

Tuggeranong Netball Association Code of Behaviour

Adapted from Netball Australia Code of Behaviour¹

Tuggeranong Netball Association seeks to provide a safe, fair and inclusive environment for everyone involved in netball. To achieve this, we require certain standards of behaviour of players/athletes, coaches, officials, administrators, parents/guardians (of child participants) and spectators.

The National Codes of Behaviour are underpinned by the following core values:

- To act within the rules and spirit of netball.
- To display respect and courtesy towards everyone involved in netball and prevent discrimination, bullying and sexual harassment.
- To prioritise the safety and well-being of children and young people involved in netball.
- To encourage and support opportunities for participation in all aspects of netball.

Any alleged breach of the TNA Codes of Behaviour will be managed using the process outlined in the TNA behavior management guidelines below.

¹ **Netball Australia codes of Behaviour**

<https://www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au/sites/default/files/NETA.0002.001.0124.pdf>

General Code of Behaviour

As a person required to comply with this Policy, you must meet the following requirements with regard to your conduct during any activity held or sanctioned by Netball Australia, Member Organisations or Affiliates:

1. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in netball regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
2. Be ethical, fair, considerate and honest in all dealings with others.
3. Make a commitment to providing quality service.
4. Operate within the rules and spirit of netball including national and state guidelines, constitution and policies which govern Netball Australia, Member Organisations and Affiliates.
5. Do not use your involvement with netball to promote your own beliefs, behaviours or practices where these are inconsistent with those of Netball Australia, Member Organisations or Affiliates.
6. 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.
7. Always place the safety and welfare of children above other considerations.
8. Avoid unaccompanied and unobserved activities with persons under 18 years of age, wherever possible.
9. Comply with all relevant Australian laws (Federal and State), particularly anti-discrimination, occupational health and safety and child protection laws
10. Refrain from any behaviour that may bring Netball Australia, Member Organisations or Affiliates into disrepute.
11. Provide a safe environment for the conduct of the activity.
12. Show concern and caution towards others who may be sick or injured.
13. Be a positive role model.
14. Be responsible and accountable for your conduct.
15. Abide by the relevant Netball Australia role-specific codes of behaviour and understand the consequences if you breach, or are aware of any breaches of this Code of Behaviour.

Player Code of Behaviour

1. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of fellow players, coaches, officials and spectators.
2. Refrain from conduct which could be regarded as sexual harassment, discrimination, bullying or victimisation.
3. Respect the talent, potential and development of fellow players and competitors.
4. Participate fairly and safely.
5. Be frank and honest with your coach concerning illness and injury and your ability to train and play fully.
6. Conduct yourself in a responsible manner relating to language, temper and punctuality.
7. Abide by the rules and respect the decision of the umpires. Be courteous and use the correct process when seeking a rule clarification.
8. Be honest in your attitude and preparation to training. Work equally hard for yourself and your team.
9. Co-operate with coaches and staff in relation to programs that adequately prepare you for competition.
10. Do not engage in practices that affect sporting performance (alcohol, tobacco and drug use).
11. Applaud all good play, by your own team and opponents.
12. Respect and acknowledge the contribution of those who create the opportunity for you to play (e.g. scorers, coaches, timekeepers, administrators and umpires).

Umpire Code of Behaviour

1. Umpire in accordance with the Official Rules of the Game.
2. Treat all players, coaches, bench officials and other umpires with respect.
3. Place the safety and welfare of the players above all else, including by:
4. Ensuring the court and its surrounds are compliant with the rules.
5. Taking appropriate action to manage dangerous play.
6. Maintain a high standard of personal behaviour at all times.
7. Be a positive role model through behaviour and personal appearance projecting a favourable image of netball and umpiring at all times.
8. Refrain from conduct which could be regarded as sexual harassment, discrimination, bullying or victimisation.
9. Be courteous, respectful and open to discussion and interaction with other netball participants.
10. Maintain or improve your current performance level and seek continual improvement.
11. Be honest and do not allow your qualifications/accreditation to be misrepresented.

Parent/ Guardian Code of Behaviour

12. Encourage your child to participate but do not force them.
13. 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.
14. Teach your child that an honest effort is as important as winning, so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
15. Encourage your child to play always according to the rules.
16. Be a model of good sports behaviour for children to copy. Applaud good play by all players.
17. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
18. If you disagree with an umpire or coach raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than question their judgement and honesty in public.
19. Refrain from conduct which could be regarded as sexual harassment, discrimination, bullying or victimisation.
20. 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.
21. Be courteous in communication with administrators, coaches, players and umpires. Teach your child to do the same.
22. Support the use of age appropriate development activities and modified rules.

Spectator Code of Behaviour

23. Remember that most players (in particular children) participate in netball activities for fun. They are not participating for entertainment of spectators only.
24. Applaud good performance and efforts by all players. When watching a game congratulate both teams on their performance regardless of the game's outcome.
25. Respect the decision of the umpires. Encourage players to play according to the rules and the official decisions, and develop your own knowledge of the rules.
26. Never ridicule or abuse a player for making a mistake during a competition.
27. Refrain from conduct that could be regarded as sexual harassment, discrimination, bullying or victimisation.
28. Do not use foul language, sledge or harass administrators, coaches, players, umpires or other spectators.
29. Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by administrators, coaches, players, umpires or other spectators.
30. Support the use of age appropriate development activities and modified rules.