



Coaches Code of Conduct

The quality of coaches influences everything from success on match day, skill development and fitness through to the sheer enjoyment of the game. The Hahndorf Netball Club seeks to engage the best coaches we can identify, and to support those coaches to continue to develop their skills.

In achieving this there are a number of expectations expected of the selected Coaches. They include:

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every human being within the context of the activity, treat everyone equally regardless of sex.
- Ensure the players time spent with you is a positive experience and all players are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.
- Treat each athlete as an individual. Respect the talent, developmental state and goals of each individual athlete. Help each athlete reach their full potential.
- Be fair, considerate and honest with players.
- Be professional in and accept responsibility for your actions. Language, manner, punctuality, preparation and presentation should display high standards. Display control, respect, dignity and professionalism to all involved with the sport – this includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators. Encourage your players to demonstrate the same qualities.
- Make a commitment to providing a quality service to your players. Seek continual improvement through performance appraisal and ongoing coach education. Provide a training program which is planned and sequential. Maintain appropriate records.
- Operate within the rules and spirit of your sport. Please contact Netball SA for a copy of its rule book, constitution, by-laws, relevant policies.
- Any physical contact with players should be:
 - appropriate to the situation.
 - necessary for the athlete's skill development.
- Refrain from any form of personal abuse towards your players. This includes verbal, physical and emotional abuse. Be alert to any forms of abuse directed towards your players from other sources whilst they are in your care.



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- Provide a safe environment for training and competition. Ensure equipment and facilities meet safety standards. Equipment, rules, training and the environment need to be appropriate for the age and ability of the players.
- Show concern and caution towards sick and injured players. Provide a modified training program where appropriate. Allow further participation in training and competition only when appropriate. Encourage players to seek medical advice when required. Maintain the same interest and support towards sick and injured players.
- Be a positive role model for your sport and players.

Coaches should:

- be treated with respect and openness
- have access to self-improvement opportunities
- be matched with a level of coaching appropriate to their level of competence