



Frankston Dolphins Junior Netball Club

Respect & Responsibility – Statement of Intent

We, the Frankston Dolphins Junior Netball Club hereby commit to the objective of Netball Victoria's Respect and

Responsibility Policy to create safe, welcoming and inclusive environments for women and girls at all levels of Netball.

By committing to this goal, we understand that;

Violence against women is a violation of a woman's right to physical and psychological integrity, to liberty, and all too often, to her right to life itself. It is any act of gender based violence that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual or psychological harm to women

We acknowledge that;

- In Australia and around the world, 1 in three women will experience violence at some point in their life time

That violence against women is the leading cause of death, disability and illness in young Victorian women

aged 15 – 44

- One in five Australian women reported being subject to sexual assault at some time in their adult lives

; and

- Four in five Australian women who experienced sexual violence knew their attacker

We understand that violence against women is a major public health and safety issue in Australia, and therefore affirm that our club understands it's, and the wider Netball communities role in preventing violence against women before it occurs.

We further recognise that violence against women is caused by;

- Unequal power relations between men and women and belief in rigid gender roles;
- Holding a masculine sense of entitlement;
- Belief in the male right to control relationships: and
- Promotion of these beliefs through social structures, such as sporting clubs

We underline our commitment to challenging these behaviours and attitudes that can cause, contribute to and

condone violence against women. We understand that creating environments where women feel safe, welcome and inclusive is both an individual and collective responsibility. In order to achieve this, we commit to;

- Having an equal representation of women and men in senior leadership positions;
- Actively recruiting women and girls to coaching roles
- Ensuring that all elements of the Member Protection Policy are adhered to at all times;
- Communicate and enforce relevant Club and League Codes of Conduct;
- Actively engage with the White Ribbon Campaign, or equivalent;
- Adherence to our Responsible Service of Alcohol obligations; and
- Enforcing Club and League Codes of Conduct, where applicable.

As a leader of this Netball club, I commit to this Statement of Intent, and will inform the wider Netball club of this

commitment.

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This Policy was passed by the Club's Committee and will take effect from 1st March 2025.

For more information please contact our Child Safety Officer on netball.safety@fdjfc.com.au, VP Admin on netball.vpadmin@fdjfc.com.au or President on netball.president@fdjfc.com.au. This Policy was passed by the Club's Committee and will take effect from 1st March 2025

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