



EAST PERTH DISTRICT BASKETBALL  
CODES OF CONDUCT

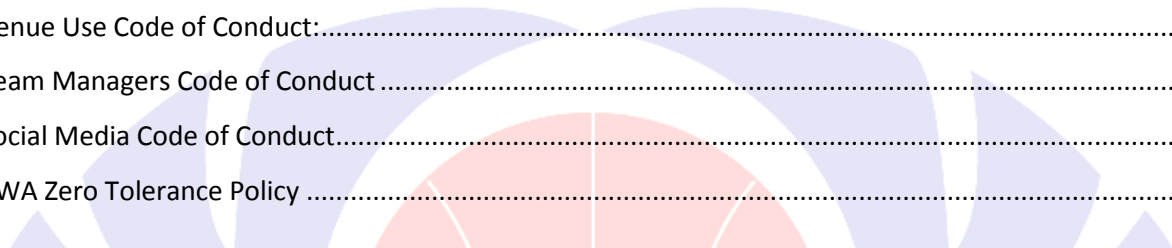
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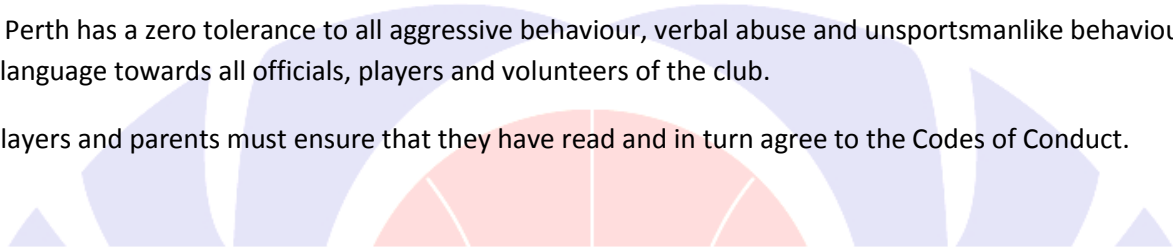
## PLAYERS & PARENTS OBLIGATIONS

All players, parents, coaches, assistant coaches and managers involved with East Perth District Basketball agree to abide by the Codes of Conduct as outlined in this document.

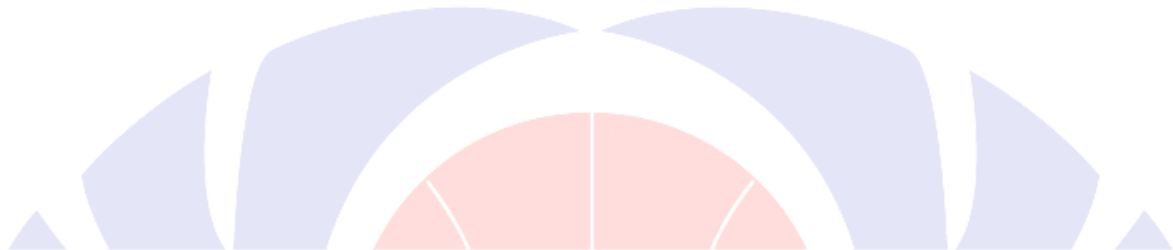
Any person found to be in breach of any of the outlined Codes of Conduct may be subject to a tribunal, suspension or other penalty deemed to be appropriate by the Executive.

East Perth has a zero tolerance to all aggressive behaviour, verbal abuse and unsportsmanlike behaviour and language towards all officials, players and volunteers of the club.

All players and parents must ensure that they have read and in turn agree to the Codes of Conduct.



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# East Perth District Basketball Association

## Codes Of Conduct

### Parents Code of Conduct:

- Encourage understanding and respect for the rules
- Instil in your children respect for officials and an acceptance of their judgement
- Accept decisions of all referees as being fair and called to the best of their ability
- Respect the ability of opposition teams and applaud good play by all teams
- Always respect the facility and equipment provided
- Set a good example by your own conduct and behaviour
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities. Abuse of coaches, players and officials is not acceptable or permitted in any sport
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants, regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators
- Team support from all family members is encouraged. It is very important however, that you must be in control of children in your care. Children wandering on or too near the playing court could be a danger to themselves or players

### Players Code of Conduct

- Play by the rules
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the game
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging of other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted in any sport
- Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you
- Display good sportsmanship. Applaud all good plays, whether your team or the opposition makes them
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants, regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion
- Treat all participants in you sport in the same manner as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor
- Cooperate with your coach, team mates, opponents and officials. Without them there would be no competition.
- Listen to the advice of your coach and try to apply it at practice and in games
- Always respect the facilities and equipment provided for your use
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches.
- Conduct and behave in the appropriate manner at all levels of basketball, WABL and domestic. Behave in a professional, respectful and elite manner worthy of representing East Perth Basketball.



