

# PLAYER Code of Conduct



## Introduction

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At SPJ Netball Club, we are dedicated to fostering a positive, respectful, and safe environment for all players, coaches, and members. Our Player Code of Conduct outlines the behaviour we expect from every player, both on and off the court. As a member of our junior netball club, you represent not only yourself but also your teammates, coaches, and the entire SPJ community. We ask that you follow these guidelines to ensure a fun, supportive, and fair environment where everyone can develop their skills and enjoy the game. By adhering to these principles, we will continue to promote teamwork, respect, and sportsmanship, the core values of SPJ Netball Club.

## Who This Applies To

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This Code covers all SPJ players.

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As a player at our club, you acknowledge your responsibility to:

- Play by the rules.
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, speak to your coach.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.
- Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit; so will you.
- Make a commitment to attend team practice sessions and matches; show courtesy to your coach by informing them prior to the day if you are unable to fulfil these obligations.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or your opposition.
- Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated.
- Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- Cooperate with your coach, teammates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.

- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

# How to Report Issues

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**LYVNA Complaints Procedure:** A complaint about the behaviour of another person during a game.

The aim of this procedure is to address any complaints immediately.

1. Complaints about the behaviour of a player, coach, scorer, umpire or spectator during a game may only be made by a coach or club official of a team competing in that game. A complaint made by any other person will not be addressed.
2. A person other than a coach or club official who has a complaint must report their complaint immediately to the coach or club official of their team. It is then for the coach or club official to decide whether the complaint should be reported.
3. If the coach or club official has a complaint about the behaviour of a player, coach, scorer, umpire or spectator, they must report the complaint immediately (i.e. during the game) to an umpire supervisor or to a committee member on duty at the time. An umpire supervisor will attend the court where the game is being played to address the complaint.
4. The umpire supervisor who attends the court shall take whatever action they think is appropriate in the circumstances to resolve the complaint, and the complaint shall be resolved on that basis. The umpire supervisor shall inform both the complainant and the person the subject of the complaint of the action taken.
5. No further action will be taken regarding a complaint unless the umpire supervisor considers that the complaint should be referred to the committee for further consideration. Any complaint that is to be referred shall be reported to the committee member on duty immediately after the game has finished. The report shall include the nature of the complaint, the action taken to resolve the complaint and the reasons for the referral.
6. The committee will consider the referred complaint at the next meeting. (The committee meets on the second Tuesday of every month, except for January.) It will decide what action (if any) is to be taken in respect of the complaint. That decision shall be final.
7. The committee may decide to investigate the complaint further and, where appropriate, deal with it in accordance with the procedures set out in the Association's Constitution.
8. As a general rule, no complaints raised by a coach, team manager or club official after a game has finished will be considered. The committee member on duty may, in exceptional circumstances, consider a complaint made after a game has finished.  
A decision made by the committee member as to whether a complaint made after a game is to be considered shall be final.

# Together

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By following this Code, we all contribute to a positive and creative environment. Let's work together to be respectful and welcoming for everyone