

PARENTS' ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Before the game

- You don't need to tell your child that winning doesn't matter because they know it has some meaning. Instead, help them to develop a healthy competitive attitude for trying hard and having fun
- Tell your child to "go for it, give it your best shot and have fun"

During the game

- Don't yell instructions at your child during the game. The coach has given them instructions and their teammates are also calling out to them; too much input is confusing
- Cheer and acknowledge good play by both teams
- Never criticise a mistake, only make motivational comments
- Respect the decisions made by the officials. Your child will learn to respect authority by seeing you do the same
- Accept the decision of where your child may play during that game. All participants will play in all positions during the season

After the game

- Thank the officials and the coach
- Congratulate your child and their teammates on their efforts
- Compliment individual players on good plays they made during the game
- Focus on the way your child played rather than winning or losing
- If your child is upset with losing, help them not to focus on the outcome

During the car ride home

- Point out a good play your child made during the game
- Avoid criticising or correcting mistakes
- Ask questions like:
 - What was fun about netball today?
 - What was something you did well today?
 - What did you learn from the game?
 - What do you like best about NetSetGO?

