



# LYNDHURST FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB

## PARENT AND SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT

The Lyndhurst Football & Netball Club Parent and Spectator Code of Conduct aims to provide a safe environment for participation. Aggressive, threatening or other inappropriate behaviour by members, their families, their friends, and other sporting personnel while attending a game or event will not be tolerated.

### Each Parent and Supporter must:

1. Support the participants and enjoy the match.
2. Encourage participation, but don't force it.
3. Teach that enjoyment is more important than winning.
4. Not ridicule mistakes or losses.
5. Lead by example and respect all Players, Coaches, Umpires, Officials and spectators. Physical or verbal abuse will not be tolerated.
6. Recognise all volunteers who give up their valuable time.
7. Not publicly criticise umpires and instead raise personal concerns with Club Officials in private.
8. Not use remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability.
9. Respect the facilities and equipment of their own and opposing clubs.
10. Not engage in physical and/or verbal intimidation, abuse or conduct toward any player, official, umpire or supporter.
11. Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
12. Not enter the field of play in any sanctioned match unless granted permission by an official to do so.
13. Not take part in any form of bullying including via the use of social media.
14. Not make or post inappropriate, offensive or discriminatory comments in public, including via social media, about players, clubs, umpires, officials, or affiliated

Associations/Leagues. Social media includes, but is not limited to, email, instant messaging, text messages, phone messages, digital images, website postings (including but not limited to Facebook, X, LinkedIn, Instagram, websites and blogs).

## **Non-compliance**

Please understand that, if a breach of the Club's Codes of Conduct occurs, disciplinary action may be applied at the discretion of the Executive Committee. Disciplinary action may include, but is not limited to:

- written warnings
- suspensions and/or banning of parents and/or supporters and is separate from any other penalty that may or may not be applied by the League/Association or Police for the same incident.

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Also refer to:

- Player and Official Code of Conduct
- Social Media Policy