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## INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR AND OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE POLICY

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### Our commitment

The Darwin Netball Association (DNA) is committed to providing a safe, responsive, kind and respectful environment for the participation of children, young people and adults in the sport of netball.

This policy is to be read in conjunction with the following DNA documents available on our website:

- Competition Regulations
- Code of Conduct Penalties Policy
- Complaint / Incident Procedure

The DNA has a zero tolerance of inappropriate behaviour and offensive language and will make every attempt to remove the offender/s from the facility.

### What are inappropriate behaviours in sport?

Positive attitudes and conduct make sport enjoyable for everyone. Some people can ruin the experience with poor behaviour. This can include things like undue pressure, abuse, taunting, poor sportsmanship, foul language, harassment, bullying, victimisation and more. It can be verbal, written, physical or emotional.

Poor behaviour can occur in many places - during play, on the sidelines, at training, in the clubhouse or outside of the sporting facility. It can be coaches, players, parents, spectators, officials or administrators that behave poorly. Any one of these people, children or adults, can be the victim of poor conduct too.

Poor behaviour stems from a lack of respect.

Showing respect is so important.

### Complaints Handled by On Court Umpires During a Match

Summary below, please visit Rules of Netball 2020 Edition

[https://netball.com.au/sites/default/files/2020-01/INF\\_NETBALL%20RULE%20BOOK%20MANUAL%202020.pdf](https://netball.com.au/sites/default/files/2020-01/INF_NETBALL%20RULE%20BOOK%20MANUAL%202020.pdf)

- The umpires are able to request the team captain to speak to any on court player/s whose behaviour is causing concern.
- The umpires control a match according to the rules and decide any matter not covered by them. Their decisions are final and are given without appeal (5.2.1).
- Umpires may hold time to speak to players about their behaviour (5.2.1 vii).
- Umpires may hold time to request the team captain to speak to any on court player/s whose behaviour is causing concern (5.2.1 ix).
- The umpires may hold time or extend an interval if considered appropriate. (9.3.2 c) disciplining a player, team official or bench player.
- (13.1 i) to manage a match the umpires may in addition to the normal sanction, use any of the following actions:



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- Caution a player – a player is advised that the behaviour specified must change.
- Issue a warning to a player – a player is warned that suspension will follow if the player continues to infringe the foul play rule.
- Suspend a player – a player who is suspended takes no part in play for two minutes of playing time.
- Order a player off – a player who is ordered off takes no further part in the match.
- Off court (spectator) verbal inappropriate/offensive language towards umpires during a match. Umpires may hold time to speak to spectators about their behaviour and issue a warning that if the behaviour continues the umpire will call a stop to the game.

## Complaints Handled by Club to Club in relation to this policy

- On court verbal inappropriate/offensive language.
- Off court (spectator) verbal inappropriate/offensive language towards umpires/players during a match. If the spectator is identified as a club spectator/supporter, the opposite Club is able to advise the offending Club of the inappropriate behaviour and request that the offending person be counselled.

## Complaints Handled by Darwin Netball Association (DNA) in relation to this policy

- Abuse of an umpire.
- Gross breach of Code of Conduct.
- Online breach of Code of Conduct.
- Threatening a person.
- Deliberately endangering the health and safety of any player, spectator or official (incidents involving blood/body fluids)