

RAUMATI BEACH SCHOOL

Positive Play Policy

For the 2018 Netball Season

The RBS Positive Play Policy is based on the principles promoted by Netball New Zealand under its *ANZ futureFERNs official junior Netball programme*. That programme is for years 2-8 and focusses on encouraging Kiwi kids to have fun by getting physically active and igniting a lifelong love of Netball.

At RBS we all have a role to play in our school's netball programme whether it be as players, coaches, managers, umpires or supporters on the sideline. The aim of this Policy is to try and make the experience as positive as possible for all those involved especially for our budding netballers by setting out our core principles. These are as follows:

1. At RBS we believe that player participation is more important than winning and therefore promote equal game time for all players over the course of the netball season regardless of ability. For children it's great to win but even better to play!
2. At RBS we believe that players should be encouraged to play a range of positions. This will develop all round netball skills and a greater understanding of the game and ensure that they are not limiting their options for later years.
3. At RBS we believe in encouraging our players to give it their very best and rewarding player effort regardless of their ability or the outcome of the game.
4. At RBS we believe in developing a great sense of being part of the team and player responsibility to their teammates. Players, supported by their parents, need to ensure that they attend all trainings and turn up to the game on time in the right uniform, fingernails cut with no jewelry on. Failure to do so may result in less game time.
5. At RBS we believe in developing a great sense of sportsmanship where players respect their opponents and the importance of sticking to the rules to keep themselves and others on the court safe. Players should always be ready at the end of the game to shake hands with the other team and thank them for their participation.

6. At RBS we know that children build confidence through positive encouragement. Let's not take the fun out of it by yelling if they make a mistake but instead applaud good play by players on both teams.
7. At RBS we believe in valuing our coaches and managers. They are unpaid volunteers after all and very hard to find! Any concerns you may have with a coach or manager can be raised with Prisca MacDonald the Deputy Principal.
8. At RBS we know that umpiring is a tough and thankless task. Disagreeing with an umpire in public just makes the job tougher especially for our College age umpires who are just learning. Any concerns you may have can be raised with the control room at the Netball courts during or after the game.
9. At RBS we believe in supporting our coaches and umpires to acquire the skills they need to be great in their roles by facilitating training workshops and to provide a support network during the season.
10. At RBS we will always ensure that anyone who wants to play netball is given the chance to do so. Gender and ability are irrelevant and we will actively promote the participation of boys and those with disabilities in the sport.
11. Last but not least, at RBS we will always remember that children are involved in Netball to have FUN and we will ensure having FUN is always at the top of our priority list.

If you wish to be involved in the 2018 Netball season then you as a player and your parents as supporters must at all times adhere to this Policy.

