



## **PAKENHAM NETBALL ASSOCIATION**

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*The Victorian Code of Conduct for Community Sport outlines behaviour that are expected of every person involved in community sport and active recreation, as well as identifying the types of behaviour that will not be tolerated. Every person – spectator, player, club member, official, participant, administrator, coach, parent or member of the community involved with the sport, should work to ensure:*

- *Inclusion of every person regardless of their age, gender or sexual orientation.*
- *Inclusion of every person regardless of their race, culture or religion.*
- *Opportunities for people of all abilities to participate in the sport and develop to their full potential.*
- *Respect is shown towards others, the club and the broader community.*
- *A safe and inclusive environment for all.*
- *Elimination of violent and abusive behaviour.*
- *Protection from sexual harassment or intimidation.*

*This Code applies to community sport, training and club sanctioned activities*

### **Section 1: PNA Representative Team CODE OF BEHAVIOUR – GENERAL**

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As a person required to comply with this Regulation, you must meet the following requirements in regard to your conduct during any activity held or sanctioned by Netball Victoria, a Region, an Affiliated Association or an Affiliated Club:

1. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others.
2. Be fair, considerate and honest in all dealings with others.
3. Be professional in, and accept responsibility for your actions.
4. Make a commitment to providing quality service.
5. Be aware of, and maintain an uncompromising adherence to Netball Victoria's standards, rules, regulations and policies.
6. Operate within the rules of the sport including state guidelines which govern Netball Victoria, the Regions, the Affiliated Associations and the Affiliated Clubs.
7. Do not use your involvement with Netball Victoria, a Region, an Affiliated Association or an Affiliated Club to promote your own beliefs, behaviours or practices where these are inconsistent with those of Netball Victoria, a Region, an Affiliated Association or an Affiliated Club.
8. Demonstrate a high degree of individual responsibility especially when dealing with persons under 18 years of age, as your words and actions are an example.
9. Avoid unaccompanied and unobserved activities with persons under 18 years of age, wherever possible.
10. Refrain from any behaviour that may bring Netball Victoria, a Region, an Affiliated Association or an Affiliated Club into disrepute.
11. Provide a safe environment for the conduct of the activity.
12. Show concern and caution towards others who may be sick or injured.
13. Be a positive role model.
14. Understand the repercussions if you breach, or are aware of breaches of this Code of Behaviour.

## **Section 2: Representative Team CODE OF BEHAVIOUR – JUNIOR PLAYER**

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In addition to Netball Victoria's General Code of Behaviour, as a player in any activity held by or under the auspices of Netball Victoria, a Region, an Affiliated Association or an Affiliated Club you must meet the following requirements in regard to your conduct during any such activity or event:

1. Participate because you enjoy it, not just to please parents and coaches.
2. Play by the rules.
3. Know the rules
4. Participate fairly and safely.
5. Abide by decisions, without argument or bad temper.
6. Captains have the right to approach an umpire during an interval or after the game for clarification of any rule.
7. Approach the umpire in a courteous and polite way.
8. Cooperate with your coach, and other players.
9. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately fouling or provoking an opponent and throwing/damaging equipment is not acceptable or permitted.
10. Treat all players as you would like to be treated.
11. Ensure that at all times your behaviour is fair.
12. Be a patient and enthusiastic supporter of fellow players.
13. Applaud all good play, by your own team and opponents.
14. Be a responsible team member.
15. Always be on time.
16. Encourage and assist all players.
17. Attend all training sessions.
18. Ensure you always bring the appropriate uniform and equipment to training and/or matches.
19. Do not engage in practises that affect sporting performance (alcohol, tobacco and drug use).
20. Respect and acknowledge the contribution of those who create the opportunity for you to play including

## **Section 3: Representative Team CODE OF BEHAVIOUR – PARENT/GUARDIAN**

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In addition to Netball Victoria's General Code of Behaviour, as a parent/guardian of a player in any activity held by or under the auspices of Netball Victoria, a Region, an Affiliated Association or an Affiliated Club, you must meet the following requirements in regard to your conduct during any such activity or event:

1. If your child is interested, encourage them to participate in the appropriate netball activity. However, if your child is not willing to participate, do not force him or her. Remember, children are involved in organised activity for their enjoyment, not yours.
2. Focus upon your child's efforts and performance rather than the overall outcome of the event. This assists your child in setting realistic goals related to his/her ability by reducing the emphasis on winning.
3. Teach your child that an honest effort is as important as victory, so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
4. Encourage your child to always play according to the rules.
5. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
6. Remember that children learn best from example. Applaud good play by all players.
7. If you disagree with an umpire or coach raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than question their judgement and honesty in public.
8. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse.
9. Recognise and respect the value and importance of volunteer administrators, coaches and umpires. They give up their time and resources to provide recreational activities for players and deserve your support.

10. Be a model of good sports behaviour for children to copy.
11. Be courteous in communication with administrators, coaches, players and umpires. Teach children to do likewise.
12. Support the use of age appropriate development activities and modified rules.

## **Section 4: Representative Team CODE OF BEHAVIOUR – SPECTATOR**

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In addition to Netball Victoria's General Code of Behaviour, as a spectator in any activity held by or under the auspices of Netball Victoria, a Region, an Affiliated Association or an Affiliated Club, you must meet the following requirements in regard to your conduct during any such activity or event:

1. Most players (in particular children) participate in netball activities for fun. They are not participating for entertainment of spectators only.
2. Applaud good performance and efforts by all players. When watching a game congratulate both teams upon their performance regardless of the game's outcome.
3. Respect the umpires' and coaches decisions. If there is a disagreement, follow the appropriate procedure in order to question the decision and teach children to do likewise.
4. Never ridicule or scold a player for making a mistake during a competition. Positive comments are motivational.
5. Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by administrators, coaches, players, umpires or parents/guardians.
6. Show respect for your team's coach, the umpire and opponents. Without them there would be no game.
7. Encourage players to play according to the rules and the official decisions, and develop your own knowledge of the rules.
8. Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using foul language, and not harassing administrators, coaches, players or umpires.
9. Support the use of age appropriate development activities and modified rules.

## **Section 4: Record of Player, Parent/Guardian Consent**

I agree and accept the Pakenham Netball Association Representative Team CODE OF BEHAVIOUR. I understand the recommendations and will participate in the Pakenham Netball Association Representative Team to the best of my abilities and abide by these guidelines at all trainings and games.

Player Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Player Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/ Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/ Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**This information is collected by:**

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**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_