



## Code of Behaviour

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### PLAYERS

1. Participate because you enjoy it, not to please parents and coaches.
2. Know the rules and play by the rules.
3. Participate fairly and safely.
4. Abide by umpiring decisions without argument or a negative demeanour.
  - Captains can approach an umpire during an interval for rule clarification.
  - Be courteous and polite when approaching the umpires.
5. Cooperate with your coach and other players.
  - Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately infringing or provoking an opponent, and throwing/damaging equipment is not acceptable or permitted.
  - Treat all players as you would want to be treated.
  - Ensure that your behaviour is fair at all times.
  - Be patient and enthusiastic in support of all players.
6. Applaud all good play; that of your teammates and opposition.
7. Be a responsible team member.
  - Always be on time.
  - Encourage and assist all players.
  - Attend all training sessions.
  - Ensure you always bring the appropriate uniform and equipment to training and games.
8. Do not engage in practices that affect sporting performance (alcohol, tobacco and drug use).
9. Respect and acknowledge the contribution of those many volunteers who create the opportunity for you to play, including coaches, managers, scorers, timekeepers, umpires, committee members.

### PARENTS/GUARDIANS

1. If your child is interested, encourage them to participate in the appropriate netball activity. However, if your child is not willing to participate, do not force them. Remember, children are involved in organised activity for their enjoyment, not yours.
2. Focus on your child's efforts and performance rather than the overall outcome of the game. This assists your child in setting realistic goals related to their ability by reducing the emphasis on winning.
3. Teach your child that an honest effort is as important as a victory so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
4. Encourage your child to always play by the rules.
5. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
6. Remember that children learn best from example. Applaud good play by all players.
7. If you disagree with an umpire or coach, raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than question their judgement and honesty in public.
8. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse.
9. Recognise and respect the value and importance of volunteer administrators, coaches, managers and umpires. They give up their time and resources to provide recreational activities for your child and deserve your support.
10. Be a model of good sportsmanship for children to copy.
11. Be courteous in communication with administrators, coaches, managers, players and umpires. Teach your child to do the same.
12. Support the use of age appropriate developmental activities and modified rules.