**PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY**

Parents have a great influence on children’s enjoyment and success in sport. Children play netball because they first and foremost love the game. It is important to remember that however good a child becomes at netball, positive encouragement will contribute to:

* children enjoying the sport
* a sense of personal achievement
* self-esteem
* improving the child’s skills and techniques

A parent’s expectations and attitudes have a significant bearing on a child’s attitude towards:

* other players
* officials
* coaches
* parents

1. Exhibit good sportsmanship at all times, never condone violations of the laws of the game or exhibit behaviour contrary to the spirit of the laws of the game.
2. Remember that children should be playing sport primarily for their own enjoyment. Do not put pressure on the children.
3. Place the well-being and safety of each player above all other considerations.
4. Encourage your child, and others, or be quiet. Praise effort and performance, not results.
5. Parents must encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
6. Stand well back when watching and stay behind any barriers or lines that are designated for that purpose.
7. No offensive, abusive or insulting remarks shall be made toward any player, official, or parent.
8. Parents must develop an appropriate supportive relationship with the coach and their child based on mutual trust and respect.
9. Parents should seek clarification of exactly what is expected of them and what they are entitled to expect from the coach.
10. Discuss any concerns about training or matches with the coach in private.
11. Ensure that your child arrives at the designated location for matches or training at the time requested by the coach.
12. Inform the coach if there has been a change in your child’s medical condition.
13. Ensure that suitable kit is worn by your child.
14. Keep facilities, including kit, in good condition.
15. Ensure that all requisite forms are filled in correctly.
16. Pay any subscriptions or fees on time.
17. Provide assistance to the coach in whatever capacity is required.
18. Support the coach’s decisions and discuss any concerns directly with the coach.