



## Code of Behaviour **Umpires**

**Most players (in particular children) participate in netball activities for fun.** They are not participating for entertainment of spectators only. The following Code of Behaviour applies to all Umpires umpiring in the NCNC competition.

It is a condition of entry to the NCNC courts [Charnwood and Lyneham] venues that you agree to abide by the following Code of Behaviour:

- Use simple language when umpiring Junior participants
- Be a role model of good sports behaviour for participants to copy. Actions speak louder than words.
- Emphasise the spirit of the game rather than the errors
- Keep informed of sound officiating principles that take into account participants growth, development, skill and ability levels.
- Be consistent, objective and courteous in calling all infringements
- Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with Netball. This includes team members, coaches, umpires, administrators, sports trainers, media, parents and spectators. Encourage participants to demonstrate the same qualities.
- Discourage unsporting behaviour. Promote respect for opponents.
- Place the safety and welfare of the participants above all else
- All individuals have a Duty of Care, which is “an obligation to take reasonable care to avoid causing foreseeable harm to another person or their property”. Failure to do so can result in Negligence
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their age, gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Designated officials are authorized to require you to leave the NCNC courts if you breach the Code of Behaviour through for example:

- Verbal or physical abuse of another person;
- Harassment of individuals or a group;
- Questioning of umpires decisions;
- Ridicule, baiting or uttering obscenities; and/or
- Engaging in behaviour that is not respectful of others.