

# ***Broome Netball Association (Inc.)***



## ***Code of Conduct***

*Revised November 2021 current for our 2022 season*

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

Committed to fostering the growth and development of netball in the Shire of Broome.

***BROOME NETBALL OPERATES IN A NON-SMOKING SPORTING VENUE***

Broome Netball Association has adopted the following Codes of Conduct for all administrators, coaches, officials, players, parents, guardians & spectators.

This document outlines agreed standards of behaviour for anyone attending sanctioned training, competition or events managed by the Broome Netball Association and its associated clubs.

BNA requires our affiliated members and anyone attending our sanctioned events to.

1. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all players and officials
2. Act with impartiality
3. Be courteous, fair, considerate and honest with players and officials
4. Refrain from engaging in physical, verbal or emotional abuse of players or officials
5. Conduct all activities in a healthy and safe environment and treat players, Officials and administrators with respect
6. Encourage participation and respect the talent, potential and developmental stage of all players.
7. Ensure all players receive appropriate levels of positive attention and are given every opportunity to achieve
8. Ensure the health, safety and welfare of players and officials, and that all equipment and facilities are safe and appropriate.
9. Maintain a professional relationship with players, parents and officials
10. Demonstrate self-discipline, respect, dignity and professionalism to all players, officials and spectators
11. Maintain open, positive communication with players and officials.
12. Contribute positively to the team/Association and show appreciation toward coaches, officials and administration.
13. Operate within the rules of the sport including national and international guidelines which govern Netball.
14. Refrain from any behaviour which may bring BNA and its members into disrepute.
15. Avoid any situation which may lead to a conflict of interest.
16. Understand that the repercussions of any breaches of these Codes of Behaviour will be determined by the BNA Committee through our complaints & feedback policy.

#### **BNA Committee**

1. Will act with professionalism and transparency at all times.
2. Will ensure that its rules are fair, clearly understood by players and officials, and properly enforced.
3. Will make every effort to ensure that these rules are applied consistently and with absolute impartiality.
4. Will impress upon players and officials the need to maintain the highest standards of sportsmanship and professionalism in the organisation and playing of netball.
5. Will attempt to address all issues promptly and in an objective manner, maintaining equity and fairness at all times.

### **Netball Players**

1. Must abide by the rules and the spirit of the game.
2. Must refrain from “sledging” opponents, umpires and officials.
3. Must accept the decisions of the umpires without question or complaint.
4. Must never consider cheating and, in particular, must not attempt to improve their individual performance by the use of drugs.
5. Must exercise self-control at all times.
6. Must learn to accept success and failure, victory and defeat, with good grace and magnanimity, and without excessive emotional displays.
7. Must treat their opponents and team-mates with due respect, both on and off the court.

### **Netball Coaches**

1. Must insist that players understand and abide by the principles of good sportsmanship.
2. Must commit to attaining an appropriate level of coaching accreditation.
3. Must never employ methods or practices that could involve risks, however slight.
4. Must act professionally and within the rules outlined in the Coaches Code of Conduct at all times, with fairness to all players and other officials.
5. Must commit to the long term health or physical development of their players.
6. Must not attempt to manipulate the rules in order to take advantage of their players or their opponents.
7. Must respect the rights and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

### **Netball Umpires**

1. Interpret rules and regulations to match the skill level and the needs of participants.
2. Be consistent, objective and courteous in calling all infractions.
3. Must commit to attaining an appropriate level of umpiring accreditation and/or development
4. Condemn the intentional breaking of rules as being unsportsmanlike, and promote fair play and appropriate sporting behaviour.
5. Use common sense to ensure that the “spirit of the game” for children is not lost by overcalling violations.
6. Ensure that both your behaviour, on and off the court, is consistent with the principles of good sportsmanship. Actions speak louder than words.
7. Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed of sound officiating principles and the principles of growth and development of children.
8. Help the education process in the game. Umpires can help players learn to play the game well by ensuring rule infractions are understood, and by encouraging fair play.

### **Parents / Guardians & Spectators**

1. Encourage children to participate if they are interested. If they are not, don't force them.
2. Focus on playing the game, reducing the emphasis on winning.
3. Teach children that an honest effort is as important as victory, so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.

4. Encourage children to always play by the rules.
5. Refrain from criticising children in front of others. Offer constructive feedback to whole team.
6. Children are involved in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
7. A child learns best by example.
8. Applaud good play by all teams.
9. Accept decisions of all umpires as being fair and called to the best of their ability.
10. Do not raise issues of disagreement publicly.
11. Do not criticise opposing team members, supporters and especially umpires by word or gesture.
12. Set a good example by your own conduct, behaviour and appearance.
13. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
14. Avoid use of derogatory language based on gender, race or impairment.