

## 12. POSITION STATEMENT: CYBER BULLYING AND SAFETY

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- 12.1. Bullying and sexual harassment in all forms are regarded by Netball Australia, Member Organisations and Affiliate as unacceptable in netball. These forms of conduct are unlawful and have the potential to cause great anxiety and distress to the person targeted by hurtful or derogatory comments or statements.
- 12.2. New technologies and communication tools, such as smartphones and social networking websites, have greatly increased the potential for people to be bullied through unwanted and inappropriate comments.
- 12.3. Netball Australia, Member Organisations and Affiliates will not tolerate abusive, discriminatory, intimidating or offensive statements being made online.
- 12.4. Frustration at an umpire, official, teammate, coach or sporting body should never be communicated on social networking or internet websites. These issues should instead be addressed – in a written or verbal statement or a complaint – to the relevant Affiliate, Member Organisation or Netball Australia.