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## JUNIORS LET THEM PLAY POLICY

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### Our commitment

The Darwin Netball Association (DNA) is committed to providing a safe environment for the participation of children and young people.

The DNA promotes and supports all junior players having the opportunity to play.

Junior sport is about fun, gaining social skills, building self esteem, learning about fair play and developing skills.

### What we will do

- Make sport accessible and provide a safe and enjoyable environment for activity with friends.
- Teach sports skills.
- Focus on the children's and team's efforts rather than winning or losing.
- Make it clear that the interests of the children are more important than winning.
- Recognise that young people play sport for fun, friendship and personal achievement.

### What we ask Clubs to do

- Focus on the children's and team's efforts rather than winning or losing.
- Make it clear that the interests of the children are more important than winning.
- Recognise that young people play sport for fun, friendship and personal achievement.
- Support their coaches to promote that juniors are able to play netball.
- In juniors it is not about the win, it is about the playing and being a part of a team.
- Provide leadership training and resources.
- Develop a mentoring system where experienced leaders assist others.
- Participate in an inclusive, positive and caring environment where juniors are not exposed to physical or verbal abuse from other young people, their parents/carers or sport providers.
- Respect the rights and worth of all participants whatever their gender, ability, cultural background etc.
- Always play fair and acknowledge others' good play.

### What we ask Coaches to do

- Focus on the children's and team's efforts rather than winning or losing.
- Make it clear that the interests of the children are more important than winning.
- Recognise that young people play sport for fun, friendship and personal achievement.
- Give praise, positive feedback, reinforcement and encouragement after mistakes and achievements.
- Counsel (where a young person does not act appropriately or violates rules).
- Resolve conflicts and defuse difficult situations.
- Display control and respect for all involved (opponents, other coaches, umpires, administrators, parents and spectators).
- Develop team respect for the ability of all participants including opponents as well as for the judgment of officials and opposing coaches.
- Work with others, especially officials, to show young people how they should behave.
- Speak to all participants using inclusive and respectful language.



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## What we ask parents to do

- Be a good role model.
- Ask how you can contribute to your children's participation and to the team or other players.
- Understand and accept the role of sport for their children and their motivations for involvement.
- Accept wins and losses graciously, following the Code of Behaviour.
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- Take an active role by contributing to your child's sports participation.
- Look for opportunities to promote fairness, safety and respect for all (coaches, officials, teammates and other teams).
- Focus on your children's and team's efforts rather than winning or losing.
- Make it clear that the interests of your children are more important than winning.
- Recognise that young people play sport for fun, friendship and personal achievement.

## What we ask players to do

- Participate fairly, safely and in the spirit of the rules.
- Cooperate with coaches, officials, teammates and opponents.
- Accept decisions without dissent.
- Acknowledge good performance by teammates and opponents.
- Follow the Code of Behaviour.
- Respect the rights and worth of all participants whatever their gender, ability, cultural background etc.
- Always play fair and acknowledge others' good play.
- Do not provoke or use physical or verbal abuse against anyone.