

Team and Spectator behaviour

Matamata Netball Centre had has seen an ugly increase in on court and sideline abuse and bullying this season which we find very disturbing and absolutely disgusting.

While we have dealt with these incidents as they arose, the increase of abuse and bullying will now see us come down twice as hard on the behaviour on and around our courts and **penalise** the team/s concerned.

Where it is a spectator who is being abusive and or a bully, we will **penalise** the team/s for whom they are supporting.

We will not tolerate any kind of abuse or bullying whether it be on the court or from the side line, and especially not toward our volunteer umpires or Coaches.

If the need arises, we will remove teams from the draw or stand teams down for a period.

Matamata Netball should not have to resort to this type of discipline, but it is obvious that warnings, announcements and the presence of orange vests are not a sufficient deterrent. (We apologise to the teams who are there to play the game in the spirit it is supposed to be played).

Your Committee and Umpire Panel have standards and it is up to teams to meet these standards. We are not going to put up with the abuse and bullying that is continuing to occur.

The people who run Saturday netball are fast losing interest in even being at netball each Saturday because of the rubbish we are having to deal with. We are all volunteers and don't have to be there.

NETBALL BEHAVIOUR IN MATAMATA MUST IMPROVE OR THERE WILL BE NO ONE INTERESTED IN UMPIRING OR RUNNING NETBALL IN OUR COMMUNITY