



# Cowra Netball Association

## Parent/Guardian/Spectator Code of Behaviour

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Cowra Netball Association (CNA) is committed to providing a safe, positive, and supportive environment for all players, officials, and spectators. As a parent, guardian, or spectator, your actions and words play a vital role in shaping the culture of our sport.

By attending games, training sessions, or events, you agree to uphold the following Code of Behaviour:

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### 1. Respect for All

- Treat all players, coaches, umpires, officials, and other spectators with respect at all times.
  - Accept that umpires' decisions are final. Disputes or concerns must be raised through the proper CNA channels, not during games.
  - Refrain from yelling, intimidating, or harassing any participant, including opposition players and officials.
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### 2. Positive Support

- Encourage good sportsmanship by applauding effort, fair play, and improvement — not just winning.
  - Provide positive reinforcement to your child and their team, focusing on fun, fitness, and development.
  - Avoid giving instructions from the sideline; allow the coach to coach and the umpires to officiate.
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### 3. Zero Tolerance for Abuse or Misconduct

- Verbal abuse, swearing, bullying, or aggressive behaviour towards any person will not be tolerated.
  - Alcohol, drugs, or being under the influence while attending games or training is strictly prohibited.
  - Any act of violence or threatening behaviour will result in immediate removal from the venue and may lead to further disciplinary action, including suspension or banning.
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### 4. Setting a Positive Example

- Remember that children learn by example — demonstrate respect, patience, and good sportsmanship at all times.
  - Promote a culture where participation and fun are valued above results.
  - Be mindful that your behaviour reflects on your child, their team, and the association.
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### 5. Breaches of the Code

CNA takes breaches of this code seriously. If a parent, guardian, or spectator fails to comply:

- A verbal warning may be issued by an official or committee member.
  - If behaviour continues, the person may be asked to leave the venue immediately.
  - Serious or repeated breaches will be escalated to the CNA Committee, which may impose penalties such as:
    - Written warnings
    - Temporary or permanent bans from attending matches
    - Reporting to higher governing bodies such as Netball NSW
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