

# ADELAIDE COUGARS NETBALL CLUB



## **POLICY 012:**

## **SENIOR PLAYER CODE OF BEHAVIOUR**

# Adelaide Cougars Netball Club

## Policy 012 – Spectator Code of Behaviour



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## **1. Introduction:**

The Adelaide Cougars Netball Club (ACNC) values its spectators 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 Spectators 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, Spectators 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 Spectators within ACNC

In addition to the General Code of Behaviour, Spectators 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 spectator.

- 3.1. Remember, most players (in particular children) participate in netball activities for fun. They are not participating for entertainment of spectators only.
- 3.2. Applaud good performance and efforts by all players. When watching a game congratulate both teams on their performance regardless of the game's outcome.
- 3.3. 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.
- 3.4. Never ridicule or scold a player for making a mistake during a competition. Positive comments are motivational.
- 3.5. Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by administrators, coaches, players, umpires or parents/ guardians.
- 3.6. Show respect for your team's coach, the umpire and opponents. Without them there would be no game.
- 3.7. Encourage players to play according to the rules and the official decisions, and develop your own knowledge of the rules.
- 3.8. Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by refraining from using foul language, harassing administrators, coaches, players or umpires.
- 3.9. Support the use of age appropriate development activities and modified rules.