

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JUNIOR BREAKER ELIGIBILITY FOR BIG V SENIOR PROGRAM

To be eligible to play in the Big V senior program be it the senior team or the youth league team you must be a current registered junior Breaker player, to be eligible for possible selection. A junior Breaker playing in U18 or younger team must meet the following two requirements: -

1. Commit and be available to play the full grading and competition season with his/her junior Breaker team and be available for up to two junior tournaments per year. In the event there is a clash, juniors takes priority.
2. Maintain attendance at one junior weekly team training session throughout the full season. If the player's junior Breaker team is part of a Big V squad's training, then this session will meet the junior age team commitment. The second weekly training session will be with the Big V senior program. Training with the Big V senior program should not be to the detriment of the junior team.

In extraordinary exceptional circumstances and with strong significant supporting evidence a junior Breaker's player Under 18's or below, may apply in writing to the Committee of Management for an exemption from playing in the junior Breakers program. In making any decision the Committee will consult with the junior Breakers Coach, the Senior Men's/Women's Coach and any other relevant parties. The final decision will be made by a majority vote by the Committee of Management and will be deemed final.

If a player who starts a season in Under 18's and is also a selected player in the Big V senior program decides to withdraw from the Under 18 (VJBL) program, prior to or during the Season they will be ineligible to play in the Big V Senior program.

An Under 20's Breaker's player or a Breaker's player who is 18 years or over that is still eligible to play in the Victorian Junior Basketball League (VJBL) may at their own discretion choose to play only in the Senior Program only.

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TALENT IDENTIFICATION

Talent identification of potential future Big V players from the underage Breakers is to be encouraged and can occur throughout the season.

Both youth league, senior coaches and the junior coach must agree the player's ability is deserving of an invitation to train with the Big V squad.

The senior coach advises the Operations Manager of the player and his/her current junior Breaker's team and the parents/player is invited in writing to the Big V Squad.

Initial invitation will be for a trial period of 4 sessions, after which any further ongoing commitment will be determined by the senior coaches.

BIG V PLAYER AVAILABILITY

In the event that a senior team has 9 or fewer players available for selection the senior coach can nominate a player[s] from the youth team to fill the vacancies so that 10 players are available.

The youth league players comprise the feeder group of the senior team. The U18 team 1 and U20 team 1 junior Breakers comprise the feeder group of the youth league team and any player selected to play in the senior program needs to be acknowledged and celebrated.

The team coach is to work with the senior coach and junior coaches to find the best player[s] to fill the vacancies so that 10 players are available. Depending upon the circumstance and/or the weekend game schedule it may well be possible for a youth age eligible senior open team member to play for the youth team.

The developmental opportunity to sit on the bench in a Big V game as player 11 or 12 is to be encouraged. Such players need to be made aware that while court time will most likely be limited, the experience will be very beneficial to their development.

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COACHING

Big V coaches are to adopt a team approach to the preparation and development of all Big V players. A commitment to a united approach is expected and required. The example of coaches working productively and positively together cannot be overestimated when the major expectation coaches have of their players is a commitment to “team” for ultimate success to be achieved.

SENIOR COACH RESPONSIBILITIES

The senior open team coach will coordinate and lead the men’s program and the women’s senior coach will coordinate and lead the women’s program. This coaching appointment encompasses the following key performance tasks:-

- Member of the Big V governing body
- Recruitment of both senior and youth players for the Big V squads in consultation with the Youth League appointed coaches
- Submitting youth league and senior teams within 10 days of the last tryout date to the Operations Manager
- Working with the youth league coach and junior coaches in the talent identification of junior Breakers with the potential to train and/or play with the youth league team.
- Advising the Operations Manager of every nominated junior Breaker with the talent to train and/or play with the youth team.
- Overseeing the pre-season competitions for both senior and youth teams
- Meeting with the youth league coach on a regular basis at a mutually agreed time to discuss the program and, whenever required, determine team selections, pre-season competitions, replacement players and finals preparation
- Meeting the Big V governing body three times per year or as required
- Providing a summary report of the performance of the senior open team at the end of the season.
- Complying with the Working with Children Check and the Member Protection Declaration requirements and ensure others in the team’s support coaching staff also comply.
- Being aware of, and abiding by, Basketball Victoria’s Big V by-laws, MDBA Big V policies and the employment conditions of MDBA’s Big V coach’s agreement.

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YOUTH LEAGUE COACH RESPONSIBILITIES

The men's youth league coach will coordinate and lead the men's youth program and women's youth coach will coordinate and lead the women's youth program. This coaching appointment will encompass the following key performance tasks:-

- Selection of the youth league team in consultation with the Senior Coaches
- Talent identify Junior Breakers with potential to train and/or play with the Youth team in consultation with junior Breaker coaches
- Leading training of the youth league team squad
- Involvement in the determination of the pre-season youth competitions
- Meeting with the senior coach on a regular basis at a mutually agreed time to discuss the program and, whenever required, determine team selections, pre-season competitions, replacement players and finals preparation
- Meeting the Big V governance body three times per year or as required
- Providing a summary report of the performance of the youth team at the end of the season.
- Complying with the Working with Children Check and the Member Protection Declaration requirements and ensure others in the team's support staff also comply
- Being aware of, and abiding by, Basketball Victoria's Big V by-laws, MDBA Big V policies and the employment conditions of MDBA's Big V coach's agreement.

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PLAYER COMMITMENT

All players upon selection to a Big V team must pay their fees in full by the due date and sign the Big V Player Agreement.

Players will be expected to attend all 3 tryout sessions, attend 90% of training sessions and be available for all competitions.

All players in the Big V training squad must be available for selection in the senior open team.

Youth league age eligible players in the senior open team must be available for selection in the youth team when needed.

The management of issues that impact on availability are to be addressed between the player, the senior coach, youth league coach and junior coaches.

Should a player play in both the youth league and the senior open teams he/she will only be required to pay the one registration fee.

A junior under age player selected in the youth league team will be required to only pay the junior Breaker registration.

Any Big V player who applies to be junior coach, and is subsequently appointed, as the head coach of a junior Breaker's team will have their Big V annual registration fees waived.

A player may be replaced with another player subject to long-term injury or disciplinary reasons.

BIG V FINALS

Eight weeks out from the finals the Big V senior coaches will meet to determine the best result driven pathway for success in the finals. Every scenario cannot be detailed but the spirit will be to ensure that:-

First priority: The best eligible players available qualify for the teams in the mix for finals.

Second priority: Supporting teams most likely to have final's success. Teams with chances of making the finals must also be supported. The last 3-4 weeks of the season there might be a need to strengthen a team with best available players to qualify for finals.

Ongoing priority: In the event one team is out of the finals race, coaches will support the player giving full commitment to the training sessions and competition games of the team heading to the finals.

The finals countdown policy will also encompass junior age breakers involved in a Big V team. The monitoring of these player's junior team must also be included in the final's preparation plan. The success of a junior age Breaker's team is to have the same importance as a Big V team.

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Regular season youth league players must be aware that leading into finals there maybe the opportunity to qualify additional age eligible players from the senior open team. This most likely will have game time impact on the regular season players as winning becomes a higher priority leading into and throughout the finals program.

It is important all players, coaches and parents are made aware of the finals policy before the season starts and are left in no doubt about the possibility of reduced game time and potential team player changes as preparing to win in finals is given greater priority.