



## PLAYER/PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

### PLAYER

Players are expected to support their team mates, and be respectful towards their coaches, opposition and the umpires at all times.

The coaches have the final say on the positions in which players play, and rotations of players on and off the court. Players may talk to their coach at training if they would like to try a different position, but coaches generally have a game plan for which player plays in which position on Saturdays, and that is not open for discussion on match days.

Players are expected to attend training and games each week, and if they are unable to do so for genuine reasons, should contact their coach no later than the night before.

Coaches have the right to expect full cooperation from their team during training and the games.

Every player is expected to support and encourage their team mates at all times - bullying behaviour or putting down another player is never acceptable - whether they are on your team or are an opposition team member.

Players should also display the highest level of respect for the umpires of our games. No-one should ever forget that umpiring is an extremely difficult job.

Part of playing a team sport such as netball is to develop **respect** for your team-mates, your coach, the umpires and your opposition. At Trinity, we believe that developing respect is of equal importance to improving netball skills and winning games.

### PARENT

Parents are requested to show support for our coaches, teams, opposition and the umpires at all times. We strongly encourage Trinity parents applauding ALL goals at matches - whether by Trinity or by the opposition. We also ask that parents take a turn to help score a game when asked.

All of our coaches are volunteers, and some of them are still young. They give up their time twice a week so that your child can play netball. The coaches have the final say on the positions in which players play, and rotations of players on and off the court. We expect that all parents be 100%





supportive of their child's coach(es) - both at training and at matches. If any parent has an issue that they want to discuss with their child's coach, the appropriate time to raise it would be to do so

quietly at the end of a match or by phone later on. It is never appropriate to raise an issue during a game, and certainly never in front of players. If something cannot be resolved with a coach, parents may then bring it to the attention to one of the Trinity Committee Members.

We also expect the highest level of support to be shown for the umpires of our games. Some of these umpires are young, and some are still in training. However, they have all been through an umpiring course and have passed an exam with a high result, unlike most parents and players. No matter what the standard of umpiring in a game, there is never ANY value in criticising the umpires - the only impact it may have is to distract them, and the quality of their decisions may in fact deteriorate if they are subject to loud criticisms from the sidelines. **Umpires and opposition coaches should not be approached by parents during or after a game.** Any question about the rules should be directed to your child's coach. Any serious issue with umpiring or conduct by the opposition should be referred to a Trinity Committee Member.

Part of playing a team sport such as netball is to develop **respect** for your team-mates, your coach, the umpires and your opposition. Parents need to support this by behaving accordingly. At Trinity, we believe that developing respect is of equal importance to improving netball skills and winning games.

## POLICY REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure it remains relevant to club operations and reflects both community expectations and legal requirements.

