



# Leschenault Netball Association

## LNA Representative Team Code of Conduct Policy & Agreement

As a player, coach, official, supporter of the Leschenault Netball Association (LNA) Representative team I agree to uphold this mandatory and enforceable Code of Conduct. I understand I am representing my association and it is a requirement that I follow the code of conduct and accept any consequences should I breach the following rules. This code of conduct requirement remains in force at all times from the time I am selected up to the conclusion of the program.

### Coaches' Code of Conduct

- All coaches representing LNA are required to accept and abide by the Netball Australia's 'Coach Code of Conduct'
- Follow the guidelines set out in the 'LNA coaches' role' – including the directive regarding fair play & court time.
- Consult with development officer throughout the coaching process. No players are to be added to teams or moved between teams without consent from development officer.
- Always hold the welfare of a child's wellbeing above that of the game. Never play an injured player who can not adequately prove their game fitness. The coaches assessment will always be placed before that of the players or their representatives' request.
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### Players' Code of Conduct

- Play by the rules of the LNA bylaws and any special guidelines specifically for representative teams. Adhere to team expectations and rules established by your coach.
- Respect the decisions of umpires, officials, coaches and administrators in the conduct of the sport.
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Respect the talent, potential and development of fellow players
- Derogatory remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability are not acceptable. Swearing is also unacceptable behaviour.
- Abuse of officials, umpires, teammates or the opposition will not be tolerated, this includes comments placed on social network sites. Raise any concerns with coaches/managers in private or contact the development officer.
- Be honest with your coach concerning illness and injury, and your ability to train and play
- Maintain a high standard of personal behaviour and never attend training sessions or games under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- All players must attend the majority of the trainings even if injured to continue to secure their place in the team.
- **You have been chosen in this team, where others have missed out. Take every opportunity to learn, try new positions or skills and above all put the team above personal interests.**

## **Parents and Supporters' Code of Conduct**

- Support your team within the rules and spirit of the game.
- Recognise that all coaches, umpires and volunteers are giving up their time to make the carnival possible and treat them accordingly. Without them there would not be this opportunity.
- Choose to respect all players in the LNA team. Do not ridicule mistakes or losses - they are the building blocks of skill development. Remember players are here to learn first and foremost. Winning is not the number one goal.
- Derogatory remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability are not acceptable. Swearing will also not be tolerated.
- Never attend matches/trainings under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Do not comment on umpiring decisions during the game or criticise umpires publicly. An umpire should never be approached by a spectator/supporter either before or after a match.
- You do not have input into positioning, tactics, team plays, court time. This is exclusively the decision of the coach & the LNA Committee. If you are positive and supportive of your coach your child will follow your lead and enjoy the process much more.
- Avoid "sideline coaching", as it creates confusion for the players and undermines the coach's directives/coaching.
- Selectors are volunteers and should never be approached to discuss the conduct of a trial. This is a breach of trust, which LNA take very seriously and may invoke sanctions against the player/parent making these inquiries. If parents have questions about the trial, they may contact the Development Officer **only**, who will respond to the inquiry.
- Coaches, players are not to be approached during the game. This includes the 20 minutes prior to the game during warmup. Only coaches, scorers and timers are permitted on the court/bench during this time.
- You can support your child by making sure
  - they are on time to their game and all trainings
  - they are taking care of any injuries/ailments – ie strapping, asthma
  - They have plenty of water and food during the carnival day.
  - They are encouraged to warm up and warm down
  - Explain to any other supporters you may invite, the code of conduct and consequences

## **LNA will impose the following disciplinary action for players, coaches, officials and supporters not abiding by the code of conduct**

1. In accepting your place in this team you have also accepted these terms and this is considered the 1<sup>st</sup> and final warning to all coaches, players, parents and supporters.
2. Any breach of this code by player, coach, official, parent, supporter may result in:
  - Suspension from next quarter/half of game.
  - Full game suspension
  - Banned from LNA representative teams for the year
  - NOTE! Spectators behaviour may result in the player receiving the penalty!

## **Achieving Goals through Fun & Friendship!!**