

Positive Vibes Frequently Asked Questions

Bringing the Vibe. Let Them Enjoy the Game.

Why are we doing this?

Positive Vibes is about creating a positive, respectful and supportive environment where everyone can enjoy netball.

We know children have the best sporting experience when the adults around them encourage players, respect officials and create a welcoming atmosphere.

Rather than focusing on poor behaviour, Positive Vibes promotes the behaviours we want to see more of:

- ♥ Encouragement
- ♥ Respect
- ♥ Sportsmanship
- ♥ Inclusion
- ♥ Enjoyment

Everyone contributes to the experience of our game—players, coaches, umpires, volunteers, parents and spectators.

Who wears the green vest?

Each team will nominate a **Positive Vibes Representative** each week.

The role can rotate throughout the season, similar to scoring duties.

Team Managers are encouraged to participate, however any parent, guardian or supporter who represents the values of Positive Vibes can volunteer.

Do I need training?

No formal training is required to be a Positive Vibes Representative.

The role is about being a positive presence, modelling respectful behaviour and helping create a welcoming environment.

MENA will provide clubs with information and support throughout the season, including guidance on the role and what to do if concerns arise.

Can anyone volunteer?

Yes.

Any parent, guardian, family member or supporter can volunteer, provided they are willing to:

- ✓ Lead by example
- ✓ Show respect and sportsmanship
- ✓ Encourage players
- ✓ Support umpires, coaches and volunteers
- ✓ Represent their club positively

Do I have to confront people?

No.

You are **not expected to confront anyone or put yourself in an uncomfortable situation.**

Your first role is to model positive behaviour and help create the right atmosphere.

If you feel comfortable and a reminder is appropriate, you may simply say:

“Let’s keep it positive for the kids.”

If the situation feels unsafe, aggressive or uncomfortable, do not intervene. Contact a MENA Competition Coordinator.

What if someone is abusive?

The Positive Vibes Representative is not responsible for managing abusive behaviour.

If you observe behaviour such as:

- Verbal abuse towards players or umpires
- Personal insults or inappropriate comments
- Discriminatory language or slurs
- Threatening or aggressive behaviour
- Behaviour that impacts the safety or enjoyment of others

Please notify a MENA Competition Coordinator.

MENA staff will manage the situation in line with existing policies and procedures.

Do I speak to umpires?

No.

Positive Vibes Representatives should **not approach umpires about decisions or umpiring during a game.**

Umpires are responsible for making decisions on court.

The role of the Positive Vibes Representative is to support umpires and encourage respectful communication.

Where do I get the green vest?

Green Positive Vibes vests will be available courtside at the team bench.

If yours is the first game for the day come to the competition office pick up your vest.

If your game is last for the day, drop it off to the competition office.

If you need a different size come and get one from the competition office.

Who do I report concerns to?

If you have a concern or need assistance:

 Speak with the **MENA Competition Coordinator** at the venue.

They will assess the situation and determine any action required.

What if nothing happens during my game?

That is success!

The Positive Vibes Representative is there to create a positive environment, encourage good behaviour and help make every game enjoyable.

Most weeks, your biggest impact will simply be:

- ♥ A friendly smile
- ♥ Positive encouragement
- ♥ Respectful support
- ♥ Setting the example

Remember

The green vest is not about policing behaviour.

It is about creating the culture we want to see.

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