



Willoughby United Netball Club – Code of Conduct

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Willoughby United Netball Club has a long and proud tradition, and we are committed to continuing to uphold the values that have made our club a central part of the **Northern Suburbs Netball Association** for over 50 years. As part of this legacy, we aim to:

- Teach our players to **play netball to the best of their ability**.
- Foster a **committed and respectful** team environment.
- Ensure players **play the game in the proper spirit**, accepting the decisions of umpires and officials.
- Create an environment where players can **enjoy themselves** in a **competitive, supportive, and fun atmosphere**.

To achieve these goals, we need the support of **every player, parent, coach, umpire and spectator**. As representatives of Willoughby United, it is essential that we uphold our strong reputation—not only for this season but for future generations of players.

By registering with **Willoughby United Netball Club**, you agree to abide by the following **Code of Conduct**.

Player Code of Conduct

As a member of Willoughby United Netball Club, it is important that we all work together to create a positive, supportive, and respectful environment for everyone involved—players, coaches, officials, and spectators alike. By following this Player Code of Conduct, you help foster a culture of sportsmanship, integrity, and community spirit both on and off the court.

1. Respect for Others

- **1.1** Treat fellow players, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect, dignity, and fairness at all times.
- **1.2** Always support your teammates, encourage positive play, and celebrate the success of others.
- **1.3** Refrain from any form of discrimination, bullying, sexual harassment, or victimization, and foster an inclusive atmosphere for all.

2. Fair Play

- **2.1** Participate fairly and safely in all training sessions and games.
- **2.2** Always give your best effort, whether you're in your favourite position or on the bench.
- **2.3** Respect the umpire's decisions and understand that they are there to ensure the game is safe and fair.
- **2.4** Applaud good play, both from your team and from your opponents, to promote mutual respect and sportsmanship.

3. Personal Integrity

- **3.1** Be honest with your coach regarding your health, injuries, and readiness to train or play.
- **3.2** Never engage in illegal practices such as doping or drug use that could impact your performance or health.
- **3.3** Maintain responsible conduct in all areas, including language, temper, and punctuality. Profanity and inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated.

4. Commitment and Responsibility

- **4.1** Approach all training sessions and games with dedication and a positive attitude. Work equally hard for both your individual development and the success of your team.
- **4.2** Follow instructions from coaches and team leaders, even if the role you are asked to play isn't your preferred one.
- **4.3** Be punctual for all team activities, training sessions, and matches. Respect everyone's time.

5. Cooperation and Communication

- **5.1** Cooperate with coaches, staff, and fellow players to ensure that you are fully prepared for competition.
- **5.2** Communicate openly and honestly about any concerns, injuries, or challenges you're facing in training or during games.

6. Respect for Officials and Volunteers

- **6.1** Acknowledge and respect the contributions of all officials, including umpires and scorers, as well as other volunteers who make the game possible.
- **6.2** Remember that all officials and volunteers are giving their time and energy to support the club, and they deserve your gratitude and respect.

7. Community and Team Spirit

- **7.1** You are part of Willoughby United Netball Club—this includes everyone from juniors to seniors. Every player, coach, official, and volunteer is an integral part of the team.
- **7.2** Work together with your teammates and show respect for others—no one is more important than anyone else.
- **7.3** Smile, have fun, and always try your best. Netball is about more than just competition; it's about community, friendship, and personal growth.

8. Grounds and Venue Responsibility

- **8.1** Players aged 16 and over may be asked to assist with grounds duties or other club responsibilities once or twice per season. Your involvement helps keep the club running smoothly and supports the broader community.

9. Safety First

- **9.1** Prioritize safety during all activities. If you're feeling unwell or injured, it's important to speak up and take the necessary steps to recover fully.
- **9.2** Encourage your teammates to practice safe play and look out for each other's wellbeing.

10. Upholding Club Values

- **10.1** As a member of Willoughby United, you represent the values of sportsmanship, integrity, and respect. Always strive to set a good example for others, both in and out of the game

By registering, you are agreeing to uphold the values and guidelines set forth to maintain a positive, safe, and enjoyable environment for all members of the Willoughby United Netball Club. Thank you for your commitment to making our club a place where everyone can thrive!

