



OAKLEIGH NETBALL CLUB – CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

Our club is committed to the spirit of the game. The spirit of the Game involves RESPECT for:

- Your opponents
- Your own captain, coach and team
- The role of the umpires
- The game's traditional values

Oakleigh Netball Club (ONC) will adhere to the Codes of Behaviour to remind and encourage all members involved in junior sport to support and nurture all our young players.

These codes have been based upon codes created by Netball Australia, Australian Sports Commission and incorporate various other junior sporting bodies, including the Oakleigh Cricket Club (OCC)

The codes of Behaviour provide the basis for fair play for young people and encourage fun, friends and safe environment. These codes have been established to document the standards of behaviour that are expected from all players, parents, spectators, coaches and officials from our Association.

PLAYERS

- Play by the rules
- Never argue with an official – if you disagree have your captain approach the official during a break or after the competition
- Control your temper – verbally abusing officials, sledging other players, and deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport
- Be a good sport – applaud good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition
- Treat all participants as you would like to be treated – do not bully or take advantage of another competitor
- Cooperate with your coach, team mates and opponents – without them there would be no competition
- Respect the right, dignity and worth of all participants – regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
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COACHES

- Teach players the rules of netball and the importance of abiding by them
- Act as a role model that promotes the positive aspects of netball
- Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport and accept responsibility for your actions
- Consider the way you involve the players and look to maximise playing time of all players.
- Never ridicule or bully players for making mistakes. Use positive reinforcement and encouragement to boost self-esteem and confidence of players
- Ensure activities, equipment and facilities meet safety requirements and are age and ability appropriate of the players
- Never argue with officials of parents – if you disagree, call on a competition supervisor
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse
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PARENTS

- Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment – not yours
- Encourage children's participation – do not force them
- Focus on the child's effort and performances – rather than winning or losing
- Encourage children to always play by the rules
- Encourage children to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition
- Remember that children learn best by example
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities
- Respect officials decisions and teach children to do the same
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators – without them, your child could not participate
- No alcohol shall be consumed during any junior matches

OFFICIALS AND ADMINISTRATORS

- Place the safety and welfare of the athletes above all else
- Ensure all players are included and can participate, regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background, sexuality or religion
- Be consistent, impartial and objective when making decisions
- Address unsporting behaviour and promote respect for other players and officials
- Ensure quality supervision and instruction for players
- Support coaches and officials to improve their skills and competencies
- Act honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of the sport as a whole
- Demonstrate and assist players to develop respect for others
- Ensure that any information acquired or advantage gained from the position is not used improperly
- Conduct club responsibilities with due care, competence and diligence

SPECTATORS

- Help create a positive atmosphere for players, officials and other spectators by showing respect for players, officials and other spectators
- Respect the effort and performances of players and officials
- Do not use bad language, harass or ridicule others or behave in a threatening or violent manner
- If you are aware of inappropriate spectator behaviour ask an official for assistance



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NON COMPLIANCE

- What happens when a player, coach, parent, spectator or a person connected with the club goes outside these guidelines?

The incident may be referred to the ONC and/or OCC Committee of Management (CoM) for investigation and subsequent action; but in the first instance will be referred to the Oakleigh Netball Club Co-ordinator(s), the relevant coach and/or the Oakleigh Netball Club sub-committee.

In all instances:

- The coach/team manager shall, at the first available opportunity, discuss the matter with the player or person concerned. At this point, the player or person will be reminded of the correct behaviour and asked to act within the code.
 - If no further action is needed – the matter is finished
 - If further action is required – the matter may require an investigation. Once the matter has been investigated an appropriate response will be made based on facts gathered. The sanction will depend upon the severity of the inappropriate behaviour.
- In any one season, should the same player or person offend again, then for the consideration of any penalty, the matter must be brought to the attention of either:
 - The Oakleigh Netball Club sub-committee
 - The CoM of Oakleigh Cricket Club, in all other cases
- The CoM has the power to suspend or expel members in accordance with the Rules and By-laws of the Oakleigh Cricket Club.