

## PARENT / GUARDIAN CODE OF BEHAVIOUR POLICY

Adopted by NSW Netball Association Ltd Board Meeting on 13th December 2016

## PURPOSE OF THIS POLICY

- Netball Australia, Netball NSW and Affiliates seek to provide a safe, fair and inclusive environment for everyone involved in netball
- To achieve this, Netball Australia, Netball NSW and Affiliates require certain standards of behaviour of players/athletes, coaches, officials, administrators, parents/guardians (of child participants) and spectators
  - The Codes of Behaviour are underpinned by the following core values:
    - $\circ$  ~ To act within the rules and spirit of netball
    - To display respect and courtesy towards everyone involved in netball and prevent discrimination, bullying and sexual harassment
    - To prioritise the safety and well-being of children and young people involved in netball
    - To encourage and support opportunities for participation in all aspects of netball.

## **BREACH OF THIS POLICY**

• Any alleged breach of the Codes of Behaviour should be managed using the process outlined in the relevant Netball NSW or Affiliates Constitution or policies.

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- In addition to Netball NSW's General Code of Behaviour, you are to meet the following requirements with regard to your conduct during any activity held by or under the auspices of Netball NSW or an Affiliate
- In your role as a parent or guardian you are to:
  - 1. Encourage your child to participate but do not force them
  - 2. Focus upon your child's efforts and performance rather than the overall outcome of the event. This assists your child in setting realistic goals related to his/her ability by reducing the emphasis on winning
  - 3. 10.3. Teach your child that an honest effort is as important as winning, so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment
  - 4. Encourage your child to always play according to the rules
  - 5. Be a model of good sports behaviour for children to copy. Applaud good play by all players
  - 6. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game
  - 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. Refrain from conduct which could be regarded as sexual harassment, discrimination, bullying and/or victimisation
  - 9. Recognise and respect the value and importance of volunteer administrators, coaches and umpires. They give up their time and resources to provide recreational activities for players and deserve your support
  - 10. Be courteous in communication with administrators, coaches, players and umpires. Teach your child to do the same
  - 11. Support the use of age appropriate development activities and modified rules
  - 12. Acknowledge that a breach of this Code of Behaviour may result in disciplinary action concerning your child. This may include expulsion from game(s), suspension or termination of membership