



Code of Conduct

Coaches

- Be fair
- Do not run up and down the sideline
- Stay off the court during play
- Encourage your team (but not be so loud as to be disruptive to the other team)
- Give only positive support to all
- Quality and equal court time for all
- Must at all times respect the umpire's decision
- Refrain from talking to the umpire during the game
- Never argue with the officials. Control your temper at all times
- Have respect for the opposing teams, players, coach, officials and supporters
- Be an exemplary role model
- Teach players the Fair Play and Sportsmanship Ideals
- Lead by example
- Ensure no player is left at the courts by themselves after the game
- Adhere to the *Kidzplay Netball Rules of Participation* at all times
- Coaches have the right to ask for a Kidzplay Netball Umpire Mentor to be present should a problem arise

Umpires

- Be fair to both teams
- Control the game in a positive manner
- Refrain from coaching while umpiring
- Explain infringements in a helpful way
- Instruct with different words if players appear "confused"
- Modify your approach to suit the level of players' skills
- Avoid communicating with spectators during the game
- Have respect for the players of both teams and their officials
- Encourage fair play
- Be a positive role model
- Always remember umpires are controllers of the game, and their decisions should not be influenced by spectators, team officials or players
- Know and keep up to date with the rules
- Seek out our Umpire Mentors for rule clarifications
- Umpires have the right to request the assistance of a Kidzplay Netball Umpire Mentor if there is a dispute as to the standard of umpiring, player/spectator/coach behaviour, etc

Players

- Play for enjoyment
- Play hard but fair
- Play to the laws of the game
- Respect the umpire's decisions are final
- Never argue with officials
- Be committed to your team. Attend all practices and games
- Work equally hard for yourself and your team
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good play whether by your team or your opponent
- Remember the goals of the game are to have fun, improve your skills and feel good
- Respect other players, officials, spectators and the facilities at Pinehurst School
- Remember to thank your coach, the officials, the opposition and supporters
- Give it heaps and **have fun!**

Supporters

- Applaud the performance of both teams
- Be positive with the officials
- Acknowledge the efforts of the officials and volunteers
- Let the players play their game, not your game. Only the coach may direct play
- Praise efforts, not results. Remember young people play sport for their satisfaction, not yours
- Use appropriate and acceptable language
- Display self-control on the sideline
- Respect umpires' decisions whether you agree or not (no spectator influence will be accepted)
- NO comments or words should be uttered about the standard of umpiring (the umpires can hear these and it only increases their nervousness and makes matters worse)
- NO ONE is to approach an umpire, the only person that can is the coach/captain in a break and only for rule clarification. Please ask a Kidzplay Netball Umpire Mentor for assistance if there are any issues during the games
- No supporters on court during game time
- Supporters are not allowed at either goal/base lines, but are welcome along the court sideline but must give way to the umpire
- We expect supporters on the sideline to leave the coaching of the teams to the coaches, umpiring to the umpires and ask that they give only positive support, feedback, praise and encouragement to all coaches, umpires and players
- Zero tolerance of abusive language towards the umpire, coach or players
- Be a positive role model
- Set an example for the players
- Parents are responsible for younger siblings at all times
- Parents to encourage their child to respect and listen to their Coach before, during and immediately after the game
- Relax and enjoy the game!

Be mindful that prevention is better than cure