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## SPORTSMANSHIP POLICY

This policy outlines the association's expectation of a high level of sportsmanship and fair play and the requirements for acceptable accompanying behaviours for all members and supporters.

CHDNA expects that persons in all areas of netball participation adhere to the [Netball Australia Code of Behaviours](#). Copies of these codes can be obtained from a member of the committee, the CHDNA website or the Netball Australia website.

### Types of Offences

Offences will be categorised into two categories – minor or major offences. Examples of these types of behaviours are outlined below.

#### **Minor Offences**

- Back chatting to umpire
- Offensive language
- Derogatory comments

#### **Major Offences**

- Violence or threats of same
- Reckless/Dangerous play
- Bullying, harassment, discrimination and intimidation

### Disciplinary Procedure - Players

1. If a **minor offence**, the Umpire should initially address the issue with the player through outlining the issue/unacceptable behaviours and request a response and explanation, as soon as possible on a face to face basis after the event. This action is to be conducted away from any other team members in a firm and pro-active manner.
2. If a **major offence**, the Umpire should immediately suspend the player – removing them from the game.
3. The Umpire should complete a written incident report and provide to the CHDNA Umpire Convenor and Management Committee following the game.
4. Repeat minor offences and all major offences will be referred to the CHDNA Management Committee, where a full investigation into the offence will occur. All persons involved in the offence will have an opportunity to respond to the allegations and provide additional relevant information. Whilst the investigation is conducted, players are placed on suspension and will be unable to take the court.
5. All reported offences will be recorded in the CHDNA Player Offence Register.



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**Disciplinary Outcomes - Players**

1. First **minor offences** will result in the player being placed on immediate probation. If appropriate a member of the Management Committee will discuss the offence with the player to ensure they understand CHDNA's behaviour expectations.
2. First **major offences** will result in the player being immediately suspended and removed from the game pending a full investigation into the offence.
3. **Repeat minor and all major offences** (in a 12 month period) are considered very serious. Full consideration will be given to all relevant information and circumstances when considering what, if any, disciplinary action should be taken. Outcomes may include a full clearance, probation, suspension from participating in a number of games or removal of association membership. The level of discipline will be determined by Management Committee taking into consideration the seriousness of the offence and all relevant and mitigating factors.
4. Any criminal offence will be reported to the appropriate authorities.

**Disciplinary Procedure and Outcomes – All others**

It is highly recommended that an official from CHDNA be sought out immediately.

**Recommended Procedure for Umpires**

1. Warn the person
2. Penalise their team (suggestion - penalty pass, advancement of penalty)
3. Ask the offending person to leave the area
4. Forfeit the game against their team (before forfeiting the game, support from a CHDNA official is required).

Where necessary, CHDNA will take appropriate action to manage continued inappropriate conduct, which may include suspending a team for a number of games or removing association membership.

**Disputes and Appeals**

We endeavour to do our best when it comes to resolving issues within CHDNA. Please contact any member of the Management Committee if you have any issues that need resolving or if you would like to make a complaint regarding a situation that has arisen or to appeal a disciplinary decision.

There is an official incident report form which is located at the office, from the CHDNA website or you may put your concerns in writing and either post it to: PO Box 158, Cannon Hill Q 4170 or email to: [chdnainc@gmail.com](mailto:chdnainc@gmail.com).