



Code of Conduct

The codes of behaviour detailed below have been adapted from those promoted by the Australian Sports Commission. It is expected that everyone associated with the North Canberra Netball Competition will adhere to them.

Players' Code of Behaviour

1. Play by the Rules
2. Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.
3. Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent, and sledging other players is not acceptable.
4. Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether your team or the opposition makes them.
5. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants and treat them as you would like to be treated. Without them there would be no competition.

Parents' Code of Behaviour

1. Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
2. Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
3. Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
4. Encourage children always to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
5. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake; be supportive.
6. Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skilful plays by all participants.
7. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
8. Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
9. Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them your child could not participate.

Coaches' Code of Behaviour

1. Remember that young people participate for pleasure and winning is only part of the fun.
2. Never ridicule or yell at a young player for making a mistake. Positive comments are motivational.
3. Be reasonable in your demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
4. Operate within the rules and spirit of netball and teach your players to do the same.
5. Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience. All young people are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.
6. Avoid overplaying the talented players; the just-average need and deserve equal time.
7. Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with netball. This includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the parents and spectators. Encourage your players to do the same.

Spectators' Code of Behaviour

1. Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment and benefit, not yours.
2. Applaud good performance and effort from all individuals and teams. Congratulate all participants on their performance regardless of the game's outcome.
3. Respect the decisions of officials and teach young people to do the same.
4. Never ridicule or condemn a young player for making a mistake; offer encouragement.
5. Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
6. Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no game.
7. Encourage players to follow the rules and the officials' decisions.
8. Do not use foul language, sledge or harass players, coaches or officials.
9. Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators
10. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.

Administrators'/Officials' Code of Behaviour

1. Create pathways for young people to participate in sport not just as a player but as a coach, umpire, administrator, etc.
2. Provide quality supervision and instruction for junior players.

3. Remember that young people participate for their enjoyment and benefit. Do not overemphasise awards.
4. Help coaches highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development, and help improve the standards of coaching and officiating.
5. Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.
6. Ensure that everyone involved in junior sport emphasises fair play, and not winning at all costs.
7. Remember that you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.
8. Make it clear that abusing young people in any way is unacceptable and will result in disciplinary action.

NOTE Disciplinary action can be taken under By-law 30 with regard to a range of matters, including but not limited to:

- Behaviour of a player or umpire;
- Undue or unkind criticism from spectators, players, officials or any other person;
- Falsifying a score sheet; and
- Playing an unregistered player, a player from another team in the same grade, or playing someone from another team which is in a higher grade.