

Loxton Netball Club

General Code of Conduct



The Loxton Netball Club places great importance on the fair and ethical conduct of all its representatives. As such, we ask you to read, understand and follow the points outlined in the subsequent agreement. We would like to acknowledge Netball SA and the Jervois Bloods Netball Club for assisting us in coming up with the following points. Players and parent's/guardian's (for junior players) signatures are required.

All Players

1. Learn the rules of the game and always play fairly by them.
2. Play within the rules and spirit of the Loxton Netball Club. Abide by the club's rules, regulations and standards and encourage others to do likewise.
3. Control your temper. Verbal/physical abuse of officials or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted in any sport and action may be taken by the umpires and/or team officials.
4. Treat all players both on and off the court, as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with or take unfair advantage of another player. Co-operate with your coach, teammates, opponents and officials at all times.
5. Attend all trainings. When prevented from doing so, the player (or Parent) will contact the coach PRIOR to the training. Missed trainings may affect your court time.
6. If you are ill or injured, you MUST let the coach know as soon as possible.
7. You are playing for the Loxton Netball Club, and not for a specific team. You will accept the decisions of the nominated selectors during grading at the beginning of the season and play where you have been placed. Players will be graded as individuals and selected on merit. Coaches along with the Coaches Mentor have the right to move players from one grade to another during the season if this benefits the club and players will accept these decisions.
8. If you are asked to fill in for another team you will get a minimum of half a game unless an agreement has been made between you and the coach prior to the game.
9. Players or teams may not act under the name of the Loxton Netball Club without consulting the Committee first (i.e. in the case of fundraising for individual teams, or entering in competitions etc.)
10. Speak to the Coach if you have an issue before communicating with the Coaches Mentor or Committee. The Coach may be unaware of the issue thus unable to solve it.
11. Social Media (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram) must not be used to make negative or detrimental comments about players, official or other clubs' members.

Spectators

1. Applaud good performance and focus on the efforts by your team and the opponents rather than the overall outcome of the event. Congratulate both teams regardless of the game's outcome.
2. Respect the Coaches/umpires' decisions. If you disagree with a Coach/Umpire, raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than question the Coaches/Umpire's judgement and honesty in public. Remember, most Coaches/Umpires give their time and effort for the participants involvement.
3. Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators Coaches, officials or players.
4. Show respect for your teams opponents. Without them there would be no game.

5. Encourage players to play according to the rule and the officials' decisions.
6. Agree to score, time keep and assist with working in or providing goods for the canteen/carnival throughout the season or organize a replacement if you cannot.
7. Support fundraisers (e.g. raffles, carnival) wherever possible in order to assist with maintenance and provision of services or equipment for our club.
8. Speak to the Coach if you have an issue before communicating with the Coache's Mentor or Committee. The Coach may be unaware of the issue thus unable to solve it

Coaches

1. Coach within the rules and spirit of the Loxton Netball Club. Abide by the club's rules, regulations and standards and encourage others to do likewise.
2. Ensure the players time spent with you is a positive experience.
3. Be fair, considerate, and honest with your players.
4. Make a commitment to providing a quality service to your players.
5. Provide a safe environment for training and competition.
6. Be a positive role model for netball, your club, team and players.
7. If you ask a player to fill in during the season they will need to have a minimum of half a game court time unless an agreement has been made between the player and coach prior to the game.
8. Junior Coaches (17 & Under) are encouraged to give players equal court time throughout the season at their discretion (unless commitment hasn't been shown by a player. E.g. non attendance at training, unacceptable behaviour on the court).
9. Get to know your players as well as their families as communication is vital in making the season run smoothly.
10. If you are unable to make training or game day, please organise a suitable person to step in.

In the event of a breach of this agreement the Coach, Committee or Association may take appropriate action if required. This could include loss of court time for both Junior and Senior Players.

Please feel free to approach any of the Committee Members should you have any queries or concerns. We are here to help you and will endeavour to maintain open lines of communication to ensure Club harmony and success.