



Love their Game is an initiative to improve sideline and on court behaviour. It focuses on positive role modeling providing information on how to encourage our rangatahi to ensure they enjoy a quality netball experience.

*“Love their game is about turning good feelings into good behaviors and ensuring we’re all doing our bit to support our young people’s growth, belonging and future through sport”*

*(Ben O’Keefe, Love Their Game Ambassador)*

## TURNING GOOD FEELINGS INTO GOOD BEHAVIOURS

	<b>LOVE FOR YOUR CHILDREN, IS LOVE FOR THE GAME</b>					
<b>THINK: FINDING THE LINE</b>	<b>YOU’RE HERE FOR YOUR KIDS GROWTH</b>		<b>YOU’RE HERE FOR YOUR KIDS BELONGING</b>		<b>YOU’RE HERE FOR YOUR KIDS FUTURE</b>	
	LANGUAGE: FACILITATE SELF-DISCOVERY	BEHAVIOUR: CELEBRATE EFFORT AND IMPROVEMENT	LANGUAGE: SUPPORTIVE & INCLUSIVE	BEHAVIOUR: RESPECTFUL & WELCOMING	LANGUAGE: FUN & ENCOURAGING	BEHAVIOUR: BE A GOOD ROLEMODEL

How might you behave and be the Champion your child looks up to—turn the page for some suggestions.

How might you approach those who may not be acting quite so positively?

If you are struggling to have some of those difficult conversations—turn the page for some great suggestions!

More information and tools can be found here:

<https://www.netballnorthern.co.nz/northern/love-their-game>

<https://lovetheirgame.org.nz>

<https://aktive.org.nz/Participation/Sport-Development/Good-Sports>

<https://netballnz.co.nz/netball-nz/community/good-sports.html>



# You're a Champion

## Words of encouragement

"I love watching you play"

"You looked like you were enjoying your game today—I love it when you have fun"

"You played really hard today—I'm proud of you"

"Great game today—let's go thank the umpires—they did a great job too"

"I'm really looking forward to watching you play today—you go have fun"

"I love how you showed your "W's" when catching the ball today"

"I love that you pivoted today—that was amazing"

"I love how hard you were trying today—it makes me happy"

"It's ok that you dropped the ball—if you like we can practice together?"

## On and off court actions

Cheer and clap when players do what coach has asked them from training sessions

Cheer and clap for good play from both teams

Thank the umpires after the game

When mistakes are made—be positive and encourage to try again

# Conversation Starters

Hi...how are you? Who are you here watching/supporting? Just wondering if you come and have a chat with me? We've had some reports about some of the words you're using – I appreciate your passion however we like to promote positivity.

Hi Club/School leader... It's been brought to our attention that (this situation happened) are you aware? What is your understanding of the situation? How can we help to resolve / upskill / educate

I love your passion - I think we have different perceptions about encouragement/supporting...I'd like to hear your thinking on this..

I'd like to talk about how we can be Champions—I think we have different ideas about how to support and encourage our children.

I have something I'd like to discuss with you that I think will help us support our umpire/coach/players more effectively

I need your help with what just happened. Do you have a few minute to talk?