

# **JUNIOR FOOTBALL CODE OF CONDUCT**

## ***JUNIOR PLAYERS***

1. Abide by the rules of the game and rules set down by your coach, club and league.
2. Never argue with an official or umpire. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.
3. Control your temper. Verbal or physical abuse of officials, umpires, spectators or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted.
4. Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team's performance will benefit so will you.
5. Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they be by your team, opponent or the other team. Be proud to walk off the ground after each game knowing that you have given your best effort and never involve yourself in an argument with opposing players, umpires or officials.
6. Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player. Your involvement to play is for fun and enjoyment and that winning is only part of it.
7. Cooperate with your coach and team-mates, and respect the ability of your opponent. Without them there would be no game.
8. Play for the fun of it and not just to please parents and coaches.
9. Avoid use of derogatory language based on gender or race.

## ***JUNIOR COACHES***

1. Be familiar with the Laws of Australian football and abide by the rules and conditions of your league and club.
2. Teach your players that rules of the game are mutual agreements, which no player should evade or break.
3. Group players according to age, height skill and physical maturity whenever possible in any competitive practice session.
4. Avoid over-playing the talented players. The 'just average' players need and deserve equal time, if not more.
5. Remember that the players involved play for fun and enjoyment and that winning is only part of it. Emphasise the importance of the learning and development of skills and positive attitudes. Never ridicule or yell at your players for making mistakes or losing a competition.
6. Ensure that equipment and facilities meets safety standards and are appropriate for the age and ability of the players.
7. The scheduling and length of practice times and competitions should take into consideration the maturity level of the player.
8. Develop team respect for the ability of opponents, as well as for the judgment of umpires and opposing coaches.
9. Follow the advice of a qualified person when determining when an injured player is ready to play or train again.
10. Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed of sound junior coaching principles and developments. Endeavour to attain coaching accreditation and to become an active member of the local branch of the Australian Football Coaches Association.
11. Avoid use of derogatory language based on gender or race.

## ***PARENTS AND SPECTATORS***

1. Encourage children to participate if they are interested. However, if a child is not willing, do not force them
2. Focus upon the child's efforts and performance, rather than the overall outcome of the event. This assists the child in setting realistic goals related to their ability by reducing the emphasis on winning.
3. Teach your child that honest effort is as important as victory so that the result of each game is acceptable without undue disappointment.
4. Encourage your child to always play by the rules.
5. Never ridicule or yell at your child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
6. Remember your child should be involved in football for their enjoyment, not yours.
7. Remember your child learns best by example. Applaud good play by both your team and by members of the opposing team.
8. If you disagree with an official or umpire, raise the issue through the appropriate channels, rather than questioning the official's judgment and honesty in public. Remember, most officials give their time and effort for your child's involvement.
9. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from junior sporting activities.
10. Recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches. They give their time and resources to provide recreational activities for your child and deserve your support.

11. Support your club officials in maintaining the highest standard of behaviour both on and off the field for the betterment of the league and your family. Offer your assistance to the team that your child is playing in so that every opportunity is being provided for the very best supervision and support. Your involvement will give both yourself and your child far more satisfaction.
12. Avoid use of derogatory language based on gender or race.

***NO SMOKING IS ALLOWED WITHIN 10 METERS OF JUNIOR SPORT.***

# **NETBALL CODE OF CONDUCT**

## ***COURT TIME POLICY – UPDATED 2021***

The SHFNC deems the following policy to apply for season 2021:

### **U12, U14, U16 and U18 Grades;**

#### ***Home and Away***

During the home and away season each regular player within a team will be rotated to allow each player to have a relatively similar amount of court time. Regardless of any players' age or ability coaches will endeavour to give each player a relatively similar amount of court time over the course of the season.

### **U14 and U16;**

#### ***Finals***

During the finals series each team's coach(es) will determine which player takes the court in each position and will decide when and which changes will be made. Every player is however guaranteed to play at least one quarter in any finals match that their regular team is participating in.

