

# Waratah Leagues Netball Club

## Codes Of Behaviour

### PLAYERS

- 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 game.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is NOT acceptable or permitted in Netball.
- Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team's performance will benefit so will you
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are your team or the opposition.
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.
- Co-operate with your coach, team mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- Play for fun, and not just to please parents or coaches

### COACHES

- Remember that children participate for pleasure and that winning is only part of the fun.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing.
- Be reasonable in your demands on young players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Teach your players to follow the rules.
- Whenever possible, group players to ensure that everyone has a reasonable chance of success.
- Avoid overplaying the talented players. The just average need and deserve equal time.
- Ensure that the equipment and facilities meet the safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
- Develop team respect for the ability of opponents and for the judgement of officials and opposing coaches.
- Follow the advice of a physician when determining when an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
- Keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and principles of growth and development of children.

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### PARENTS

- Remember that children play sport for their enjoyment not yours.
- Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
- Be positive
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- 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 that children learn best by example. Applaud good play at all times.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Show appreciation of volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.

### SPECTATORS

- Remember that children play sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Applaud good performances and efforts from each team. Congratulate all participants upon their performance regardless of the game's outcome.
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do the same.
- Never ridicule or scold a child for making a mistake. Positive comments are motivational.
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no game.
- Encourage players to follow the rules and the officials' decisions
- Do not use foul language or harass players, coaches or officials.

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### OFFICIALS

- Modify rules and regulations to match the skill levels and the needs of children.
- Compliment and encourage ALL participants.
- Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.
- Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents.
- Emphasise the spirit of the game rather than the errors.
- Encourage and promote rule changes which will make the participation more enjoyable.
- Be a good sport yourself. Actions speak louder than words.
- Keep up to date with the latest trends in officiating and knowledge of growth and development of children.
- Remember, you set an example your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.

### ADMINISTRATORS

- Involve young people in the planning, leadership and evaluation and decision making related to the activity.
- Give all children opportunities to participate.
- Ensure that rules, equipment, length of games and training schedules suit the age, ability and maturity level of participants.
- Provide quality supervisions and instruction for junior players.
- Remember that children participate for enjoyment. Don't over emphasise awards.
- Help coaches and officials highlight appropriate behaviour and skill.
- Ensure that everyone involved in junior sport emphasises fair play, not winning at all costs.
- Give a Code of Behaviour sheet to spectators, officials, parents, coaches, players and the media, and encourage them to stick to it.
- Remember, you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be supportive.