Geraldton Basketball Association

E-Points Summary - GABA 2026/27

Basketball WA strives to maintain a fun, safe and respectful environment for all participants. Many sports have introduced an Environment Points (E-Points) System to encourage behaviours that lead to these outcomes.

What is the E-Points System?

All divisions of the GABA will have E-Points incorporated into their ladders.

Ladders will reflect each team being awarded the following:

- Win: 2 premiership points + 2 E-Points 4 in total
- Loss: 0 premiership points + 2 E-Points 2 in total

For any game, up to 2 E-Points can be deducted from each team for E-Points breaches.

Why do we need this system?

A game-day environment that facilitates poor behaviour is bad for our sport. It negatively impacts:

- The retention of officials and volunteers,
- The development of officials, players, and coaches,
- The enjoyment of everyone.

Implementation of the E-points system in Australia in basketball and other codes has shown conclusively that it:

- Discourages abuse,
- Encourages positive support,
- Improves behaviour,
- Fosters sportsmanship.

How does this system improve the environment at every game?

The E-Point system is a reward system that accords game-day behaviour with the same significance as the outcome of a match. It actively:

- Incentivises teams and spectators to exhibit positive conduct during game days.
- Serves as a deterrent for players, coaches, and spectators who wish to engage in detrimental game-day behaviour.

What behaviour can lead to the loss of E-points?

Behaviour as outlined below can see a team lose E-points for a given game.

Actions	**Points Scale**
Technical Foul Category 1 (Severe) on Coach	-1 Point
Player, coach and/or team staff reported and found guilty	-1 Point
Poor spectator behaviour. e.g., swearing at a referee, abusive slurs towards players and referees.	-1 Point
Breach of Code of Conduct, Policy or By-Law breach relating to inappropriate game day behaviour.	-1 Point

Who decides whether E-points will be deducted from a team for a game?

The GABA Administrator will review all relevant reports. In the case of a Coach Technical Foul for poor behaviour, a Disqualifying Foul or a Guilty Report, the GABA Administrator will deduct the points. They may choose to refer some decisions to the behaviour panel.
The behaviour panel is a committee of three independent, external members appointed and approved by the GABA Committee.
Poor Spectator Behaviour or Inappropriate Behaviour will be referred directly to the behaviour panel. The panel will make its decision after reviewing any submitted Referee, Referee Coach and/or Game Controller reports for the game and considering all relevant factors.

Will there be any reporting back to Clubs each week regarding the deduction of E-Points for their teams?

Each Club Admin will receive the e-point report related to their teams each week. Regular bulk reporting to all Clubs will be provided for transparency and a collective line of sight.

What to Expect?

For Players: As a player, you'll play a crucial role in upholding our values of sportsmanship and respect. Familiarise yourself with the BMF guidelines to ensure you're part of a positive and supportive team culture.
Benefits: A respectful and inclusive environment enhances your playing experience and personal development.

For Team Officials

Your Role: Coaches, managers, and referees play a pivotal role in shaping behaviour. Lead by example and enforce the BMF guidelines within your roles.
Support: GABA will provide resources and training to help you navigate challenging situations.

For Clubs:
Clubs are vital in ensuring a consistent BMF implementation. We encourage you to adopt these guidelines within your club culture.
Collaboration: Let's work together to create a positive basketball community.

For Parents
Support: Encourage your child to embrace the BMF values on and off the court.
Role Modelling: Be a role model by demonstrating respectful behaviour towards all involved.

For Spectators
Spectators play a significant role in the atmosphere. Cheer positively and respect officials, players, and opposing fans.
Enjoyment: A respectful environment ensures an enjoyable experience for all.
We are committed to making basketball a sport where everyone feels welcome and respected.

Your participation in this trial is essential to achieving that goal. Thank you for your dedication to the game and our community.

E-Points Allocation Process

•A maximum of 2 points are available to each team for maintaining a positive game day environment.
•E-Point reports are only required if an incident occurs that could lead to a point deduction (see Point Scale below for examples).
•Referees must include observations about the environment in their reports, noting any issues.
•The Games Controller works with referees to submit all E-Point reports.
•The final decision on E-Point allocation rests with the designated administrator, who will review referee reports and consider all factors.
•If necessary, an additional Tribunal Report Form will be submitted along with the E-Points Infringement Form.

This system aims to foster a positive and fair atmosphere in the league, promoting high standards of conduct both on and off the court.

Frequently Asked Questions

Is there an appeals Process?
No, there will be no appeals process. The administrator will review the report and if it meets the threshold for an E-Point to be deducted.

Is there a spectator verification process?
No, there is not. This is due to the lack of resourcing to have an additional staff member managing a spectator verification/identification process. If there was a situation where a spectator was exhibiting extreme poor behaviour the person concerned maybe asked to leave the stadium.

What if you have a passionate club supporter who doesn't even have a kid in the team will referees give a warning to spectators?
If the passionate club supporter is exhibiting good behaviour and is encouraging their club in a positive manner, then there should not be an issue. If there is dissent within the remarks, then it will be at the referee's discretion with the involvement of the games controller.

Can the referees approach the coach to discuss a spectator's behaviour and attempt to stop the behaviour while the game is happening?
This will be at the Referees discretion. Referees currently can action this. For junior referees, they have the ability to make the referee coach present aware of the issues and the referee coach is able to make the games controller aware of the poorly behaved spectator.

Is a coach responsible for the spectator's behaviour while coaching?
No, the coach is not responsible for spectators' behaviour. Although it would be in the coaches and teams best interest to explain to all parents/guardians that spectator behaviour will be monitored. It is the responsibility of each individual adult to manage their own behaviour and set an example for the next generation of athletes.

What is the time frame that a report must be submitted from a referee/court controller?
The Games Controller with the assistance of the referees will fill out the online incident report immediately after each game. The Games Controller is responsible for lodging the breach.

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Conclusion

E-Points emphasise the importance of fostering a positive game day environment alongside winning games. Even if a team has lost the game on the scoreboard, cultivating a positive atmosphere can still earn them 2 ladder points.

Teams that consistently foster a positive environment will benefit by increasing their chances of making finals and/or achieving a higher seeding for finals.

By incorporating the E-Points system, we aim to create a basketball community that values sportsmanship and respect as much as victory. We encourage everyone to contribute to this positive change, ensuring a great experience for all.