*Eg: If the U16's team is playing a finals match and an U14 player is sitting on their bench, that U14 player is not guaranteed to play one quarter, however every other regular player of the U16's team is guaranteed to play at least one quarter.*

### **U18;**

#### ***Finals***

During the finals series the U18 team's coach will determine which player takes the court in each position, and will decide how long each player remains on the court. This means that some players may not take the court in some final matches.

### **B Reserve, B Grade, A Reserve & A Grades;**

#### ***Home and Away + Finals***

During both the home and away season and the finals series each team's coach will determine which player takes the court in each position and will decide how long each player remains on the court. This means that some players may not take the court in some matches / finals.

## ***JUNIOR NETBALL***

1. Participate because you enjoy it, not just to please parents and coaches.
2. Play by the rules and know the rules.
3. Participate fairly and safely.
4. Abide by decisions, without argument or bad temper.  
Captains have the right to approach and umpire during an interval or after the game for clarification of any rule.  
Approach the umpire in a courteous and polite way.
5. Co-operate with your coach, and other players.  
Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately fouling or provoking and opponent and throwing/damaging equipment is not acceptable or permitted.  
Treat all players as you would like to be treated.  
Ensure that at all times your behaviour is fair.  
Be a patient and enthusiastic supporter of fellow players.
6. Applaud all good play, by your own team and opponents.
7. Be a responsible team member.  
Always be on time.  
Attend all training sessions.
8. Do not engage in practices that affect sporting performance (alcohol, tobacco and drug use).
9. Respect and acknowledge the contribution of volunteer administrators, coaches, scorers and the umpires. They give up their time and resources to provide recreational activities for players and deserve your support.
10. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

## ***SENIOR NETBALL***

1. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of fellow players, coaches, officials and spectators.
2. Refrain from conduct which could be regarded as sexual or other Harassment.
3. Respect the talent, potential and development of fellow players and competitors.
4. Care and respect the uniform and equipment provided to you.
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. Maintain a high standard of personal behaviour at all times.
8. Abide by the rules and respect the decision of the umpires. Be courteous and use the correct process when seeking a rule clarification.
9. Be honest in your attitude and preparation to training. Work equally hard for yourself and your team.
10. Co-operate with coaches and staff in relation to programs that adequately prepare you for competition.
11. Do not engage in practices that affect sporting performance (alcohol, tobacco and drug use).
12. Respect and acknowledge the contribution of volunteer administrators, coaches, scorers and the umpires. They give up their time and resources to provide recreational activities for players and deserve your support.

13. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

## **PARENTS/GUARDIANS CODE OF BEHAVIOUR**

1. If your child is interested, encourage them to participate, do not force her. Most players (in particular children) participate in netball activities for their enjoyment, not yours. They are not participating for entertainment of spectators only.
2. Remember that children learn best from example. Applaud good performance and efforts by all players. When watching a game congratulate both teams upon their performance regardless of the game's outcome.
3. Respect the umpires' and coaches' decisions. If there is a disagreement, raise the issue through the appropriate channels, rather than questioning their judgment in public. ***Any issues should be raised during the following week, not on game day.***
4. Never ridicule or yell at a player for making a mistake or losing a game. Positive comments are motivational.
5. Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by the administrators, coaches, players, umpires or parents/guardians.
6. Recognise and respect the value and importance of volunteer administrators, coaches and the umpires. They give up their time and resources to provide recreational activities for players and deserve your support.
7. Encourage players to play according to the rules and the official decisions, and develop your own knowledge of the rules.
8. Be a model of good sports behaviour for children to copy by demonstrating appropriate social behaviour by not using foul language, and not harassing administrators, coaches, players or umpires.

9. Support your club officials in maintaining the highest standard of behaviour both on and off the field for the betterment of the league and your family. Offer your assistance to the team that your child is playing in so that every opportunity is being provided for the very best supervision and support. Your involvement will give both yourself and your child far more satisfaction.
10. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.