



BEHAVIOUR AT THE COURTS

The purpose of any sport is primarily enjoyment. Children play sport for many reasons: fitness, skills, friendships, fun, etc. Below is our Code of Conduct and Ethics that parents, players, coaches, supporters, officials, etc are expected to keep enabling the best possible outcome for everyone involved.

Parents/Spectator/Supporters Code of Conduct and Ethics

1. Support the removal of verbal and physical abuse from the game.
2. If you disagree with an official, raise the issue via appropriate channels rather than question the official's judgement and honesty in public.
3. Teach children that effort is as important as victory, so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
4. If children are interested, encourage and support them to play. Avoid forcing children to play if reluctant.
5. Children learn by taking risks and making mistakes, encourage and support this.
6. Remember children are involved in netball for their enjoyment not yours.
7. Recognise and value the importance of coaches and other volunteers who give their time and resources to provide netball – they deserve your support.
8. Applaud good play by players on both teams.
9. Encourage children to play to the rules of the game and respect umpires' decisions.

Player's Code of Conduct and Ethics

1. Play equally hard for yourself and your team
2. Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another player.
3. Control your temper, any verbal abuse or deliberate contact is unacceptable.
4. Play according to the rules of netball and principles of fair play.
5. Be a good sport; cheer all good play from both your team and the opposition.
6. Appreciate and co-operate with your coach, team mates and officials. There would be no game without them.
7. Take responsibility for your performance on and off the court.

Coaching is allowed from the sidelines while play is in progress and during intervals. The coach is not allowed to move up and down the sidelines or the ends of the court. **Pick a spot and stay there!**

Officials and 'bench' players may not indulge in inappropriate comments or behaviour, including moving up and down the side lines and along the goal lines during play.

Recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches, umpires and managers. They give their time to provide recreational activities for your child.