



# MLC Teams' Code of Conduct

As a player, coach, official, supporter of Mercy Leschenault Netball Club I agree to uphold this mandatory and enforceable Code of Conduct. I understand I am representing my club and it is a requirement that I follow the code of conduct and accept any consequences should I breach the following rules.

## Coaches' Code of Conduct

- All coaches representing MLC are required to accept and abide by the Netball Australia's 'Coach Code of Conduct'
- Abide by the 'playing by the rules guidelines' including fair court time.
- Consult with the MLC committee throughout the coaching process, as we are here to help.
- Once your team is formed no players are to be added or moved between teams without consent from the club. If fill ins are required double check their eligibility by speaking with MLC committee.
- Let the MLC committee know as soon as possible if you consider a serious breach of the code has occurred.
- Return all MLC equipment at the end of the season.
- Abide by and be familiar with all Association by laws in particular court rotations when applicable which are mandated by the Associations and Netball WA .
- Make sure your feedback to players is encouraging. Choose to highlight something they are doing well before giving them something to 'work towards'. Let players know everyone on the team is working together to improve – even the coach!

## Players' Code of Conduct

- Adhere to team expectations and rules established by your coach.
- If you are unable to attend training let your coach know. If you miss multiple trainings court time may be affected to be fair to the rest of the team who attend training regularly. It is expected that you train to the best of your ability and allow other team mates to do the same.
- Be ready to train/play 5-10 mins early: bring water and healthy snack, wear sports clothing and shoes deigned for court games.
- Always respect the decisions of umpires, officials, coaches and administrators in the conduct of the sport.
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Respect the talent, potential and development of fellow players and opponents. Should players have a complaint they should approach their coach or they may contact the MLC committee directly. Social media is not the right forum to bring up such issues.
- Derogatory remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability as well as swearing are not acceptable. This behaviour will not be tolerated and reports of such behaviour will be investigated by your club and possibly your association.
- Abuse of officials or umpires, will not be tolerated, this includes comments placed on social network sites.
- Respect all MLC equipment and the recreation centre you play at.
- Court positional placement is the decision of the coach so respect their decision. MLC encourages Saturday morning competition players rotate through every position, and if an Association has a by law coaches are required to abide by that rule.
- Be honest with your coach concerning illness and injury, and your ability to train and play. Incorrectly treated injuries and or Rehab can potentially impact you for the rest of your life. Continue to attend games and if possible, trainings. Even if just to observe training as it helps to keep up the team connections.
- Never attend training sessions or games under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- **Take every opportunity to learn, try new positions or skills and be a 'team player'.**

## Parents and Supporters' Code of Conduct

- Support your team within the rules and spirit of the game.
- Recognise that all coaches, umpires and volunteers are giving up their time to organise, manage and coach MLC teams and treat them accordingly.
- Choose to respect all players on court (including your opponents). Do not ridicule mistakes or losses. Remember players are here to learn first and foremost and winning is not the number one goal.
- Derogatory remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability are not acceptable. Swearing will also not be tolerated by the club even if not directed at anyone in particular.
- Never attend matches/trainings under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Never allow your child to play or train with an injury that has not been properly treated **medically**.
- Do not comment on umpiring decisions during the game or criticise umpires publicly. An umpire should never be approached by a spectator/supporter either before or after a match to question a decision. This is dissent towards an umpire and your team can be penalised under the rules of the game.
- You do not have input into positioning, tactics, team plays, court time. This is exclusively the decision of the coach. If you are positive and supportive of your coach your child will follow your lead and enjoy the process much more.

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- Coaches, players are not to be approached during the game. Concerns can be raised with the Team Manager or the MLC Committee. This includes the 20 minutes prior to the game during warmup. Only coaches, scorers and timers are permitted on the court/bench during this time.
- You can support your child by making sure:
  - they are on time to their game and all trainings (*please check game times online*)
  - They have at training: water, healthy snack, correct sports clothes and shoes (*please ensure players have shoes designed for such a high impact sport – casual joggers without tread will cause injury*)
  - they are taking care of any injuries/ailments – ie strapping, rehabilitation exercises, asthma
  - they are encouraged to warm up and warm down
  - you are prepared to take your turn at scoring or washing of bibs when delegated
  - you explain to any other supporters you may invite, the code of conduct and consequences
  - Follow any the venue & Association guidelines

### MLC will impose the following disciplinary action for players, coaches, officials and supporters not abiding by the code of conduct

1. The signing of this document is the 1<sup>st</sup> and final warning to all coaches, players, parents and supporters.
2. Any breach of this code by player, coach, official, parent, supporter may result in:
  - An interview with MLC Committee – to discuss code
  - Possible suspension be it from next quarter/half of game.
  - NOTE! SPECTATORS BEHAVIOUR MAY RESULT IN THE TEAM RECEIVING THE PENALTY by umpires &/or associations.

**By signing this document or Registering with MLC, I understand I am agreeing to abide by the MLC code of conduct for my Team \_\_\_\_\_ during the \_\_\_\_\_ (Year) Season.**

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PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: [ \_\_\_\_\_ ] [ \_\_\_\_\_ ]  
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