



EASTERN SUNS ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

As an affiliated competition with BWA all Eastern Suns competitions will abide by the BWA zero-tolerance policy.

Under Work Health and Safety, creating a safe work environment is a legal requirement for KDBA, which is obligated to keep volunteer officials (including referees) safe.

Basketball WA has a zero-tolerance approach regarding unsportsmanlike behaviour from players, coaches and spectators for all its competitions and tournaments. All patrons entering our basketball venues are not only representing their team and club but also the basketball community. Any unsportsmanlike conduct will be dealt with swiftly:

Coaches and Players

The following will be assessed as unsportsmanlike conduct:

- Openly disputes or argues about any decision by a match or scoring official.
- Uses obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time.
- Visually displays any sign of dissatisfaction with an Official's decision, in a manner that openly embarrasses the Official and/or challenges their judgment. This includes approaching with the intent of inciting the officials and opposition match personnel.

Domestic

For our green shirt referees, praise is welcome but otherwise, you are not allowed to approach, if approached in any other matter the referee coach's courtside will issue a technical foul. Only stadium staff may contact these referees. If you have a question, please find the referee coordinator.

Exclusive to KDBA, if a referee is wearing the KDBA white shirt, coaches may ask to speak with or ask questions during game breaks. This includes halftimes and timeouts.

WABL

At under 12s and 14s coaches are only permitted to ask referees questions in time outs or between periods.

Warnings will not be given at these levels for breaches of the above, technical fouls will be issued immediately by the referees. Staff members will be present to monitor coaches and players behaviours especially at the 12s and 14s level and intervene with junior referees where needed if a coach or player is acting in an unsportsmanlike manner.



Spectators

Officials will stop the game when the parents/spectators displaying inappropriate and disruptive behaviour interfere with other spectators or participants of the game. The officials will identify violators to the stadium staff to remove parents/spectators from the spectators' viewing and game area. Once removed, play will resume. Lost time will not be replaced. This inappropriate and disruptive behaviour shall include:

- Using obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time.
- Taunting players, coaches, officials or other spectators by means of baiting, ridiculing, threatening physical violence, or physical violence.
- Throwing any object on court or physically interfering with on court proceedings.

Any violators will be escorted from the facility and not allowed to return until the next day. Players or coaching staff under 18 will be escorted from the playing area into the reception area if a parent or guardian is not present.

Officials

It is important for officials to follow these guidelines in a practical way and avoid being too technical in their enforcement.

The goal of this policy is to prevent direct confrontations between officials and players/coaches, while still allowing for calm and reasonable communication. Officials must always conduct themselves in a professional, sportsmanlike, and non-vindictive manner. They must not provoke or incite players/coaches in any way.

Basketball WA and The Eastern Suns encourage all participants and spectators to compete in good spirit and with respect for the game and each other.