

ADELAIDE COUGARS NETBALL CLUB



POLICY 011:

PARENT/GUARDIAN CODE OF BEHAVIOUR



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1. Introduction:

The Adelaide Cougars Netball Club (ACNC) values its players and their supporters and expects them to act with integrity and respect in all of their dealings with Coaches, Umpires, Officials, other players and their families involved in competition.

The ACNC Parent/Guardians Code of Behaviour is modelled on the recommendations of Netball SA, Netball Australia and the Australian Sports Commission and is designed to provide a framework for expected behaviour.

2. General Code of Behaviour

As a person required to comply with this Policy, Parent/Guardians must meet the following requirements with regard to their conduct during any activity held or sanctioned by Netball Australia, Member Organisations or Affiliates.

- 2.1. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others.
- 2.2. Be fair, considerate and honest in all dealings with others.
- 2.3. Make a commitment to providing quality service.
- 2.4. Be aware of, and maintain an uncompromising adherence to Adelaide Cougars Netball Club and Netball Australia's standards, rules, regulations and policies.
- 2.5. Operate within the rules of the sport including national and state guidelines which govern Netball Australia, Member Organisations and Affiliates.
- 2.6. Do not use your involvement with netball to promote your own beliefs, behaviours or practices where these are inconsistent with those of Adelaide Cougars Netball Club, Netball Australia, Member Organisations or Affiliates.
- 2.7. 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.
- 2.8. Avoid unaccompanied and unobserved activities with persons under 18 years of age, wherever possible.
- 2.9. Refrain from any behaviour that may bring Adelaide Cougars Netball Club, Netball Australia, Member Organisations or Affiliates into disrepute.



- 2.10. Provide a safe environment for the conduct of the activity.
- 2.11. Show concern and caution towards others who maybe sick or injured.
- 2.12. Be a positive role model.
- 2.13. Understand the repercussions if you breach, or are aware of any breaches of this Code of Behaviour.

3. Role of Parent/Guardians within ACNC

In addition to the General Code of Behaviour, Parent/Guardians must meet the following requirements with regard to their conduct during any activity held by or under the auspices of Netball Australia, Member Organisations or Affiliates in your role as a player.

- 3.1. 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.
- 3.2. 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.
- 3.3. Teach your child that an honest effort is as important as victory, so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- 3.4. Encourage your child to play always according to the rules.
- 3.5. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- 3.6. Remember that children learn best from example. Applaud good play by all players.
- 3.7. If you disagree with an umpire or coach raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than question their judgement and honesty in public.
- 3.8. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse.
- 3.9. 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.



- 3.10. Be a model of good sports behaviour for children to copy.
- 3.11. Be courteous in communication with administrators, coaches, players and umpires. Teach children to do likewise.
- 3.12. Support the use of age appropriate development activities and modified rules.