

# SC Falcons Netball Club

## Parent and Spectator Code of Conduct



### 1.0 Purpose

Falcons Netball Club believes that parents and spectators play a vital role in creating a safe, positive and enjoyable environment for our players.

This Code outlines the standards of behaviour expected from all parents, carers and spectators at training, games and club events.

### 2.0 Expectations

Parents, Carers and Spectators are expected to:

- Support Fair Play and Respect
  - Encourage their player and all players to abide by the rules and respect umpires' decisions.
  - Support all players, coaches, umpires and officials with positive words and actions
  - Applaud good performance and effort from all teams
  - Show respect for all players, regardless of their ability, age, gender or cultural background
- Be a Positive Role Model
  - Demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times
  - Use appropriate language and behaviour at games, training sessions and Club events
  - Refrain from yelling at or criticising players, coaches, umpires or officials
  - Let the coach do the coaching. Focus instead on encouragement and support
  - Recognise that umpires are learning too and mistakes are part of the game.
- Promote Safety and Wellbeing
  - Encourage their player to speak up if they feel unsafe, unwell or uncomfortable
  - Report any concerns about player welfare, bullying, or inappropriate behaviour to one of the Club's Child Safety Officers or the Committee.
  - Ensure their player attends training and games on time, wearing the correct uniform and ready to participate as a team member.
- Use Social Media responsibly
  - Post only positive and respectful comments about players, teams, umpires and the Club. Complaints should be handled in line with the Club's Complaints Handling Policy, not through social media.
  - Never use social media to criticise, ridicule or harass anyone connected with the Club or Sunshine Coast Netball Association
  - Protect players' privacy by not posting photos or videos without consent.

### **3.0 Prohibited Behaviour**

Parents, Carers and Spectators must not:

- Argue with or abuse umpires, coaches, players or officials
- Engage in violence, bullying, harassment, discrimination or intimidation (in person or refer with play or enter the court area unless asked by an official. See the Sunshine Coast Netball Association's Sideline Policy).
- Consume alcohol or drugs at games, or arrive under the influence.

### **4.0 Breaches of the Code**

If this Code is breached, the Club may:

- Issue a verbal or written warning
- Ask the individual to leave the venue
- Suspend attendance at training, games or events for a period of time
- Refer serious matters to the Sunshine Coast Netball Association or Netball Queensland, in line with the Member Protection Policy.