

# FAIR PLAY POLICY



Beacon Hill Netball Club believes that our members should be able to play netball in an inclusive, positive, caring and fair environment where they are not exposed to any form of abuse from other players, parents/carers, team managers, coaches or umpires.

Fair play is an attitude, a way of thinking. It can apply to every aspect of a person's life. Everyone involved in sport – from parents and spectators to players, officials and coaches – can and should play a part in promoting fair play. And the easiest way to do this is to lead by example – to always respect the written and unwritten rules of the game.

**As a player** you have an opportunity to get the best out of sport. You can:

- Participate because you want to, not just because your parents or Coach wants you to.
- Respect and cooperate with your coach, teammates, opponents and officials, because without them, there would be no game.
- Control your temper. Competition is stressful and can provoke powerful emotions, but fighting and "mouthing off" spoil the game for everyone.
- Play by the rules
- Be a good sport. Cheer all good play, whether your teams or your opponents

**As a parent**, you have a significant impact on how your child feels about his or her achievements in sport, and in all aspects of life. You can:

- Avoid forcing an unwilling child to participate in sports
- Remember children are involved in organised sports for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage your child to always play by the rules
- Teach your child that honest effort is as important as victory so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment
- Turn defeat to victory by helping your child work towards an improvement and good sportsmanship. Never ridicule or get angry at your child for making a mistake or losing a competition
- Remember that children learn best by example. Applaud good play by your team and by members of the opposing team
- Do not publicly question the official's judgement and neither their honesty
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's sporting activities

- Recognize the value and importance of volunteer coaches. They give of their time and resources to provide recreational activities for your child.

**As a Coach** you are a role model and leader and have significant impact on your player's attitudes. You can:

- Demonstrate to all involved that netball is about participation not winning
- Demonstrate respect for the umpires, officials and the opposing team & their supporters
- Provide a supportive environment and show sensitivity to individual differences (all children deserve time and attention, not just the most talented)
- Provide equal playing time for all junior players, regardless of their ability
- Maintain a weekly record of playing times & positions for each player
- Ensure that all team members play in the finals series where they are able. Player rotation and selection during the finals series are subject to the coaches discretion
- NetSetGo teams must rotate team members through all positions on court throughout the season and play each team member with even game time. NetSetGo 9 year old teams may start to play team members in definite positions in Round 2 of the competition only.

All Beacon Hill Netball Club players, parents, coaches and spectators must abide by the [\*\*Netball NSW Code of Behaviour\*\*](#).

Our Club also acknowledges that positive experiences in Junior competitions will contribute to children developing a lifelong love of sport. Through sport, children learn about setting goals, working hard and having fun. They learn to respect their own abilities, and those of their competitors, and to value the effort of all participants, regardless of ability. When guided appropriately, children begin to realise that the joy of sport is as much in the effort as in the result.

In 2019 our club has adopted this Fair Play Policy to ensure that our players are in such an environment and that our Junior players are given every opportunity to develop netball skills in their own time.