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### Coaches Code of Conduct:

- Teach understanding and respect for the rules
- Instil in your players respect for officials and an acceptance of their judgment
- Develop team respect for the ability of opponents, including their coaches
- Act responsibly when players are ill or injured, show concern and take responsibility for players who are sick or injured whilst under your care
- Ensure that any physical contact with a player is appropriate
- Be reasonable in your demands
- As well as imparting knowledge and skills, promote desirable personal and social behaviours
- Keep your knowledge current. Keep abreast of changes in sport.
- Always respect the facilities and equipment provided for your use
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of players and officials is not acceptable or permitted in any sport
- Display good sportsmanship

### Score Bench Code of Conduct:

- Arrive 10 minutes prior to the commencement of the game
- Ensure Team Managers have completed the score sheet on the computer ready for commencement of the game
- Refrain from barracking from the score bench
- Refrain from offering any comments to the referees
- Refrain from interfering with the other score bench operators duties
- Refrain from showing a reaction to the game situation
- Remain positive and remember you are an assistant to the referees and the game
- Scorers should conduct themselves in a professional manner and not become involved with the behaviour of others

### Venue Use Code of Conduct:

- Respect all rules of the Venue
- Do not misuse or abuse the facilities within the venue
- Do not interrupt other users of the venue during their session times
- Obey the start and finish time of your session
- Ensure all security obligations are followed

### Team Managers Code of Conduct

- Ensure all needs of the coach and players are met
- Ensure the bench area is left in a neat and clean state following your game
- Ensure encouragement of players is done in a respectful and courteous manner, no yelling at players during the game
- Ensure if videoing or taking photographs at games permission has been sought by all concerned parties – opposition team



# East Perth District Basketball Association Codes Of Conduct

## Social Media Code of Conduct

### 1. Social Media can be fun, helpful and dangerous

Comments, notes and photos posted on social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter and on-line forums are usually constructive and positive. Negative comments and images, bullying, criticism and sexist remarks can be dangerous and harmful to people's wellbeing and reputation and the image of the sport and EPDBA as a whole.

### 2. Do not use social media to be critical of teammates, coaches, officials, administrators, volunteers, spectators or other Association's

Any comment you make on social media sites has the potential to be seen by millions of people. That is great if comments are positive. It can be extremely negative and harmful if critical of people. Before you post a comment on social media ask yourself "Would I want millions of people to read something negative about me?"

### 3. Use social media as a positive outlet to promote players, teammates, teams, clubs and other involved in basketball

Posting results and acknowledging individual and team performances on social media makes many people aware of team and individual achievements. That can have a positive effect for many people and should be used, encouraged and embraced wherever and whenever possible.

### 4. Remember to show respect

When using social media, show the same respect and regard for people that you would show and are expected to show when playing, officiating or attending a basketball game.

### 5. Do not condone or tolerate poor social media behaviour or actions

If you are aware of or observe poor social media behaviour or actions, do not accept it. Everyone using social media has responsibilities to adhere to; any person breaching this code of conduct may have action taken against them. In the instance of minors breaching the code of conduct, their parents will be advised. If you see a breach of this please report it to EPDBA at [admin@eastperth.basketball.net.au](mailto:admin@eastperth.basketball.net.au)

### 6. Be aware that your actions on social media may have serious consequences

Negative comments and images, bullying, criticism and sexist remarks do not only impact negatively on the people they are about. If you are found to have acted improperly on social media regarding a basketball related matter, you are liable to disciplinary proceedings and may be required to face a tribunal hearing to explain your actions. A suspension from basketball could be imposed.

### 7. Consider social media to be your personal brand

Your Internet presence fuels any perception of your personal brand – whether you like it or not. Does your social media identity match your real identity? Be mindful of the content of photos, status updates, Tweets. Are they truly reflective of who you are and how you want people to see you

## **BWA Zero Tolerance Policy**

### **BWA**

#### **WABL Zero Tolerance Policy**

##### **Effective from the 2012 Season**

Basketball WA continues to provide a safe, fun and tolerant environment for its Players, Coaches, Officials and Spectators participating in the WA Basketball League (WABL). The WABL is WA's premier junior age basketball competition and provides a pathway for the development of junior Players, Coaches and Officials. In order to provide a safe and supportive environment for young Players and Referees, BWA has introduced a "Zero-Tolerance" Policy for all teams competing in the WABL from the under 12 to under 16 age groups.

This policy was trialled for the 2012 season. This policy will continue to be reviewed and is enforced during the WABL seasons.

#### **The Policy**

In the WABL season, any member of a team, whether they be a Player, Coach, Assistant Coach or Manager will be issued with a Technical Foul if they are found to be questioning (outside of designated times), berating or intimidating a Referee.

