



Parents Code of Conduct

The enjoyment and safety of your child when involved in a netball activity is of paramount importance to us. As parents, you are asked to support our Codes of Conduct and embrace the spirit of the game. We operate a zero-tolerance approach to verbal, physical and emotional abuse of coaches, assistant coaches, umpires, volunteers and players – mutual respect forms the basis of everything we do.

As a parent/carer, I will:

- Encourage my child to play within the rules and respect officials' and coaches' decisions.
- Support my child's efforts and performance, give positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort and learning.
- Understand that competition is about winning and losing, so results are always accepted without undue disappointment.
- Be a positive role model to my child by helping them work towards skill improvement and good sportsmanship.
- Remember that children learn best by example; I will applaud good play by both my child's team and their opponents.
- Thank the coaches, officials and other volunteers who give their time for my child and not interfere with their decisions.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in the game, regardless of gender, marital status, race, colour, disability, sexuality, age, occupation, religion or political opinion.
- Promote this code of conduct to other parents, carers and supporters.
- Be aware of my child's club safeguarding policy and ensure that any concerns are reported to the club's safeguarding officer immediately.

As a parent/carer, I will not:

- Pressure my child in any way; I know that this is their sport not mine
- Use inappropriate language at any time during a match/training session.
- Verbally, physically and/or emotionally abuse coaches, assistant coaches, umpires, volunteers and/or players at any time.
- Criticise or ridicule my child for making a mistake or losing after the game.

All parents and carers are representing the club and any parent not adhering to the Parents Code of Conduct will be subject to the following three stage process:

Stage one: Meeting with your squad's coach to discuss the situation

Stage two: Meeting with Head Coach for further discussion if not resolved at stage one

Stage three: Meeting with Chair/Vice-Chair to finalise outcome.

Parents name _____ Date _____

Parents signature _____