

Code of Conduct for Parent / Carers

The enjoyment and safety of your child when involved in a netball activity is of paramount importance to England Netball. Every child 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:

- Complete the Registration Form with essential information. Pay the Hitchin Netball Club fees and England Netball Membership payment when requested or contact the Club Secretary for financial support.
- Ensure my child attends every session except in the case of injury/illness in which case I will inform the Coach or Administration Manager. I understand that failure to do so and non-attendance of more than three consecutive weeks without explanation will result in their membership being terminated and the place offered to our waiting list.
- Inform the Club of any long-term illness or injury and understand the place will be held open for the remainder of the season until my child is able to return.
- 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
- 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
- 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/carer, 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
- Arrive at a netball activity under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- 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
- Consume illegal substances either immediately prior to or while being at a netball activity where my child is participating in the sport
- Consume alcoholic drinks, smoke or vape either immediately prior to or while being at a netball activity where my child is participating.

Netball Rules!

