

# **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

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

### **Code of Conduct for Players**

#### **As a Player I Understand and will Respect:**

- The rules, regulations and requirements of the Sport, including any Competitions in which I participate either directly or indirectly
- The rights, dignity and worth of all people in netball, regardless of any protected characteristic (disability, gender reassignment, religion/ belief, sex, sexual orientation)
- Netball and the individual's reputation and not take any action or make inappropriate comments, including on Social Media, about a fellow participant, coach, official, volunteer or member of England Netball's staff that will bring The Sport or those associated with delivering The Sport into disrepute\*. I will respect EN's guidance and policies on Social Media technology.
- My position and always conduct and dress myself in an appropriate manner.
- The result of the game and will not attempt to offer or accept any consideration whatsoever in return for influencing or attempting to influence the result. I will not seek to achieve personal gain on a result which I can influence by betting on any match or event where I am participating.
- That I must fully cooperate with any anti-doping investigations or proceedings, whether conducted by UK Anti-Doping or any other competent body.

### **Netball is based on Teamwork, therefore I will:**

- Not abuse or misuse any relationship of trust or position of power held by me in my team.
- Be on time, dressed appropriately and ready to give my full attention to the role I am carrying out within Netball
- Recognise that individuals bring different qualities and attributes but “together we will excel”.
- Welcome new members and cooperate with Members already in the Sport.

### **I recognise individuals participate in Netball to achieve and have fun, therefore I will:**

- Recognise the achievements of others and applaud their successes
- Endeavour to ensure that all involved in the Sport optimise their potential by promoting the positive aspects of the sport and never use inappropriate or abusive language.
- Never engage in discriminatory abuse or anti-social behaviour.
- Not impinge on others' enjoyment of The Sport or my performance by consuming alcoholic drinks, smoke or vape immediately prior to or while participating in the sport.
- Use Social Media technology appropriately, ensuring I do not bring the game into disrepute or make an inappropriate comment about an athlete, player, coach, official, volunteer or member of England Netball staff
- Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to participate in a fair, honest environment by rejecting cheating of any sort.
- Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat; be sporting – whether I win or lose; always acknowledge the other team and the umpires at the end of the game with a hand shake or three cheers.
- Never argue with an official or participant during a game and listen to and cooperate with officials' decisions
- Control my temper; I understand that verbal, emotional and physical abuse of officials, coaches, spectators or participants, or deliberately distracting or provoking a participant, coach or official is not acceptable or permitted behaviour in netball
- Enjoy the game and ensure others can also enjoy it.

**I will 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.**