

## Players' Code of Behaviour

- Play by the rules.
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted in any sport.
- Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit, so will you.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they be by your team, opponent or the other team.
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.
- Cooperate with your coach, team mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- Place in proper perspective any isolated incidents of unsporting behaviour rather than make them the highlight of the event.

## Parents' Code of Behaviour

- Encourage children to participate, if they are interested. However, if a child is not willing, do not force him or her.
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than on the overall outcome of the event. This assists the child in setting realistic goals related to his/her ability by reducing the emphasis on winning.
- Teach children that an honest effort is as important as victory, so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- Encourage children to always participate according to the rules.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game. Remember children are involved in organised sport for **their** enjoyment, not yours.
- Remember that children learn best from example. Applaud good play by all teams.
- If you disagree with an official, raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than questioning the official's judgment and honesty in public. Remember, most officials give their time and effort for your child's involvement.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches. They give of their time and resources to provide recreational activities for the children and deserve your support.
- Avoid use of derogatory language based on gender.

## **Coach's Code of Ethics**

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every player.
- Ensure the players time spent with the coach is a positive experience
- Treat each player as an individual. Recognise that all players are different: seek to understand each player.
- Be fair, considerate and honest with players
- Be professional and accept responsibility for your actions.
- Make a commitment to providing a quality service to all players
- Operate within the rules and spirit of Netball
- Any physical contact with players should be:
  - Appropriate to the situation
  - Necessary for the players skill development
- Remember that children play for fun and enjoyment and that winning is only part of it. Never ridicule or yell at the children for making mistakes or losing a competition.
- Refrain from any form of personal abuse towards players
- Refrain from any form of harassment of players: includes sexual, racial, mental or physical.
- Provide a safe environment for training and competition. Including training methods and equipment.
- Show concern and caution toward sick and injured players.
- Be a positive role model for NETBALL and to the players.
- Recognize that Netball and training methods are continually changing. Ensure you keep up with changes and develop your coaching accordingly.
- Look to improve your coaching methods and philosophy by obtaining appropriate coaching accreditations.

### **Coaches should be:**

- Treated with respect and openness
- Have access to self-improvement opportunities
- Be matched with a level of coaching appropriate to their level of competence

### **The Coach's primary Responsibilities are to:**

- ⇒ To ensure the players performance continually improves.
- ⇒ Use the skills as a teacher, communicator, motivator, organiser and manager to achieve the above goal.
- ⇒ Ensure that players train and play in a safe environment.
- ⇒ Comply with an agreed code of ethics.
- ⇒ Behave in a manner that recognizes that a coach is a mentor and role model to players both on and off the court.
- ⇒ Recognise that players have demands on their time other than netball and balance these sometimes-conflicting demands.
- ⇒ Develop with players; assistant coach, manager and parents a framework of team rules and aims that are consistent with KNA policies and guidelines.
- ⇒ Be aware that alcohol and drug abuse may occur. Put in-place a policy and preventative guidelines for such occurrences.
- ⇒ Look at self-development in coaching methods to keep abreast with rule changes, coaching methods and team strategies.
- ⇒ Work towards enabling the players to coach themselves. Encourage players to think for themselves and take responsibility for aspects of their training. This will allow them to develop into thinking self-motivated players.

## **KNA Off Court Code of Behaviour**

Entry to the Canoon Road Recreation Area on days of hire by Ku-ring-gai Council to KNA are conditional upon behaviour that is responsible, safe and considerate.

The Conditions of Use set down by Ku-ring-gai Council require:

- persons attending the events to act in a responsible, safe and considerate manner, and to
- be polite to member of the public in the park and residents in surrounding properties.

KNA reminds all members of this obligation in addition to our Players' Code of Behaviour and our Parents' Code of Behaviour.

For the information of members, these Codes relate to all areas of the Canoon Road Recreation Area (including the car park) and Lofberg Netball Courts and are expected to be abided by at all venues used by KNA members and visitors.

Members and visitors to KNA venues are expected to comply with directions given by representatives of KNA.

In the event that a person fails to meet the conditions of use, that person may be

1. Asked to cease the behaviour causing the breach. A record of such an incident (including photographic records) may be made and kept by KNA.
2. Should the behaviour continue or recur, a letter will be sent to the individual and/or the club of the member/visitor. KNA will expect the Club to address the matter.
3. Continued breaches of this Code of Behaviour may result in the member/visitor being asked to leave and/or excluded from the venue by KNA.
4. If considered necessary, members/visitors may be required to attend a hearing before a KNA Committee.

Should a breach be considered serious in nature or potentially harmful to other users of the venue, KNA may move to step 3 immediately.

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