

# E-Points WABL 2024 – Explained

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. Following successful trials interstate and in WA, E-Points are being introduced to WABL in 2024.

This email explains the E-point System, why we need it, and other key information about its implementation.

## What is the E-Points System?

In 2024, all divisions of WABL 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.

<b>Actions</b>	<b>Points Scale</b>
Technical Foul on Coach	-1 Point
Disqualifying Foul	-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?

A designated administrator at BWA will make the final decision on E-Point allocation. They will make their decision after reviewing any submitted Referee, Referee Coach and/or Game Controller reports for the game and considering all relevant factors.

## I have more questions about E-Points

Please visit [Behaviour Management framework on the BWA website](#). An FAQs section will be added shortly answering the most common questions.

## Let's make every game day a win for our community!

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.