

Good Sams Netball Club

Code of Behaviour



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Note: In conjunction with this document all committee members, coaches, managers, players, parents/guardians, spectators and umpires are required to oblige by the SCNA Codes of Behaviour and SCNA Member Protection Policy.

1.0 Good Sams Netball Club – All (including committee members, coaches, managers, players, parents/guardians, spectators and umpires)

1. Operate within the rules and spirit of netball, promoting fair play over winning at any cost.
2. Encourage and support opportunities for people to learn appropriate behaviours and skills.
3. Support opportunities for participation in all aspects of the sport.
4. Treat each person as an individual.
5. Display control and courtesy to all involved with the sport.
6. Respect the rights and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
7. Respect the decisions of umpires, officials, coaches and administrators in the conduct of the sport.

8. Wherever practical, avoid unaccompanied and unobserved one-on-one activity (when in a supervisory capacity or where a power imbalance will exist) with people under the age of 18 years.
9. Adopt appropriate and responsible behaviour in all interactions.
10. Adopt responsible behaviour in relation to alcohol and other drugs.
11. Act with integrity and objectivity and accept responsibility for your decisions and actions.
12. Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a safe and harassment free environment.
13. Do not tolerate harmful or abusive behaviours.
14. Place the safety and welfare of the athletes above all else.
15. Help each person (athlete, umpire etc) reach their potential – respect the talent, developmental stage and goals of each person and compliment and encourage with positive and supportive feedback.
16. Any physical contact with a person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the person's skill development.

2.0 Parent / Guardian

1. If your child is interested, encourage them to participate in the appropriate netball activity. However, if your child is not willing to participate, do not force him or her. Remember, children are involved in organised activity for their enjoyment, not yours.
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. Teach your child that an honest effort is as important as victory so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
4. Encourage your child to play according to the rules.
5. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
6. Remember that children learn best from example. Applaud good play by all players (from both teams).

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. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse.
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 a model of good sports behaviour for children to copy.
11. Be courteous in communication with administrators, coaches, players and umpires. Teach children to do likewise.
12. Support the use of age-appropriate development activities and modified rules.
13. Be prepared to communicate openly with the coaching team and the Good Sams Netball Club Committee in a timely and constructive fashion.
14. Have realistic expectations for your child/team giving due consideration to their respective developmental stages.
15. All complaints must be submitted in writing to the Good Sams Netball Club President. Be honest and do not allow your qualifications to be misrepresented.

3.0 Umpire

1. Umpire in accordance with the Official Rules of the Game.
2. Treat all players, coaches, match officials and other umpires with respect.
3. Place the safety and welfare of the players above all else.
4. Ensure the court and its surrounds are compliant with the rules.
5. Take appropriate action to manage dangerous play.
6. Maintain a high standard of personal behaviour at all times.
7. Be a positive role model through behaviour and personal appearance projecting a favourable image of netball and umpiring at all times.
8. Be courteous, respectful and open to discussion and interaction.
9. Maintain or improve your current performance level and seek continual improvement.

4.0 Senior Player (aged 11 years and older)

1. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of fellow players, coaches, officials and spectators.
2. Refrain from conduct which could be regarded as sexual or other harassment.
3. Respect the talent, potential and development of fellow players and competitors.
4. Care and respect the uniform and equipment provided to you.
5. Be frank and honest with your coach concerning illness and injury and your ability to train and play fully.
6. Conduct yourself in a responsible manner relating to language, temper and punctuality.
7. Maintain a high standard of personal behaviour at all times.
8. Abide by the rules and respect the decision of the umpires. Be courteous and use correct process when seeking a rule clarification.
9. Be honest in your attitude and preparation to training. Work equally hard for yourself and your team.
10. Cooperate with coaches and staff in relation to programs that adequately prepare you for competition.
11. Do not engage in practices that effect sporting performance (alcohol, tobacco and drug use).

5.0 Junior Player (aged under 11 years old)

1. Participate because you enjoy it, not just to please parents and coaches.
2. Play by the rules – know the rules.
3. Participate fairly and safely.
4. Abide by decisions, without argument or bad temper.
 - a. Captains have the right to approach an umpire during an interval or after the game for clarification of any rule.
 - b. Approach the umpire in a courteous and polite way.

5. Cooperate with your coach and other players.
 - a. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately fouling or provoking an opponent and throwing/damaging equipment is not acceptable or permitted.
 - b. Treat all players as you would like to be treated.
 - c. Ensure that at all times your behaviour is fair.
 - d. Be a patient and enthusiastic supporter of fellow players.
6. Applaud all good play, by your own team and opponents.
7. Be a responsible team member.
 - a. Always be on time.
 - b. Encourage and assist all players.
 - c. Attend all training sessions.
 - d. Ensure you always bring the appropriate uniform and equipment to training/games.
8. Do not engage in practices that affect sporting performance (alcohol, tobacco and drug use).
9. Respect and acknowledge the contribution of those who create the opportunity for you to play. These volunteers include coaches, scorers, timekeepers, umpires, managers and administrators.