RUXTON NETBALL CLUB – please READ carefully

Players Code of Behaviour

- Play by the rules.
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours.
- Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays by your team or the opposition.
- Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- Cooperate with your coach, team mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Be punctual to all matches/training session, and phone your coach or the netball coordinator in advance (at least 24 hours if possible) if you are unable to attend.

Parents/Guardians Code of Behaviour

- Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Focus on the child’s efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Encourage children to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skilful plays by all participants.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Respect officials’ decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Show appreciation for coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- **All complaints must be made via an email. No verbal complaints will be dealt with.**
**Coaches Code of Behaviour**

The successful Coach invests more in the well-being and interests of the players than in their win-loss record.

- Be responsible in your demands on the young players’ time, energy and enthusiasm. Remember they have other interests.
- Teach your players that the rules of the game are mutual agreements which no one should evade or break.
- Avoid over-playing the talented players. The “just-average” players need and deserve equal time.
- Remember that children play for fun and enjoyment and that winning is only part of it. Never ridicule or yell at the children for making mistakes or losing a competition.
- Ensure that the equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
- Develop team respect for the ability of opponents, as well as judgement of officials and opposing coaches.
- Be generous with your praise when it is deserved and set a good example.
- Be punctual and prepared in your approach to training and matches including keeping up-to-date records of playing positions and training sessions.
- Keep yourself informed about sound coaching principles.

*All players, their parents/guardians & coaches are expected to abide by these codes of behaviour.*