



# Parent Sideline Behaviour & Communication Policy

## Purpose

Our club is committed to providing a safe, supportive, and positive environment where players can develop their skills, confidence, and enjoyment of netball.

Parents and spectators play an important role in creating this environment. This policy outlines expectations regarding sideline behaviour and communication with coaches and club officials.

## Sideline Behaviour Expectations

Parents and spectators are expected to:

- Encourage and support all players
- Demonstrate positive sportsmanship at all times
- Respect coaches, umpires, opposition players and supporters
- Allow players to learn through their own experiences

Parents must not:

- Provide coaching instructions from the sideline
- Criticise or question umpiring decisions
- Direct negative comments towards players, coaches, umpires or opposition
- Enter the court or team bench area unless invited by the coach

Sideline behaviour should always reflect the values and culture of the club.

## Supporting Player Development

Netball is a learning environment where players develop skills, resilience, and teamwork.

Parents are encouraged to:

- Focus on effort, improvement and enjoyment, not just results
- Support coaches in their role
- Allow players to take responsibility for their own development



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## Supporting Player Development cont...

Mistakes are a normal part of learning and should be treated as opportunities for growth.

## Communication with Coaches

Coaches are volunteers who dedicate significant time to supporting players and teams.

To maintain respectful communication:

- Parents should not approach coaches during or immediately after games regarding team decisions.
- If a concern arises, parents are encouraged to:
  - Allow time for emotions to settle
  - Arrange a suitable time to speak with the coach
  - Approach discussions respectfully and constructively

Where appropriate, players are encouraged to communicate with coaches themselves.

## Court Time & Position Discussions

Court time and positional decisions are made by the coach in the best interests of the team and player development.

Parents should avoid raising concerns about:

- Court time allocation
- Playing positions
- Team combinations during games

Questions or concerns can be raised through the appropriate communication channels outlined above.



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## Breaches of Sideline Behaviour

Behaviour that negatively impacts players, officials or the club environment may result in:

- A conversation with club officials
- A formal warning
- Sideline restrictions
- Further action in line with club policies and codes of conduct

## Our Shared Goal

Together, coaches, players and parents create the club culture.

By demonstrating respect, positivity and support, we ensure netball remains a fun, safe and rewarding experience for all players.

## Policy Approval

### Swan Christian Netball Club Committee

**Policy:** Parent Sideline Behaviour & Communication Policy

**Effective:** 2026 Netball Season

**Applies to:** All players, coaches, team managers, parents and guardians of Swan Christian Netball Club.

This policy supports the club's commitment to a positive, respectful and development-focused netball environment.