

Basketball Statisticians

Who is a Basketball Statistician?

A Basketball Statistician is a game official who is responsible for recording all actions for both teams during a game.

At least two statisticians officiate at each game – one (the caller) calls all the action on court to the second statistician (the computer operator), who inputs these actions into a computer.

A third statistician (the spotter) may also be present, their role is to clarify or pick up missed actions by the caller. .



What Does Each Statistician Do?

The caller interprets all statistics in a game and calls them to the computer operators.

The computer operators (inputters) record the game by making the statistical entries into the FIBA Live Stats application by following the caller's instructions.

The spotter provides general assistance to the statistics bench which may include checking the accuracy of the statistics recorded, noting any that are missed or making notes the computer operator or caller request.

Between play, the statisticians are required to check their stats for player fouls and points against the scorer's sheet. They then supply each team a copy of the stats so the coaches can identify scoring patterns, player productivity and leading scorers and rebounders.

Why Become a Statistician?

- It is fun.
- You get the best seat in the house
- It is a great way to be involved in basketball outside of coaching, playing, and refereeing
- You provide a valuable service to the wider basketball community
- Learn and appreciate more about the game of basketball
- Meet people with similar interests
- It is not a time-consuming position as there are no duties to perform outside of the actual game
- You do not need to provide any equipment
- There is a pathway to progress to the international level of competition

How to Get Started

To become a statistician, you must be 14 years or older and have a basic knowledge of basketball. Some experience with computers is also advantageous.

Prospective statisticians complete a Level 1 Statistician's Course (approx. 2 hours) which includes:

- Introductory information on statistical definitions and the recommended calling protocol.
- Practical information on how to use the FIBA Live Stats software application; and
- Take the Level 1 Accreditation Course

After you have achieved your Level 1 accreditation, and have practiced officiating at a few games, you are ready to begin your new position as a Level 1 Basketball Statistician. Your accreditation is recognised across Australia.

What Competitions Do Statisticians Officiate At?

Statisticians officiate at most senior competitions around Australia. Depending on their level of accreditation, ACT statisticians can officiate at the:

- Women's National Basketball League (WNBL)
- NSW Waratah 1 Men's and Women Competition
- Basketball ACT Premier 1 Competition
- Basketball Australia Junior Championships
- Various games held at the Basketball Australia Centre of Excellence.

There is also the possibility of being chosen to officiate at International Competitions.

What Computer Software Do Statisticians Use?

The approved statistics software is called FIBA Live Stats (FLS). FLS Version 7. Information of FLS and a free download can be found at [FIBA Live Stats](#)

Do Statisticians Get Paid?

In the ACT, statisticians are paid for WNBL, NSW Waratah, Basketball ACT Premier games and any special games held at The BA Centre of Excellence

Further Information

If you wish to learn more, please email officials@basketballact.com.au

