



QCNA Parent/Guardian and Spectator Code of Behaviour

In addition to Netball Queensland's General Code of Behaviour, as a parent/guardian of a player, you must meet the following requirements with regard to your conduct during any activity held or sanctioned by QCNA or Affiliates.

- Treat all persons with respect and courtesy and have proper regard for their dignity, rights and obligations.
- Be ethical, fair, considerate, and honest in all dealings with others.
- Operate within the rules and spirit of the sport including national and state guidelines, constitution and policies which govern QCNA and Affiliates.
- Do not use your involvement with netball to promote your own beliefs, behaviours or practices where these are inconsistent with those of QCNA or Affiliates.
- Demonstrate a high degree of individual responsibility especially when dealing with persons under 18 years of age, as your words and actions are an example.
- Always place the safety and welfare of children above other considerations.
- Avoid unaccompanied and unobserved activities with persons under 18 years of age, wherever possible.
- Comply with all relevant Australian laws (Federal and State), particularly antidiscrimination and child protection laws.
- Refrain from any behaviour that may bring QCNA or Affiliates into disrepute.
- Provide a safe environment for the conduct of the activity.
- Show concern and caution towards others who may be sick or injured.
- Be a positive role model.
- Be responsible and accountable for your conduct.
- Abide by the relevant QCNA role-specific codes of behaviour.

In addition to QCNA's General Code of Behaviour, you must meet the following requirements with regard to your conduct during any activity held by or under the auspices of QCNA or Affiliates in your role as a parent/legal guardian.

- If your child is interested, encourage them to participate in the appropriate netball activity. However, if your child is not willing to participate, do not force him or her. Remember, children are involved in organised activity for their enjoyment, not yours.



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- Focus upon your child's efforts and performance rather than the overall outcome of the event. This assists your child in setting realistic goals related to his/her ability by reducing the emphasis on winning.
- Teach your child that an honest effort is as important as victory, so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- Encourage your child to play always according to the rules.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- Remember that children learn best from example. Applaud good play by all players.
- If you disagree with an umpire or coach raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than question their judgment and honesty in public.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse.
- Recognise and respect the value and importance of volunteer administrators, coaches and umpires. 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.
- Be courteous in communication with administrators, coaches, players and umpires. Teach children to do likewise.
- Support the use of age appropriate development activities and modified rules.

In addition to QCNA's General Code of Behaviour, you must meet the following requirements with regard to your conduct during any activity held by or under the auspices of QCNA or Affiliates in your role as a spectator.

- Most players (in particular children) participate in netball activities for fun. They are not participating for entertainment of spectators only.
- Applaud good performance and efforts by all players. When watching a game congratulate both teams on their performance regardless of the game's outcome.
- Respect the umpires' and coaches' decisions. If there is a disagreement, follow the appropriate procedure in order to question the decision and teach children to do likewise.
- Never ridicule or yell at a player for making a mistake during a competition. Positive comments are motivational.
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by administrators, coaches, players, umpires or parents/legal guardians.
- Show respect for your team's coach, the umpires and opponents. Without them there would be no game.



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- 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 refraining from using foul language, harassing administrators, coaches, players or umpires.
- Support the use of age appropriate development activities and modified rules.