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# Code of Conduct



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The Minties Netball Club (MNC) Code of Conduct (“Code”) provides a summary of the expected behavioral standards of all MNC players, parents, coaches and committee members (‘club members’).

It is the responsibility of each club member to read and familiarise themselves with and adhere to the Code at all times. When registering for the competition season within Netball Connect members acknowledge that they have read, understood, and agree to abide by all Terms and Conditions of Netball Victoria, Bayside & District Netball Association and Minties Netball Club.

Our club is a fair play club. At MNC all members are expected to abide by the Victoria State Government Fair Play Code. The Code outlines the principles on expected standards of every player, participant, coach, support person, official, administrator, club member, spectator, parent, volunteer or member of public involved with sport and recreation. All should demonstrate the principles of integrity, respect, responsibility, fairness and safety.

### At MNC it is our expectation that our players:

- Be respectful and appreciative of your coaches. Our coaches are volunteers, without them, playing netball would not be possible.
- Be respectful of your teammates. Support and encourage each other to play well and be part of an inclusive team at training and on game day.
- Treat all players and opponents respectfully, just as you would like to be treated. Learn the rules of the game and positions on the court.
- Listen to your coach and follow their instructions. Your coach is there to develop your skills to the best of your ability. Sometimes you may not play in your favorite position. Your coach will make sure everyone has an opportunity to play at their best.
- Be attentive at training and put in 100% effort. Ask questions. If you are unsure of how to do something, then ask your coach.
- Practice your skills. To be your best, practice at home.
- Be your very best on game day. You are representing Minties Netball Club. Play your best every game and support your team.
- Know that yelling, pushing, name calling, and tantrums have no place on the netball court or at MNC. This type of behavior may see you removed from the court. If you are upset talk to your coach or team manager.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship by shaking hands with your opponents at the end of the game whether you win or lose.
- Respect, support and listen to umpires and official on and off the court.

### At MNC it is our expectation that parents of players:

Be involved in the club by positively supporting your child, their team, coach and MNC committee members. MNC has over 250 players and our committee and coaches are all volunteers, we rely on their expertise, time and dedication to make the club a success. We encourage all parents to volunteer, be involved and to share in the success of the club and be respectful of the club’s processes and decisions.

Remember your child plays for their own enjoyment. Encourage your child to play their best without placing undue pressure on performance.



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### At MNC it is our expectation that parents of players (continued):

Children develop at different stages. Be realistic about your child's ability. Coaches and our grading committee assess the skill and ability of each player in accordance with our grading policy. Any questions in regard to your child's placement in a team must be directed to the MNC President in writing or via telephone call.

Familiarize yourself with the rules of the game.

Be respectful and appreciative of your coaches and their decisions. Our Coaches are volunteers, without them playing netball would not be possible. Coaches have different training methods, personal styles, and strategies and decisions are made in the spirit of the game.

Children learn by example. Do not make negative comments about coaching decisions in front of players or other parents. If you have a concern about a coaching decision, please discuss with your team manager in a respectful and confidential manner. If you are unable to discuss with your team manager, please contact the MNC President.

Be a role model for good sportsmanship by showing appreciation for overall team performance and for our opponents. Provide positive and constructive feedback to your child. Remember they are playing for the love of the game. Negative comments or shouting at the opposing team will not be tolerated.

Training is important and critical to your child developing their skills. Please ensure your child attends training regularly. Notify your team manager if your child is unable to train or play at least 24 hours prior to their session.

Practice improves skills. Encourage your child to practice their skills at home.

Be your very best on game day. You and your child are representing MNC. Be supportive and be a role model in good sportsmanship.

Know that yelling, pushing, name calling, and tantrums have no place on the netball court or at MNC. This type of behavior may see your child removed from the court.

Respect, support and listen to umpires and officials on and off the court. Under no circumstance are parents to approach or yell at umpires. If you have a concern in regard to an umpire decision, please discuss with your team manager in a respectful and constructive manner. The Team Manager will then discuss with the umpire supervisor.

MNC plays at a grassroots netball level. MNC is an inclusive club and provides all children with the opportunity to be successful in line with their skills and abilities.

MNC encourage friends and families to come along and watch the games and training. Please ensure they are aware of our code of conduct.

### At MNC it is our expectation that Coaches and Team Managers:

Coaches are recognized worldwide for their valuable contribution and significant influence on the physical, psychological, and social development of their players, adding value to the participant's sporting experiences, results and life skills.

The importance of grassroots coaches has been recognized by international sport organizations such as the International Council for Coaching Excellence (ICCE), International Olympic Committee (IOC) as well as national sporting organizations in Australia and in many other countries.

At MNC it is the dedication of your time, the sharing of your expertise, the opportunity to play a central role in a young netballer's development, combined with the overall enjoyment of netball by providing them with the opportunity to be their best that is imperative.





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At MNC it is our expectation that Coaches and Team Managers:

- Pass on to young people a sound understanding of netball skills, tactics, strategies and rules;
- Demonstrate and teach etiquette and behavior standards;
- Build an ability to make decisions independently and participate within the ethos of the sport; and
- Promote an inclusive and positive learning environment for all players.

Coaching is a privilege and an incredibly rewarding role to play in a young person's life. At MNC we take coaching very seriously.

Children develop at different stages. Be realistic about your child's ability. Our Grading Committee assess the skill and ability of each player in accordance with our grading policy. Any questions in regard to a player's team placement must be directed to the MNC President.

Under no circumstances are coaches to:

- Approach players from other teams at MNC or other clubs with the intent of bringing them into their own team.
- Approach a parent from another team with the intent to bring their child into their team; or
- Speak negatively about a player's performance, skill or ability within earshot of another player, parent or member of the public.

Know the rules of the game. Utilize your training methods, personal style, and strategies to ensure decisions are made in the spirit of the game and each player has the opportunity to play at their best.

Children learn by example. Do not make negative comments about other children, parents, other coaches, or the Committee in front of players or other parents. If you have a concern, please discuss with the MNC President in a respectful and confidential manner.

Be a role model for good sportsmanship by showing appreciation for overall team performance and for our opponents. Provide positive and constructive feedback to your team. Remember they are playing for the love of the game. Negative comments or shouting at the opposing team will not be tolerated and may see you removed from the courts. In extreme cases it may result in the termination in your role as coach.

Training is important and critical to your team's skills. Prepare training drills and game strategies in line with your team's abilities.

Practice improves skills. Encourage your team to practice their skills at home.

Be your absolute best on game day. You and your team are representing MNC. Be supportive and be a role model in good sportsmanship.

Respect, support and listen to umpires and officials on and off the court. Under no circumstance are you or parents in your team to approach or yell at umpires. If you have a concern in regard to an umpire decision, please discuss with your team manager in a respectful and constructive manner. The Team Manager will then discuss with the umpire supervisor.

MNC plays at a grassroots netball level. MNC is an inclusive club and provides all children with the opportunity to be successful in line with their skills and abilities. We provide a fair and respectful culture for all our members. It is expected that our coaches will support MNC in all facets of grassroots netball standards of behaviors.

All players, parents and coaches are required to acknowledge that they have read and understood the Code as set out above and I agree to abide by it at all times.