Code of Conduct for Parents, Carers, and Spectators

At Willoughby United Netball Club, we are committed to creating a positive, inclusive, and supportive environment for all players, coaches, officials, and supporters. As a parent, carer, or spectator, your behaviour plays an important role in shaping the atmosphere of our club. By following this Code of Conduct, you help us maintain a safe, respectful, and enjoyable experience for everyone involved.

1. Support for Players

- **1.1** Encourage your child to participate, but never force them. The decision to play should come from the child, not external pressure.
- **1.2** Applaud good play from both teams and celebrate effort, regardless of the final result. Recognise that children play for fun and to develop their skills, not just for the scoreboard.
- **1.3** Focus on your child's effort, improvement, and performance, rather than just the outcome of the game. Help your child set realistic goals and remind them that trying their best is just as important as winning.
- **1.4** Teach your child that an honest effort is as valuable as winning, so they can accept the result of each game without undue disappointment.
- **1.5** Encourage your child to always play by the rules and respect the decisions of officials.

2. Positive Behaviour and Sportsmanship

- **2.1** Never ridicule or scold a player, whether your child or someone else's, for mistakes or losing a game. Keep comments positive, encouraging, and constructive at all times.
- **2.2** Condemn any form of violence or aggression, whether from players, coaches, officials, or fellow spectators. There is no place for such behaviour in sport.
- **2.3** Show respect for the opposition. Without the other team, there is no game. Appreciate their efforts and the role they play in the match.
- **2.4** Be a role model for good sportsmanship. Applaud good play by all players, regardless of the team they belong to.

3. Respect for Officials and Coaches

- **3.1** Respect the decisions of umpires, coaches, and team managers. Encourage your child to do the same and to follow the rules and official decisions.
- **3.2** If you disagree with an umpire's or coach's decision, raise any concerns through the appropriate channels, not in public or during the game. Publicly questioning their judgment or integrity is unacceptable.

4. Respect and Integrity

- **4.1** Refrain from any conduct that could be regarded as sexual harassment, discrimination, bullying, or victimisation. This includes inappropriate comments or actions toward players, officials, or fellow spectators.
- **4.2** Recognise and respect the valuable contributions of volunteers, including administrators, coaches, and umpires. They give up their time and resources to make netball possible and deserve your support.
- **4.3** Be courteous in all communications with administrators, coaches, players, umpires, and fellow spectators. Teach your child to do the same.

5. Promoting a Positive Sporting Environment

- **5.1** Support age-appropriate development activities and modified rules that help children learn and develop their skills in a safe and enjoyable manner.
- **5.2** Refrain from using foul language or harassing players, coaches, or officials. Everyone is there to enjoy the game, and a respectful atmosphere benefits everyone.
- **5.3** Encourage fair play and adherence to the rules, showing that respect for the game is paramount.

6. Responsibility and Consequences

- **6.1** Understand that a breach of this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action, which could include expulsion from a game, suspension, or termination of membership if necessary.
- **6.2** Parents/carers of junior and NetSetGo players may be asked to assist with grounds duties or other club responsibilities once or twice per season. Your involvement helps create a positive experience for all participants.

By following this **Code of Conduct for Parents, Carers, and Spectators**, you contribute to a positive and respectful environment at Willoughby United Netball Club. Your actions set a strong example for our players and create a supportive atmosphere for their growth and enjoyment of the sport.

Thank you for your commitment to ensuring that all players can have fun, develop their skill and experience the joy of netball in a positive and supportive community

Coach Code of Conduct

As a coach at Willoughby United Netball Club, you hold an important responsibility in shaping the experience of our players and creating a positive, respectful environment. By following this Code of Conduct, you contribute to the development of the players, the integrity of the game, and the overall success of our club.

1. Fair Play and Sportsmanship

- **1.1** Operate within the rules and spirit of Netball, always promoting fair play and ensuring the enjoyment of all participants.
- **1.2** Develop a positive Netball environment by emphasising enjoyment and providing appropriate development and competitive experiences tailored to the abilities and needs of players.
- **1.3** Support opportunities for participation in all aspects of Netball, ensuring that all players have access to training, competition, and personal growth.

2. Respect for Individuals

- **2.1** Treat each person as an individual. Respect the rights, dignity, and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background, or religion.
- **2.2** Display control, courtesy, and respect to all involved with Netball—players, fellow coaches, officials, parents, and spectators.

