

## Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct

The delivery of junior netball would not be possible without the ongoing commitment of parents. Their expectations and attitudes significantly affect the enjoyment that their children receive from sports participation. To ensure that children receive the greatest benefit from the netball activity, parents, guardians and spectators should:

- If children are interested, encourage them to play don't force them.
- Focus upon the child's efforts and performance rather than the overall outcome of the game. This assists the child in setting realistic goals related to their ability by reducing the emphasis on winning.
- Teach children to always play according to the rules.
- Never ridicule or shout at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- Remember children are involved in organised netball which you can share if handled well.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from the playing area.
- Recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches, managers and umpires. They give of their time and resources to provide recreational activities for the children and deserve your support.
- Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skilful plays by all participants. Be a model of good sports behaviour for the child to copy.
- Be courteous in communication with players, coaches, umpires and officials. If there is a disagreement with an official, raise the issue through the appropriate channels.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background and religion.
- Not interfere with the progress and/or conduct of a game.
- Support and abide by the TNA (Tweed Netball Association) smoke-free area which includes all areas within all buildings used for official netball business as well as a 10 metre perimeter around all buildings and courts or training areas wherever the game of netball is played.
- Seek permission from an official prior to taking photos.