



CODE OF CONDUCT & SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

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

SECTION 1 - PLAYERS

- 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.
- **BE ACCOMMODATING ESPECIALLY IF YOU ARE REQUIRED TO PLAY FOR ANOTHER HILLIANS TEAM.**





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 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.

Should any of the above conditions not be complied with, the Hillians Netball Club Inc Committee has the right to suspend or refuse to continue a player's membership, understanding that players will forfeit any fees they have paid.