Dear Parents/Carers,

Congratulations to all our netball teams on such a great start to the season. Our young players are enthusiastically taking to the court and learning about playing in a team, along with many other aspects of the game of netball.

The Junior Netball Association has asked us to remind all parents, spectators and players that they are bound by Codes of Conduct and it is important that everyone attending is aware of these Codes. We have copied these on the rear of this note to enable all families to re-familiarise themselves with these Codes.

It is important that all spectators stand a reasonable distance back from the courts to enable the umpires to run unimpeded along the sidelines and to enable your child’s coach to carry out the role of coaching. Please ensure you let your child’s coach do the coaching on the game day and this includes letting your child stand close to their coach to listen to instructions during each break.

It is fantastic to see so many enthusiastic parents and spectators supporting our junior players and we do not want to discourage this fabulous support. We are however reminding everyone that each team has a nominated coach doing their best to enable your child to participate and learn about the wonderful game of netball.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Parent’s Code Of Conduct

1. Encourage your children to participate for their own interest and enjoyment, not yours.
2. Encourage children to always play by the rules.
3. Teach children that an honest effort is always as important as a victory.
4. Focus on developing skills and playing the game. Reduce the emphasis on winning.
5. Children learn best by example. Applaud good play by all teams.
6. Do not criticize your children or other participants.
7. Accept the referee’s decision as being fair and called to the best of their abilities.
8. Set a good example by your own conduct, behavior and appearance.
9. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
10. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person.
11. Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administration.
12. Keep children in your care under control.
13. Always treat the facilities and equipment provided with respect.

Spectator’s Code of Conduct.

1. Remember that most people play sport for enjoyment.
2. Accept the decisions all referee’s as being fair and called to the best of their ability.
3. Always be positive in your support for the players.
4. Condemn the use of violence in any form.
5. Respect your team’s opponents, officials and spectators.
6. Encourage players to obey the rules and accept the decisions of officials.
7. Demonstrate appropriate social behavior by not using foul language or harassing players, coaches or officials.
8. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person.
10. Always treat the facilities and equipment provided with respect.

Player’s Code of Conduct.

1. Understand and play by the rules.
2. Never argue with an official.
3. Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, or deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted.
4. Work equally hard for yourself and for your team. Your team’s performance will benefit and so will you.
5. Be a good sport. Acknowledge all good plays whether they be by your team or the other team.
6. Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.
7. Cooperate with your coach, officials, team mates and opponents. Without them there is no game.
8. Play for the fun of it and not just to please parents or coaches.
9. Respect the rights of others and avoid the use of derogatory language based on gender, race or impairment.
10. Be prepared to lose sometimes. Be a fair winner and a good loser.
11. Listen to the advice of your coach and try to apply it at practice and in games.
12. Always use the facilities and equipment provided with respect.