



# CODE OF CONDUCT & SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

**The Hillians Netball Club expects players, coaches, parents and all spectators to always observe these acceptable codes of behavior and demonstrate sportsmanship in representing the Hillians Netball Club Inc.**

## **SECTION 1 – PLAYERS (SET, GO, JUNIORS, OPEN, MASTERS & PREMIER LEAGUE)**

- Follow and play by the rules.
- Never argue with a sports official. If you disagree have your captain, positively approach the official for clarification.
- Always control your temper, verbal abuse of officials and other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable behaviors in any sport and will not be tolerated.
- Work equally hard for yourself, your team, and your coach.
- Be a good sport; applaud all good plays whether they are by your team or the opposition, shake hands with your opponent at the end of each game.
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully, or take unfair advantage of another player.
- Cooperate with your coach, teammates, and opponents as without them there would be no team or competition.
- Remember your coach has been appointed to your team and is a volunteer, treat them with respect, if you have a concern, please address it in a professional manner.
- Play for the fun of netball, your own enjoyment and benefit not just to please others.
- Advise your coach in advance if you are not able to make training session or a game to enable your coach to modify their training plan or player positions on game day; players who do not attend training on a regular basis may find themselves receiving reduced court time on game day.
- Make yourself available before your match game for warm up and coach instruction at the time designated by your coach.
- Respect the rights of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background, or religion.
- Adhere to the Hillians Netball Club Social Media/Photography Policy in Section 4.
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## SECTION 2 - PARENTS, SPECTATORS & SUPPORTERS

- Remember children play sport for their enjoyment not yours.
- Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing. Applaud good performance and efforts from all individuals and teams; congratulate all participants on their performance regardless of the game's outcome
- Encourage your child to participate according to the rules.
- Never ridicule or yell at your child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, committee members without them your child would not participate.
- Don't coach instructions or call out at your child during a game including interval breaks. The coach has given players instructions and their teammates are also calling out to them – too much input is confusing.
- Remember the coach has been appointed to direct the team, if you have concerns regarding your child, please approach the coach after the game or at a convenient time.
- Respect the official's decisions and teach the children to do the same.
- Be a model of good sports behavior for children to copy – do not use foul language, sledge or harass players, coaches or officials.
- Parents are responsible for the payment of club fees when they are due.

## SECTION 3 - COACHES

- All players must be financial with Hillians Netball Club and have current Netball WA Membership – if players are not financial, they are not permitted to take the netball court on the first playing game of the season – this includes uniform payment.
- Remember that children participate for fun.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child/player for making a mistake.
- Be reasonable in your demands on a young player's time, energy, and enthusiasm.
- Operate within the rules and spirit of your sport and teach your players to do the same.
- Display control, respect, and professionalism to all involved with the sport. This includes coaches, umpires, officials, administrators, parents, and spectators. Encourage your players to do the same.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet the safety standards and are appropriate for the age and ability of players.
- During regular playing season, all players are to be given equal court time according to Hillians Netball Club Inc Court Time Policy.





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## SECTION 3 - COACHES CONTINUED

- **BE ACCOMMODATING ESPECIALLY IF YOUR PLAYERS ARE REQUESTED OR ASKED TO PLAY FOR ANOTHER HILLIANS TEAM.**

## SECTION 4 - SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

- Before parents/players/spectators take photos or video footage of their children you must first ask permission from the coaches of both teams.
- Permission must also be obtained from all parties (including opposition team) that appear in photos/video footage to post on any form of social media.
- Whilst Hillians Netball Club Inc cannot enforce this, we do encourage coaches NOT to be social media 'Friends' with players under the age of 16.
- We encourage all members to engage in only positive Social Media Posts and refrain from negative or derogatory comments.

**Coaches should take the time to discuss the codes contents with the players and should also ensure players and parents are made aware of their responsibilities.**

**Players and parents who do not abide by the Code of Conduct will first receive a warning. If the behaviour is repeated, they may be asked to leave the court.**

**Continued or multiple breaches may result in removal from the club.**

**The Hillians Netball Club Inc Committee reserves the right to suspend or refuse to continue a player's membership for failure to comply with these conditions. In such cases, all fees paid will be forfeited.**

