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6.4 SANDY Representative Team – Parent Code of Conduct

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As the parent/guardian of a representative team player, it is essential that you adhere to the requirements in regard to your conduct and that of any spectators associated with you during any activity held by or under the auspices of SANDY or another Association, and abide by this code of conduct at all times.

SANDY regards any breach of this code of conduct as a serious matter and should breaches arise, these will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

We encourage parents to:

- Familiarise yourself with their coach's philosophy and teaching methods which will vary according to age and ability;
- Make new parents feel welcome, work together to build a great team environment for your child;
- Listen & understand your child's goal setting and key objectives for the season BUT do not take on responsibility for setting their goals;
- Acquaint yourselves with the rules of netball, if you are new to the game.

Parents/guardians must:

- Understand that selection is an honour for your child and as such, we would like you to also understand it requires a commitment above and beyond club competition. Athletes are required to attend all training sessions, games and tournaments unless there is a valid reason for them not being able to do so. We value your assistance in assisting us with that message.
- Recognise that your child has been selected on their abilities shown at trials. We would ask you to keep this in perspective and assist us by encouraging them to maximise the season by taking on board not only new netball skills but also the many positive life skills on offer. We hope your child will live and breathe the player code of conduct and behaviour and in doing so, will become a more balanced, accomplished and self-assured individual; not just a better netballer.
- Remember that your child plays for their own enjoyment not that of their parents – encourage them to play netball but do not force them to do so.



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- Be realistic about your child's abilities; do not push them towards a level that they are not capable of achieving. Remember that there is always a mixed level of skill and ability in junior sport, physical and emotional development varies from player to player – always remember to look for the improvement/development in your own child and do not compare their abilities to that of their team mates.
- Understand that your child may be moved between teams throughout the season to strengthen and balance the teams, or that they may be asked to help fill in another team that is short of a player temporarily.
- Respect the rights of the coach/s to make decisions regarding training methods/approaches, team selections & substitutions and game tactics/strategies unless they contradict the spirit of the game.
- Refrain from instructing from the sidelines and making negative comments about coaching decisions or player error within earshot of any players or coaches. Without player error, coaches are unable to remedy a skill deficiency, tweak game tactics, or assess player combinations. Remember there is no such thing as perfection, but striving for it should never be discouraged, players should always feel comfortable taking a risk on court – even if the payoff is not immediate.
- Know that persistent, negative messages and interference will adversely affect the players', coaches' and umpires' performance and attitude. Remember that young people learn much by example – so please be a positive role model by:
 - Always showing appreciation of good individual and team performance from all players, irrespective of the team they play for;
 - Treating all coaches, officials and players of both teams with courtesy and respect – knowing that without them your child could not play;
 - Remaining in control of your emotions;
 - Teaching your child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Encourage and focus on hard work and honest effort and praise your child for competing fairly and playing with intensity every time they step onto the court. Your feedback should always be positive, and we would recommend leaving constructive feedback to the coaches – this avoids mixed messages being received by your child and also it makes for a more harmonious trip home!
- Participate and take your place in the duty roster, this might involve taking and setting up tents for tournaments, BBQs, car-pooling and any other associated duties.



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- ENCOURAGE ALL NETBALLERS IN A POSITIVE MANNER. IF YOU DO WANT TO SHOUT MAKE SURE IT IS FOR GOOD PLAY, NOT DIRECTED AT A PLAYER.