



Sorrento Saints Netball Club Inc

Code of Conduct

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1. Guidelines

Sorrento Saints Netball Club is committed to providing a safe, inclusive and respectful environment for all participants. The Code of Conduct outlines the expected behaviours of players, parents and spectators, coaches and officials to ensure fairness, integrity and enjoyment of the game.

All members of the club are expected to uphold the values of **respect, commitment and development** by acting responsibly, displaying good sportsmanship, and supporting the wellbeing of others both on and off the court.

Adhering to this Code is essential to maintaining a positive club culture and fostering a community where everyone can thrive.

2. Players Code

- a. **Respect all Participants:** Treat teammates, opponents, coaches, officials and spectators with respect and courtesy at all times.
- b. **Play Fair:** Compete honestly and follow the rules of the game, showing good sportsmanship whether winning or losing.
- c. **Support Team Values:** Encourage your teammates and foster a positive, inclusive team environment.
- d. **Accept Umpires' Decisions:** Respect all umpiring decisions and avoid arguing, questioning or showing dissent.
- e. **Be Committed:** Attend all training sessions and matches unless you have a valid reason. Notify your coach in advance if you're unavailable. If you are injured, it will be expected that you still attend training and games (however, at the discretion of the coach).
- f. **Give Your Best Effort:** Always try your hardest, regardless of the score or opposition.
- g. **Stay Safe and Fit:** Look after your physical health, wear appropriate gear and report injuries promptly. Training or playing under the influence of alcohol or illicit substances is not permitted.
- h. **Communicate Appropriately:** Use positive and encouraging language. No swearing, teasing, or bullying will be tolerated on or off the court. Respect the role of a coach, and allow them to carry out their role.
- i. **Be a Role Model:** Represent your team and club with pride and integrity, on and off the court.

3. Parent and Spectator Code

- a. **Encourage, Don't Coach:** Support players positively, but leave the coaching to the team officials.
- b. **Respect Umpires and Officials:** Accept all decisions without argument. Any concerns should be direct through the correct club channels.
- c. **Be a Positive Role Model:** Demonstrate good sportsmanship, self-control, and respect for everyone involved in the game.
- d. **Celebrate Effort and Participation:** Applaud good play from all teams, not just your own child's. Focus on effort, not just winning.

- e. **Let Players Enjoy the Game:** Avoid putting pressure on players to perform or win. Netball should be fun.
- f. **Use Appropriate Language and Behaviour:** No yelling, swearing, criticism, or aggressive behaviour on the sidelines – including toward umpires, players or other spectators.
- g. **Support Club Values:** Uphold and promote the club values of Respect, Commit and Develop.
- h. **Promote Safety and Wellbeing:** Ensure your child attends training and games prepared and in good health. Communicate injuries or concerns to the coach.
- i. **Be Responsible Around the Court:** Keep off the playing area during games and avoid distracting players or officials.

4. Coaches Code

- a. **Lead by Example:** Demonstrate respectful, fair, and positive behaviour at all times. Be a role model in language, attitude and conduct.
- b. **Prioritise Player Wellbeing:** Create a safe, inclusive and supportive environment where all players feel valued, respected and encouraged.
- c. **Promote Fair Play:** Teach and uphold the rules of the game. Encourage good sportsmanship, teamwork, and respect for opponents and officials.
- d. **Develop All Players:** Provide equal opportunity for skill development, regardless of ability. Focus on long-term growth over short-term results.
- e. **Be Organised and Prepared:** Plan and deliver structured training sessions. Be punctual, clear and consistent in expectations.
- f. **Communicate Respectfully:** Use positive, constructive feedback. Engage with players, parents and officials calmly and professionally.
- g. **Celebrate the wins:** Create a positive and supportive environment by celebrating small team and individual achievements, focusing on growth and enjoyment over a “win at all costs” mentality.
- h. **Encourage Enjoyment and Effort:** Foster a love of the game by making sessions fun, challenging and rewarding. Celebrate effort and improvement.
- i. **Continually Improve:** Seek opportunities for coaching development and stay informed on best practices and game rules.
- j. **Act with Integrity:** Avoid any behaviour that may be perceived as inappropriate, unfair or discriminatory. Always maintain appropriate boundaries.