



Codes of Behaviour Policy

St. Gerard's Netball Club's policy is to adopt the Aussie Sports Code of Behaviour, which the District Association also follows. In addition to this, St. Gerard's Netball Club's Code of Behaviour aims to set out the appropriate behavioural standards required of anyone involved in St. Gerard's Netball Club – players, coaches, managers, committee members, parents and spectators. It is to be followed at all games, training or in club-sanctioned activities.

All members of St. Gerard's Netball Club will:

- Act within the rules and spirit of netball.
- Promote fair play over winning at any cost.
- Encourage and support opportunities for people to learn appropriate behaviours and skills.
- Support opportunities for participation in all aspects of the sport.
- Treat each person as an individual.
- Show respect and courtesy to all involved with netball.
- Respect the rights and worth of every person, regardless of their age, race, ability, cultural background, sexuality or religion.
- Respect the decisions of officials, coaches and administrators.
- Wherever practical, avoid unaccompanied and unobserved one-on-one activity (when in a supervisory capacity or where a power imbalance exists) with people under the age of 18.
- Display appropriate and responsible behaviour in all interactions.
- Display responsible behaviour in relation to alcohol and other drugs.
- Act with integrity and objectivity, and accept responsibility for your decisions and actions.
- Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a safe environment.
- Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a harassment-free environment.
- Do not behave in an abusive, bullying or threatening manner, or tolerate such behaviour.
- Observe and follow the Club's Communication Guidelines regarding the use of technology and social media.



Athletes

- Give your best at all times.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit.
- Play by the rules and show respect for other players, coaches and officials.

Coaches

- Place the safety and welfare of the players above all else.
- Help each person (player, official, etc.) to reach their potential. Respect the talent, developmental stage and goals of each person and encourage them with positive and constructive feedback.
- Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up-to-date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of young players.
- Ensure that any physical contact with another person is appropriate to the situation and necessary for the person's skill development.

Officials

- Place the safety and welfare of the players above all else.
- Ensure all players are included and can participate, regardless of their race, ability, cultural background, sexuality or religion.
- Be consistent, impartial and objective when making decisions.
- Address unsporting behaviour and promote respect for other players and officials.

Administrators

- Ensure quality supervision and instruction for players.
- Support coaches and officials to improve their skills and competencies.
- Act honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of the sport as a whole.



- Ensure that any information acquired or advantage gained from the position is not used improperly.
- Conduct club responsibilities with due care, competence and diligence.

Parents

- Encourage your child to participate, do their best and have fun.
- Focus on your child's effort and performance, rather than winning or losing.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Help out the coach or officials at training and games, where possible.
- Model appropriate behaviour, including respect for other players and officials.

Spectators

- Help create a positive atmosphere for players, officials and other spectators by showing respect for players, officials and other spectators.
- Reject the use of harassment, bullying or violence in any form, whether by other spectators, coaches, officials or athletes.
- Abide by our club's Code of Behaviour and refrain from using bad language, harassing or ridiculing others or behaving in a threatening or violent manner.
- If you are aware of inappropriate spectator behaviour and you feel confident to do so, speak with the person and ask them to stop. If there is a committee member present, ask for their assistance.
- Report any inappropriate spectator behaviour to Control or the Umpires' Room while the game is in progress. After the game report the incident to a member of the Club Executive.

Non-Compliance

Parents or others found to have behaved inappropriately, and who are associate members or have agreed to abide by our club's Code of Behaviour Policy, may face disciplinary action as outlined in the Club's Complaints Policy.

Questions

Don't hesitate to contact the club with any questions via the email address stgerardsnetball@gmail.com