



Leschenault Netball Association

Umpire's Code of Conduct Policy

This policy outlines Leschenault Netball Association's (LNA) expectations of Umpires whilst umpiring, umpire training and whilst playing.

Principles:

1. Whilst Umpiring or Umpire Training.

Umpires and Trainers are expected to;

- Always apply the rules professionally. There is a balance between being a relaxed umpire and one which is complacent.
- Never criticise, provide feedback to, or instruct a player or spectator at any time during, before or after a game, unless it is within the rules of the game.
- Always speak with a clear concise, non-bias, tone.
- Never stroll down the court, put 100% into every game irrespective of the level
- Cautions or warnings must only be given out in the correct manner ie there is a way to give a caution & that does not include general inappropriate comments like "behave or else!!"
- Always wear the correct uniform
- Never shoot or play during quarters – you are there to perform a task
- Never casually chat during the game to spectators or players if clarification from the bench or if players approach for rule clarification, there are processes to be followed.
- Always have a rule book handy to refer to if questioned, if you don't know the answer to a question don't guess.
- Back up fellow umpire's decisions even if you don't agree – the umpire's decision is always final even if it's not 100% correct.
- If a game is becoming beyond your control seek help don't allow for it to spiral out of control.

2. Whilst Playing

Umpires are expected to know the rules better than most and are expected to be an example to all. Umpires must

- Always abide by the player code of conduct
- Never show dissent towards an umpire during, before or after a game – even friendly banter can be perceived as dissent

3. Accept responsibility.

At all times endeavour to keep yourself fully informed with sufficient information to enable you to have a reasonable belief that actions taken are appropriate. Work with and communicate with other umpires with care and diligence, never criticise an umpire publicly or privately. If a fellow umpire requires help or support let the Umpire Co-Ordinator know. You are part of LNA's team and we need to support each other.

4. Be well prepared

Regularly review LNA's By Laws & the rules of Netball. Advise the Umpire Administrator and Umpire Co-Ordinator if you can not attend a game, training or any other commitment at least 48 hours before hand unless unavoidable. Communications should be in writing via email & text message to ensure they are received in a timely fashion. Be respectful of LNA's policies at all times including the Umpiring Program.

5. Maintain privacy and ensure safety

At all times respect umpires are part of the LNA team and as such Privacy is of the utmost importance. Anything you hear in the LNA court box or via LNA meetings is not for general knowledge and should not be discussed further with others. Never discuss information or view surrounding players, umpires, coaches, LNA Board or other LNA members with others.