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Ormond Netball Club Codes of Behaviour

ONC expects everyone connected with the club to treat others with respect and courtesy, and to consider the welfare of others at all times, particularly junior players.

ONC supports and adopts the [Netball Australia Codes of Behaviour](#) that apply to our club. The most important and relevant behaviours expected from ONC players, parents and coaches are set out below, together with examples of the consequences that may result if you do not meet these standards.

For Players

1. Play netball because you want to and you enjoy it, not to please your friends or family.
2. Know the rules and play by them fairly, always.
3. Respect and cooperate with your coach and other club members, officials and umpires at all times.
4. Accept decisions of an umpire or a coach without argument. Verbal or physical abuse of umpires, coaches or players is unacceptable.
5. Be a good team player. Attend all training sessions, be on time, work hard, be patient and encourage your team mates, and never ridicule a player who makes a mistake.
6. Wear your uniform with pride. Remember you are representing ONC and your behaviour will reflect on all members of the Club.
7. Do not engage in practices that affect sporting performance (alcohol, tobacco and drug use).

For Parents and Guardians

1. Encourage your child to participate in netball if are interested, but do not force them to continue if they are unwilling to. Remember children are involved in organised sporting activities for their enjoyment, not yours.
2. Focus on children's development and efforts rather than the overall outcome of the game.
3. Familiarise yourself with the rules of netball and encourage children to play by them.
4. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
5. Remain calm and in control, always. Verbal or physical abuse of umpires, coaches, players, team managers and committee members is unacceptable.
6. Never argue with an umpire or coach, or voice disagreement with their decisions in public.
7. Recognise and respect the value and importance of coaches, umpires, team managers and committee/association members. Without them your child would not be able to play netball.
8. Be a model of good sporting behaviour for our children.

For Coaches

1. Coach within the rules and the spirit of netball. Promote fair play over winning at any cost.
2. Treat each player as an individual and respect their rights and worth. Encourage them equally with positive and supportive feedback
3. Display control and courtesy to all involved with the sport. Respect decisions of officials and never argue with umpires or parents in public. Raise any umpiring concerns directly with a designated umpire supervisor.



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4. Place the safety and welfare of the players above all else. Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a safe environment.
5. Recognise the skill level, developmental stage and goals of each individual and adapt your training to help each player reach their potential.
6. Act with integrity and objectivity, and accept responsibility for your decisions and actions.
7. Teach and demonstrate respect. Do not tolerate bullying, abusive or dangerous behaviour.
8. Adopt responsible behaviour in relation to alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.
9. Wherever practical, avoid unaccompanied and unobserved one-on-one activity with players.
10. Any physical contact must be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the person's skill development.

Consequences for breach of a code of behaviour

Any report of a player, parent, guardian or coach failing to abide by the codes of behaviour will be investigated by the ONC Committee. If inappropriate behaviour is found to have occurred, the Committee will determine an appropriate response taking into account all relevant circumstances, including the nature and seriousness of the behaviour, influence by or impact on others, and past history.

Responses may include (without limitation):

- Parents called to collect a player from training early
- No further participation in training session or game
- Suspension from one or more Saturday games
- Removal from position (as coach)
- Suspension or termination of ONC membership