

**Most players (in particular children) participate in netball activities for fun. They are not participating for entertainment of spectators only. The following Code of Behaviour applies to all Parents and Spectators in attendance at the Belconnen Netball Association competition.**

It is a condition of entry to the Belconnen Netball Association courts that you agree to abide by the following Code of Behaviour:

- ▶ Applaud good performance and efforts by all players. When watching a game congratulate both teams upon their performance regardless of the game's outcome
- ▶ Never ridicule or scold a player for making a mistake during a competition. Positive comments are motivational.
- ▶ Show respect for your team's coach, the umpire and opponents. Without them there would be no game
- ▶ Encourage players to play according to the rules and the official decisions, and develop your own knowledge of the rules
- ▶ Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using foul language, and not harassing administrators, coaches, players or umpires. Condemn the use of violence at all times.
- ▶ Teach your child that an honest effort is as important as victory, so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- ▶ If you disagree with an umpire or coach raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than question their judgement and honesty in public
- ▶ Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse
- ▶ Recognise and respect the value and importance of administrators, coaches, umpires and sports trainers. They give up their time and resources to provide recreational activities for players and deserve your support.
- ▶ Be a model of good sports behaviour for children to copy.
- ▶ Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their age, gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Designated officials are authorised to require you to leave the Belconnen Netball Association courts if you breach the Code of Behaviour through for example:

- ▶ Verbal or physical abuse of another person;
- ▶ Harassment of individuals or a group;
- ▶ Questioning of umpires decisions;
- ▶ Ridicule, baiting or uttering obscenities; and/or
- ▶ Engaging in behaviour that is not respectful of others