



E-Points – WABL 2025 – An Overview

Basketball WA is committed to creating a fun, safe, and respectful environment for all involved. To promote positive behaviour and uphold these values, many sports have adopted an Environment Points (E-Points) System. Following a successful introduction in 2024, E-Points will again be implemented in the Western Australian Basketball League (WABL) for the 2025 season.

This guide provides an overview of the E-Points System and its purpose.

What is the E-Points System?

E-Points are points that contribute to WABL ladder standings in the same way premiership points do. For a game where no breaches of the system occur, each team is automatically awarded 2 E-points in addition to any premiership points they've earned:

- **Win:** 2 premiership points + 2 E-Points (4 points total)
- **Loss:** 0 premiership points + 2 E-Points (2 points total)

In games where a breach, or breaches of the system occur, a team can lose one or both of their E-points.

What Breaches Can Lead to the Loss of E-Points?

The following actions can be considered a breach and can result in a team losing E-Points for a game:

Actions	Points Scale
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 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

Why Do We Need This System?

A positive game-day environment is crucial for the growth and enjoyment of basketball. Poor behaviour on the court negatively affects:

- Retention of officials and volunteers
- Development of officials, players, and coaches
- Overall enjoyment of the sport

The introduction of the E-Points system in basketball and other sports has shown significant benefits, including:

- Reducing abuse
- Encouraging positive support
- Improving behaviour
- Promoting sportsmanship

How Does the System Improve Game-Day Environment?

The E-Points system places equal importance on behaviour and match outcomes, encouraging teams and spectators to display positive conduct. It:

- Rewards teams and spectators who maintain respectful behaviour
- Discourages negative behaviour from players, coaches, and spectators

Who Is Responsible For E-Point Reporting?

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.

Who Decides Whether E-Points Will Be Deducted?

A designated administrator at Basketball WA will review all relevant reports from the games controller and referees and determine whether E-Points should be deducted for a given game.

Is There a Penalty for Accumulating Too Many E-Point Deductions?

In 2024, it was great to see that 85% of all WABL teams avoided any E-Point deductions, and less than 1% had more than 2 deductions, highlighting a strong overall performance. The WABL community should be proud of its efforts in adopting the E-Point system and the positive outcomes it has brought. To build on this success and with the support of the Associations, a new measure will be introduced for 2025.

Teams that accumulate 3 or more E-Point deductions during the season will be deemed ineligible for finals.

- In an 8-team division, the ineligible team will be placed in 8th position, which will cause all teams ranked lower to move up one spot. The team in 1st place will automatically advance to the Semi-Finals.
- In divisions with more than 8 teams, if the ineligible team finishes in the top 8 at the end of the regular season, they will be removed from the top 8, with all teams below them shifting up accordingly.

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.

Have More Questions About E-Points?

For more details, visit the [BWA website](#) for an E-Points FAQs section.

Let's Make Every Game-Day a Win for Our Community!

E-Points highlight the importance of fostering a positive atmosphere, not just focusing on the scoreboard. Even if a team loses, they can still earn 2 ladder points by maintaining good behaviour. Teams that consistently create a positive environment will improve their chances of making finals or achieving a higher seeding.

By implementing the E-Points system, we aim to nurture a basketball community that values respect and sportsmanship just as much as winning. We encourage everyone to support this positive change and ensure a great experience for all involved.