

The following behaviour has no place in our association and will not be tolerated:

- Swearing
- Racial taunts of any kind
- Violent Conduct – Physical or verbal

**Our association has a zero tolerance to bad behaviour of players, coaches, officials, parents and spectators.**

**Should you have a difficult person on your game, then you are to report this to the Umpire Coach at your court. If you cannot see one, then report it to the office DURING THE MATCH.**

**Umpires/Umpire coaches can and will stop the game if it is abusive in any way and the match will not continue until the behaviour has ceased. This includes dealing with on court behaviour.**

**If this does not occur, the person concerned will be asked to leave the Court/Centre and a ban may be placed on them, depending on the severity of the circumstances.**

**No Correspondence will be entered into after the game.**

**This is designed to protect everyone, just think about how you would feel if someone was speaking to/physically hurting your family.**

#### **COACHES CODE OF BEHAVIOUR:**

- Remember that young people participate for pleasure, and winning is only part of the fun.
- Never ridicule or yell at a young player for making a mistake or not coming first.
- Be reasonable in your demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Operate within the rules and spirit of the game and teach your players to do the same.
- Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience. All young people are deserving of equal attention and opportunities
- Avoid overplaying the talented players; the "just average" need and deserve equal time.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players
- **Never argue with an official or publicly show descent. If you disagree with a decision, approach the centre management during the game.**
- Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport. This includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators
- Show concern and caution towards sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
- Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of young people.
- Any physical contact with a young person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

#### **PARENTS CODE OF BEHAVIOUR:**

- Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage children to participate, do no force them.
- Focus on your child's efforts and performance rather than whether they win or lose.
- Encourage children to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game. Remember that children learn best by example
- Appreciate good performance and skilful plays by all participants.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- **Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.**
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

## **KDNA Exemption Policy – Jewellery**

The policy around piercings being taped or gloves been worn over them, is based on the Netball Australia Official Rules of no jewellery may be worn.

This policy is flexible with the younger players ie ages 6 – 11 years (primary school age) but not the juniors. If ears have been pierced that week - they can tape them but only for a 1 week exemption.

Exemptions have to be for medical reasons. Some circumstances have necessitated on the spot agreements with the umpire convenor / supervisor to allow the game to continue. This is not always practical or suitable and does not give the players permission to wear jewellery each week.

Should a player come to the court with taping on already, the umpire is not permitted to look under the tape, but will ask the question is that a piercing?. If the player answers no, then we have to leave it at that. Should the tape fall off and the umpire observes the piercing they can then ask them to remove it, or leave the court.

Umpire coaches can step in regarding this issue if the umpires are unsure of how to deal with the situation. As the majority of our umpires are under 18, some of them may not be sure how to handle the situation as technically they shouldn't see it happening at all.

Clubs or Individuals may apply for an exemption to the Board and it will be discussed at the next meeting. Process for applying for an exemption would be that the club or individual sends through an email stating the details surrounding their request. They must include the name of their team and the competition they are participating in and email it directly to [Kdna.1@bigpond.com](mailto:Kdna.1@bigpond.com) .

If approved, it will be signed by a board member and can be collected from the office and must be shown on the relevant playing date.

## **KDNA Exemption Policy – Nails**

The policy around nails being taped or gloves been worn is based on the Netball Australia Official Rules, of nails must be cut short and smooth.

So long as Nails are checked before the match starts and they are ok – umpires will not re-check them. The biggest issue is that many players cut nails before they play and then they are sharp. Umpires are not permitted to touch fingernails to see if they are smooth. It is the players responsibility to ensure this is done.

You can still scratch someone with short nails. The ruling just prevents this from happening on a larger scale.

The Board have agreed that an exemption can be given for nails under the following circumstances:

- School Balls – 1 week exemption
- Work Expectations

Clubs or Individuals may apply for an exemption to the Board.

Process for applying for an exemption would be that the club or individual sends through an email stating either the date of the school ball, or in the case of work explain the details surrounding their request. They must include the name of their team and the competition they are participating in and email it directly to [Kdna.1@bigpond.com](mailto:Kdna.1@bigpond.com) .

When the email is received a Board member will sign the approval email.

Once signed, it can be collected from the office and must be shown at each game if it is a work exemption, or on the relevant playing date.