



Fawkner Netball Club

Sportsmanship Commitment

Fawkner Netball Club aims to create an environment that is free from discrimination and that is welcoming to all. This is essential in promoting positive social interaction and mental wellbeing. Fawkner Netball Club strives to ensure that all players, members and officials will be treated fairly and with respect

Purpose: The purpose of this Sportsmanship Policy is to foster a positive and respectful environment for all players, coaches, officials, and spectators involved at Fawkner Netball Club. FNC is committed to promoting fair play, respect for others, and an inclusive, supportive community where everyone can enjoy netball.

Scope: This policy applies to all members of Fawkner Netball Club, including players, coaches, volunteers, officials, parents, and spectators, during all club-related activities, including training, games, tournaments and events.

Key Principles of Sportsmanship

Respect for All Participants

- Treat all players, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect, regardless of ability, gender, ethnicity, or background.
- Discrimination, bullying, or harassment of any kind will not be tolerated.

Fair Play

- Play the game in the spirit of the rules, ensuring fairness and integrity.
- Accept decisions made by umpires and officials without protest, even if disagreements arise.

Positive Attitude

- Encourage teammates and opponents with positive language and support.
- Celebrate effort and improvement, not just winning.

Self-Control

- Maintain composure during challenging situations, avoiding aggressive behaviour, foul language, or unsportsmanlike conduct.
- Handle any conflict or disagreement with dignity and respect.

Inclusivity and Team Spirit

- Encourage an environment where everyone feels included and valued.
- Promote team unity by supporting teammates both on and off the court.

Healthy Competition

- Strive to win but not at the expense of integrity, respect, or the well-being of others.
- Acknowledge the effort and skill of opponents, showing respect for their abilities.

Expectations for Club Members

Players:

- Play by the rules of the game and follow the guidance of coaches and officials.
- Work together as a team, helping to create a supportive environment for teammates.
- Take responsibility and accountability for your actions, both on and off the court.

Coaches:

- Lead by example, promoting fair play, respect, and encouragement.
- Focus on skill development and sportsmanship as much as winning.
- Ensure that all players get equal opportunities to participate and improve.

Parents and Spectators:

- Encourage fair play and positive behaviour from the sidelines.
- Respect the decisions of officials and coaches.
- Refrain from shouting criticism or abusive language during games or practices.

Officials:

- Enforce the rules of the game fairly and consistently.
- Show respect to players, coaches, and spectators at all times.

Consequences for Violations

Violations of this policy will be taken seriously and addressed promptly.

Consequences may include but are not limited to:

- Verbal warnings or discussions with the individual(s) involved.
- Suspension from games, practices, or club events.
- Removal from the club in the case of severe or repeated offenses.

Reporting and Addressing Issues

Anyone who experiences or witnesses a breach of this policy is encouraged to report it to a club official. All reports will be handled confidentially and with respect for the individuals involved.

Commitment to Sportsmanship

By being a part of Fawkner Netball Club, all members agree to uphold the values of respect, fairness, and integrity outlined in this policy. Together, we can create a safe, positive, inclusive and enjoyable environment for everyone involved.

Policy Review Period

Fawkner Netball Club will review and update this policy annually.

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