

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **What are the dates of trial for 2025?**

Date	Details
Wednesday 17 September	Pre-Trial – U14 to U18 Boys only - (Refer to - <b><u>Do I need to attend the Pre-Trial?</u></b> )
Sunday 5 October	Trial 1 – All age groups (except those who attended pre-trials)
Tuesday 7 October	Trial 2 – U14 & U16 Boys only – further info will be on noticeboard during trials
Friday 10 October	Game 1 – Trial Games
Sunday 12 October	Trial 2 – All other groups
Wednesday 15 October	U20 Only – Boys & Girls
Friday 17 October	Game 2 – Trial Games
Sunday 19 October	Trial 3
Wednesday 22 October	U20 Only – Boys & Girls
Friday 24 October	Game 3 – Trial Games
Sunday 26 October	Trial 4
Friday 31 October	<i>If Required</i>
Saturday 1 November	<i>If Required</i>

Please note times will be posted on the main noticeboard: <https://elthamwildcats.com.au/trials-notice-board/>

### **What is the cost of trials?**

- U12-18 Girls - \$75
- U12-18 Boys - \$75
- U14-U18 Boys - Pre Trial - \$10
- U20 Girls - \$75
- U20 Boys - \$75

Any Questions about Pre Trials - [pathways@elthamwildcats.net.au](mailto:pathways@elthamwildcats.net.au)

- If you are selected to continue to the next stage of trials from pre trials , an additional \$75 will be required to cover the cost of the remaining trial sessions.

### **Do I need to attend the Pre-Trial?**

You **must attend the pre-trial** if:

- You are currently a **domestic-only player**, or
- You are a **player transferring from another club**

**Please note:** The pre-trial is **only for U14, U16 & U18 Boys** age groups.

- Players trialling for the **U12 age group** will begin trials on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October**.
- If you are a current Eltham Wildcats VJBL Player, you do not need to attend pre - trials.

For any questions about the pre-trial, please email Mitch at [pathways@elthamwildcats.net.au](mailto:pathways@elthamwildcats.net.au).

- If you are selected to continue to the next stage of trials, an additional \$75 will be required to cover the cost of the remaining trial sessions.



### **What is the trial process?**

- The process is as follows: Each week of the trials, players participate in two separate sessions as follows:

**Sunday Sessions** – Sundays are a “on court drill-based session”. Players are organised into smaller, more manageable groups (named colours... Blue group, green group, orange group etc etc) and put through skills and small game sessions by trial coaches.

**Weekday Sessions (Friday)**– Weekdays are for “trial games”. Players are assigned “trial game” squads and play trial games generally Thursday night or Friday night, however the allocated night for these games may change each week for each age group and it could be any weeknight. Players will be notified prior to the day.

### **What if I can't make a trial session?**

If your child cannot attend a trial session, please email Mitch at [pathways@elthamwildcats.net.au](mailto:pathways@elthamwildcats.net.au) with your child's full name, age group, and the session they will miss.

### **Where/what are the venues?**

Eltham High School – Court 1, 2 & 3

Address: 30/60 Withers Way, Eltham VIC 3095

For example: EH1 or EHS1

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Montmorency Secondary college – 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 or EMM1,2,3,4,5

Address: 27 Simms Rd, Montmorency VIC 3094

For example: MMS1 or MSC1

### **Can I watch trials as a parent/ Guardian?**

- Parents/Guardians are permitted in the stadium to watch the trial games on weekdays (Friday nights)
- While players are in session Parents/Guardians **are not** permitted on the courts to watch the trials on Sundays but can watch from the foyers at the respective venue.

### **What to bring to trial sessions?**

**Please bring anything you would bring to a game**

- Basketball (please have name and number written on the ball)
- Water bottle
- Any necessary tape or brace



### **If I get selected into a team, how much are the fees?**

Fee	Amount
Acceptance Fee (non-refundable)	\$100
First Instalment	\$235 (Due late October/early November – TBC)
Second Instalment (April)	\$335 (1 session/week) or \$435 (2 sessions/week)

\*These fees do not include mandatory uniform (Shorts, Singlet & Warm up top)

Note: All teams will be advised post-trials how many training sessions per week they'll have.

**Payment plans are available.**

### **How will you be notified of trial updates?**

- The updates will be through this notice board and will be updated after every session or via email. Once registered for trials you will also get an email notification for every noticeboard update.

### **What do I wear to trials?**

- Please wear your Eltham uniform (domestic or championship) to this session. If you don't have an Eltham uniform, please wear a light/dark reversible top.

### **What age group is my child in?**

- Players are 'grouped' depending upon age. Age groupings are as follows for 2025/26 season
  - Under 12's (Born 2015, 2016 and 2017)
  - Under 14's (Born 2013 and 2014)
  - Under 16's (Born 2011 and 2012)
  - Under 18's (Born 2009 and 2010)
  - Under 20's (Born 2007 and 2008)

### **What if I'm coming from another club/How does the Transfer process work?**

- Players who are currently playing for or have previously played in a VJBL competition and wish to obtain 'Permission to train' (PTT) at another association must complete and submit the correct form before trying out with a new association. Associations have 5 business days to approve the request.
- Please refer to the following steps by VJBL
  1. [https://www.cognitoforms.com/BasketballVictoria1/\\_202526VJBLPermissionToTrainPTT](https://www.cognitoforms.com/BasketballVictoria1/_202526VJBLPermissionToTrainPTT)
  2. To obtain a clearance for the 2024/25 VJBL Season, please contact the association you are moving to for a 'Club Registration Link'. Once you have the 'Club Registration Link', you will need to register using your 'PlayHQ' account which will start the Clearance process.
  3. Please see bottom of Trials Noticeboard



### **Late Registration – From 9<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

- Please email [teamsupport@elthamwildcats.net.au](mailto:teamsupport@elthamwildcats.net.au), and we let you know how the registration process.
  - Please have the following info in the email
    - Full name
    - Date of birth
    - What team they are currently in (e.g. Eltham Wildcats U16.2 Domestic)
    - Any relevant info for trials

