

MALVERN NETBALL CLUB POLICY DOCUMENT – CODE OF CONDUCT

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The Malvern Netball Club expects its players, coaches and parents to observe at all times these acceptable codes of behaviour and sportsmanship in representing the club.

Coaches

- All players must be financial with Malvern Netball club and have current VNA registration.
- Remember all children participate for pleasure, winning is not a priority.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing.
- Be reasonable in your demands on your player's time, energy and enthusiasm, set realistic standard and objectives.
- Teach the children to follow rules and accept the umpire's decision.
- Provide training and game opportunities that ensure everyone has a reasonable chance of success and to improve and acquire skills and develop confidence.
- All players should receive equal court time during the season.
- Be aware of the clubs Finals policy.
- Keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of the children.
- Co-operate with other coaches by making the most appropriate player available to play in a higher grade to make up team numbers.
- Ensure your equipment meet the safety standards.
- Remember children need a coach they respect, be generous with your praise and set a good example. Positive re-enforcement and encouragement are important for building self-esteem and confidence in your players.

Players

- Play by the rules.
- Never argue with an official, have your coach approach the official during a break.
- Control your temper; abuse of officials or players is not acceptable in any sport.
- Work equally hard for yourself and your team.
- Be a good sport; shake hands with your opponent at the end of each game.
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated, do not bully another player.
- Co-operate with your coach and team mates.
- Be ready for each match 15 minutes before.
- Play for the fun of netball. Advise your coach as early as possible if you are unavailable.
- Always attend training, if you can't, advise your coach.
- Be accommodating when you are asked to play for another Malvern Team in a higher grade.

Parents

- Remember children play sport for their enjoyment not yours. Encourage children to participate.
- Focus on the children's efforts and performance instead of winning or losing.
- Encourage the children to participate according to the rules.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- Remember positive comments are motivational.
- Remember children learn by example; applaud good play from both teams.
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, committee members and administration, without them your child would not participate.
- Remember the coach has been appointed to direct the team, if you have an issue approach the coach after the game.
- Respect official's decisions and teach the children to do the same.
- Parents are encouraged to support the players by their presence at matches.
- Parents are responsible for the payment of subscriptions when they are due.