Examples of unacceptable behaviour includes:

- Offensive language on or off the court;
- Loud jeering or making derogatory comments;
- Questioning of any calls made by the Referee outside of designated times; and
- Offensive body language (e.g. aggressive movements, stares) that intimidates the Referee.

There will be no right to warning if any of these events occur and Teams and Coaches are advised that no questions relating to game decisions should be asked to the Referees whilst the game is in play. As part of the policy, the Head Coach or his/her Assistant Coach (must be named on score sheet) may ask questions in a polite and respectful manner during quarter breaks, half time and during a time out.

Once the question is answered by the Official/s, the Head Coach or his/her Assistant Coach must refrain from persistent questioning that may lead to intimidation or harassment of the Official. Provided that questions are asked in a respectful and polite manner, Referees must answer queries to the best of their ability in a succinct manner, engaging in prolonged discussion is not



desired. At any time, if the Official feels that questions are no longer productive, they can ask the Coach to stop, until the next appropriate stoppage of quarter time, half time or time out.

The introduction of this policy is designed to help foster the development of junior Referees and provide a safe and conducive environment to officiate these games. This policy is designed to help promote good sporting behaviour from Coaches and their teams and a greater respect for Officials. Stadium Managers (and Referee Coaches) will continue to have the capability to remove members of the crowd who exhibit bad behaviour after a warning has been issued and no adjustment made on any unruly behaviour. This approach will continue to be in place for all age groups.

### **Reporting System**

Referees, Referee Coaches and Stadium Managers can all report offending person/s. Any Coach/Player/Team Official that is ejected must be reported by the Stadium Manager on the WABL Report Form supplied by BWA to ensure that the appropriate follow-up action occurs.

Coaches and Club Officials will have the opportunity to report the poor performance of a Referee via an Officials Complaint Form provided to each club and supplied by BWA. This form is to be submitted to the club for review and endorsement prior to submission to BWA. BWA will review the complaint, monitor and proceed with corrective actions.

### **Coaches**

Coaches who receive two Coach Technical Fouls or three bench Technical Fouls (Technical Fouls issued directly to the Coach or for behaviour on the team bench) will be ejected from the game (as per FIBA rules) and asked to leave the playing arena. The Head Coach is responsible for the behaviour of their Assistant Coaches, Managers and Players on the bench at all times. Failure of the Coach to leave the stadium will result in the team forfeiting the game. The ejected Head Coach will be reported to the BWA Competitions Administrator via the Stadium Manager and **automatically suspended for the next WABL game** their team is scheduled to play. This is not inclusive of bye rounds if applicable on the draw. If a Coach is consistently receiving Technical Fouls or is being regularly suspended, the club will be notified and asked to provide education on correct behaviour to the Coach.

### **Players**

Players who are awarded two Technical Fouls will be ejected from the game and asked to leave the playing arena. Failure of the Player to leave the stadium will result in the team forfeiting the game. This Player will be reported and will be **automatically suspended for the next WABL game** their team is scheduled to play. This is not inclusive of bye rounds on the draw. If a Player is consistently receiving Technical Fouls or is being regularly suspended, the club will be notified and asked to provide education on correct behaviour to the Player.

It is important for all to remember that Referees are a vital part of our game. Referee Coaches and Referee Coordinators are present at venues on WABL days to help deliver feedback on Referee performance. The nature of the game is that mistakes will occur and it is important that we allow young, developing Referees to make these mistakes and be given an opportunity to make positive adjustments without a tirade of abuse and intimidation in their learning environment.

### **Ongoing Penalties**

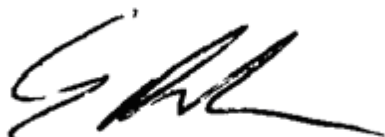
If a Player or Coach has been suspended on more than two occasions, upon the 3<sup>rd</sup> ejection the Coach or Player will be required to appear at the WABL tribunal to explain his or her continued actions and face a greater suspension.

### **Why only Under 16's and below**

The policy will be implemented at Under 16's age group and below due to the fact that this is where most of our less experienced (and at times green shirt Referees) will be officiating. The protection of less experienced referees has been identified by BWA as crucial to the longevity of Referee involvement in our WABL competitions. It is also important for players in these age groups to learn to control their emotions and to respect all Officials.

At Under18's and above, a new Referee philosophy will be implemented that of will aim to develop the Referee's Coach and Player management skills. Referees rostered to officiate in games at these older age groups typically should have more experience and must learn to develop their game management skills inclusive of Coach and Player relations. BWA encourages our Referees to engage in positive relationships with Coaches.

Conflict resolution is a major aspect to successful officiating and skill development focusing on de-escalating difficult situations is an area of development for WABL referees.



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