3. Respect for Officials and Decisions

- **3.1** Respect the decisions of umpires, officials, other coaches, and administrators in the conduct of Netball programs and competitions. Encourage players to do the same.
- **3.2** If there are concerns or disagreements with an official's decision, raise them through the appropriate channels in a respectful manner, ensuring the integrity of the game and the fairness of all parties involved.

4. Safety and Welfare

- **4.1** Wherever practical, avoid unaccompanied and unobserved one-on-one activity with players under the age of 18, especially in a supervisory capacity or when a power imbalance may exist.
- **4.2** Ensure that all activities, equipment, and facilities are safe and appropriate for the ability level of the participating players. Consider the age, ability, and maturity of the participants when planning training sessions and competitions.
- **4.3** Prioritise the safety and welfare of all players above all else. Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a safe environment for everyone involved in Netball.

5. Integrity and Professionalism

- **5.1** Act with integrity and objectivity in all situations. Be honest, transparent, and take responsibility for your decisions and actions.
- **5.2** Ensure that any physical contact with a player is appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development. Always seek the player's consent where applicable.
- **5.3** Adopt and display responsible behaviour in relation to alcohol and other drugs. Never promote or condone inappropriate behaviours that undermine the integrity of the game.
- **5.4** Be honest about your qualifications and accreditation. Never misrepresent your credentials, ensuring that you provide the best possible coaching and mentoring for your players.

6. Safe and Respectful Environment

- **6.1** Ensure that your actions and decisions contribute to an environment free of sexual harassment, bullying, discrimination, and victimisation. Netball is a sport for everyone, and everyone deserves to be treated with respect and dignity.

By adhering to this **Coach Code of Conduct**, you play a critical role in fostering an environment where players can grow, learn, and enjoy the game of Netball. Your example of professionalism, respect, and integrity shapes the club's culture and helps ensure a positive experience for all players, parents, and fellow coaches.

Umpire Code of Conduct

As an umpire at Willoughby United Netball Club, you play a vital role in ensuring fair play and safety within the game. The decisions you make affect the experience of players, coaches, and spectators, and your conduct is essential in creating a respectful and enjoyable environment for all. By adhering to this Code of Conduct, you contribute to the integrity and success of the game.

1. Adherence to the Rules

- **1.1** Umpire in accordance with the Official Rules of Netball, as modified by Netball NSW and/or Affiliates. Ensure that all decisions are based on the current rules, and any modifications to the rules are applied fairly and accurately.

2. Respect for Players and Officials

- **2.1** Treat all players, coaches, and other umpires/officials with respect. Acknowledge their role in the game, and remain impartial in your decision-making at all times.
- **2.2** Be courteous, respectful, and open to discussion and interaction with all Netball participants, including players, coaches, and fellow umpires.

3. Player Safety and Welfare

- **3.1** Place the safety and welfare of players above all else. Ensure that the court and its surroundings comply with the required safety standards.
- **3.2** Take appropriate action to manage dangerous play and prevent injury. Always prioritise player welfare, making decisions that protect them from harm.

4. Personal Behaviour and Professionalism

- **4.1** Maintain a high standard of personal behaviour at all times. Demonstrate professionalism both on and off the court, and serve as a positive role model for others.
- **4.2** Project a favourable image of Netball and umpiring through both your behaviour and personal appearance. Show respect for the sport, your role, and the participants.

5. Integrity and Respect

- **5.1** Refrain from any conduct that could be regarded as sexual harassment, discrimination, bullying, or victimisation. Treat everyone fairly and with dignity.
- **5.2** Be honest and transparent in your conduct. Do not allow your qualifications or accreditation to be misrepresented. Uphold the credibility of your role by ensuring that you are always accurate and honest about your skills and experience.

6. Continuous Improvement

- **6.1** Maintain or improve your current performance level. Actively seek out opportunities to develop and improve your umpiring skills through ongoing learning and experience.
- **6.2** Participate in training, education, and development programs to ensure that your umpiring skills are always up-to-date with the current rules and best practices in Netball.

By adhering to this **Umpire Code of Conduct**, you ensure that the game is played in a safe, fair, and enjoyable environment. Your professionalism, respect for the rules, and dedication to the players' safety contribute to the overall success and integrity of the sport. Thank you for your commitment to upholding these values at **Willoughby United Netball Club**.