

# **England Netball Codes of Conduct**

## **Relevant to the North Yorkshire Junior League 2024-25**

*For the full EN Codes of Conduct please visit the England Netball website.*

### **Overview of Codes and Procedures**

Sporting excellence and enjoyment are only achieved by participants and spectators through adherence to the highest moral, ethical and sporting standards. Our mission is to establish England Netball as a top performing, financially sustainable National Governing Body that promotes 'Netball for Life' and develops world-class athletes.

One of our underlying objectives is to establish a safe, fair and inclusive sporting environment.

To achieve this ambition, we must continue to engage everyone in our Sport and provide them with an enjoyable, exciting and stimulating experience. The promotion of respect, high standards of sporting behaviour and ethics are fundamental to this objective. Our Codes of Conduct set out the standards and expectations that are applicable to every Member and Connected Participant involved in the delivery of Netball under the auspices of the National Governing Body in England.

The Code of Conduct for Members and Connected Participants is applicable to everyone involved with Netball.

It is the responsibility of all Members and Connected Participants to understand England Netball's standards and expectations under the individual codes of conduct and to help us ensure that the code is applied by all netball participants in England

Our Codes of Conduct requires the highest standards of conduct from everyone involved in netball to ensure that their behaviour and actions meet the values and standards expected at all times.

**Everyone must conduct themselves in an honest, fair, impartial and transparent manner.**

### **Code of Conduct Parents/ Carers/ Spectators**

The enjoyment and safety of your Child when involved in a netball activity is of paramount importance to England Netball. Every Child and Young Person will be encouraged and asked to ensure that their behaviour and actions meet the values and standards expected of them at all times. As parents, you are asked to support our Codes of Conduct and embrace the spirit of our game.

**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 high standards of sporting behaviour
- Remember that Children and Young People 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
- Help when asked by a coach or official
- 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
- Never engage in discriminatory abuse or anti-social behaviour which could include but is not limited to racism, sexism, antisemitic, Islamophobic, homophobic or transphobic behaviour.
- Read the rules of The Sport to understand better what I am watching and discussing with my Child
- 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 or England Netball's Lead Safeguarding Officer.

**As a parent/carers, I will not:**

- Pressure my child in any way; I know that this is their Sport not mine
- Use inappropriate language, harass athletes, coaches, officials or other spectators
- Criticise or ridicule my child for making a mistake or losing after the game
- Force my child if they are unwilling to participate in the Sport
- Use Social Media technology to bring the game into disrepute or make an inappropriate comment about an athlete, coach, official, volunteer or member of England Netball staff
- Arrive at a netball activity under the influence of or consume illegal substances, alcoholic drinks, smoke or vape either immediately prior to or while being at a netball activity where my child is participating in the Sport.

**I will endeavour to abide by this code of conduct and promote it to others.**

**I understand that if I fail to follow the code England Netball may take action against me either informally or under the Disciplinary Regulations in accordance with the EN Misconduct List, which may result in Sanctions including suspension.**