

**Mid Hills Netball Association (MHNA)
Carnival Committee**

Parents and Guardians

The delivery of junior netball would not be possible without the ongoing commitment of parents and guardians, who provide voluntary support in many ways.

Their expectations and attitudes significantly affect the enjoyment that their children receive from sports participation.

To ensure that children receive the greatest benefit from their netball activity, parents and guardians should:

- If children are interested, encourage them to play netball. However, if a child is not willing to play, do not force him or her.
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than the overall outcome of the event. This assists the child in setting realistic goals related to their ability by reducing the emphasis on winning.
- Teach children that honest effort is as important as victory, so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- Encourage children to always play according to the rules.
- Never ridicule or shout at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- Remember, children are involved in organised netball, which you can share if you handle it well.
- Remember that children learn best from example. Applaud good play by both teams.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from the playing arena.
- Recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches. They give of their time and resources to provide recreational activities for the children and deserve your support.
- Be a model of good sports behaviour for children to copy. Be courteous in communication with players, coaches, officials and administrators. If there is disagreement with an official, raise the issue through the appropriate channels.