

Bundaberg Netball Association



POLICY – Bundaberg Netball Association Non-Player Sportsmanship Policy

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Non-Players

Non-players are considered to be:

- Coaches
- Scorers
- Parents
- Spectators
- Umpires
- Committee members

Non-Player Offences

1. Any offence taking part on the court sideline is to be reported to a member of the Bundaberg Netball Association Management Committee.
2. The name of offender is to be reported by the umpires of the game and/or committee member to the Bundaberg Netball Association Management Committee in a written report.
3. At the time of the first offence the offender is **placed on immediate probation** until the conclusion of the Special Meeting held by Bundaberg Netball management Committee.
4. The non-player/s and club officials will be notified and any repeated offences by the same person will be referred to a special meeting of the Bundaberg Netball Management Committee the following Wednesday night.
5. If the offence is of a major concern the matter can be referred to a judiciary on the first occurrence.
6. Any offence will remain on the persons' record at the Association.

Process of Submitting a Report:

1. Complete the BNA Incident Form, ensuring all details are complete and witnesses to the event or incident have been included.
2. Submit the form to the BNA either in person or email bundynetball@hotmail.com
3. BNA President will be provided the form.
4. BNA Secretary will then call all parties involved to provide their recall of events at a meeting of the judiciary panel (either in person or via email) at the earliest time.

Types of Offences

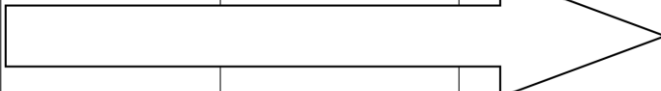
Minor Offences	Major Offences
Swearing Offensive Language Derogatory Comments Disrespect of an official Not following directions of an official	Verbal Threats Intimidation Physical assault of another person

Consequences

During a game

Offence	Instances occurring in one game			
	Instance 1	Instance 2	Instance 3	Subsequence incident
<u>Minor</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disrespect of an official i.e umpire, coach, opposition coach, committee member • Not following a direction given by an official 	Warning from an official Runner sent to the office to ask committee member to attend game	Team penalized Opposition team to be given an advanced penalty	Removal of offender from the area Offending person asked to removed themselves from the area by committee member	Police to be called to remove the offender
<u>Major</u> Verbal threats Intimidation	Immediate removal for the area	Police to be called to remove the offender		

Over Time

	Offence	1 st Offence	2 nd Offence	3 rd Offence	Subsequence incident
Non-Player	Minor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swearing Offensive language Derogatory comments Disrespect of an official Not following a direction given by an official An official acting in a non-professional manner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Probation Letter to be sent to player and club officials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suspension 2 fixture games in succession 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suspension 8 fixture games in succession 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removal for all games for the remainder of the season
	Major Verbal threats Intimidation Physical assault	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immediate removal from the game Suspension 2 fixture games in succession 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immediate removal from the game Suspension 8 fixture games in succession 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removal for all games for the remainder of the season 	
	A person acting on behalf of BNA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> acting in a non-professional manner Intimidating others Not following 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removal from all duties for Bundaberg Netball Removal from committee position

In the event of an offence taking place:

- It is highly recommended an official from the offending team to sort out instantly.
- They are to approach the offending person and explain their behaviour will not be tolerated and there are procedures in place which will be carried out if the behaviour continues.
- If this is not adhered to and further offences continue the offender will be asked to leave the area. If this is refused the Police will be called.
- The Umpire will notify the offending team and supply a written report to the Umpire Convenor and the Management Committee of the offence and the offender. The offending team and the umpires on the game will report to a Special Meeting of the Bundaberg Netball Judiciary Committee the as soon as possible after the event, but prior to the next round of Bundaberg Netball Association to give their respective sides to the incident.
- Bundaberg Netball Association Inc can take action of suspension of a whole team and/or its coaches/parents if a club has not dealt with the offending person to the satisfaction of the Bundaberg Netball Association Inc. Management Committee.

Recommended Procedure for Umpires:

- Umpire calls time and stops the game. Warn the person by saying that their behaviour is unacceptable. Play will then continue.
- If behaviour continues, Umpire calls time and stops the game. A caution is given or if warranted a warning. Send runner to the office to ask for a Bundaberg Netball management Committee member to come to the game. If not available in the office, call for a member over the PA to go to the game.
- Penalise their team for not adhering to the verbal warning for example – a free pass or penalty pass.

4. From here the Management Committee member will take over and ask the offender to abide by the Parent/Spectators code of behaviour or leave the area.
5. If the behaviour of sideline continues, Umpire stops the game again and the person involved, with the help of the committee member, must leave the area. If this is unpleasant and holds up the Umpire from restarting the game, the game is stopped and a win is awarded to the non-offending team.

Probation

At the time of the first offence the offender and the club official will receive an official notification to attend a special meeting of the Bundaberg Netball Management Committee on the following Wednesday night. The meeting is to be attended by the offender and the reporter of the incident and any witnesses to the incident. The offender and their club will then receive a letter via email in the following 24 hours stating the offence and consequences. If probation is broken by another offence, the player will be automatically suspended for a period set down by the Bundaberg Netball Management Committee.

Suspension

Suspension for minor offences will commence at 2 fixture games with a maximum of 8 fixture games. After which time should an infringement occur the non-player will be removed for all games for the remainder of the season.

Immediate suspension (no probation), of a period to be set by the Bundaberg Netball Management Committee, will be enforced for verbal threats to player, non-player, coach, official, umpire and/or opposing coach.

ALL PROBATIONS AND SUSPENSIONS WILL BE IN WRITING TO THE NON-PLAYER AND THEIR CLUB OFFICIALS.

THE RIGHT OF APPEAL IS AVAILABLE FOR ALL JUDGEMENTS AND PENALTIES.

IT MUST BE LODGED WITHIN 48 HOURS OF RECEIPT OF THE OFFICIAL WRITTEN

NOTIFICATION TO THE SECRETARY OF BUNDABERG NETBALL ASSOCIATION

INC. AND IS TO BE ACCOMPANIED WITH A \$50 FEE. THIS FEE IS REFUNDABLE SHOULD THE APPEAL BE UPHeld. IF THE APPEAL IS OVERTURNED THIS FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE.

Please be aware the Appeals Committee holds the right to lengthen or should the suspension period as they see fit.

Solving Complaints and Disputes

We endeavour to do our best when it comes to resolving issues within the Bundaberg Netball Association. 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. There is an official incident report form which is located at the office or you may put your concerns in writing and post it to PO Box 1016, Bundaberg Q 4670, or hand it to a Management Committee person within 24 hours of the incident.