HITCHIN
NETBALL CLUB

Summary: Code of Conduct Parents & Carers

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Parents and carers play an important role in creating a safe, positive, and respectful environment for all players. By supporting Hitchin Netball Club, you agree to the following expectations.

✅ We ask parents and carers to:

- Pay fees on time or contact the Club if support is needed.
- Ensure children attend sessions unless ill or injured, and notify the Club of absences.
- Encourage respect for coaches, officials, teammates, and opponents.
- Be positive, supportive, and show good sportsmanship at all times.
- Applaud good play from both teams.
- Follow the guidance of coaches, officials, and volunteers.
- Allow **only club coaches** to coach during matches.
- Remain outside the playing area during games, in line with England Netball rules.
- Treat everyone with respect, regardless of background or personal characteristics.
- Support the Club's safeguarding policies and report any concerns.
- Ensure a responsible adult is present at matches or tournaments.

❌ Parents and carers must not:

- Pressure or force a child to play.
- Harass, argue with, or use inappropriate language or behaviour.
- Criticise a child for mistakes or performance.
- Shout instructions or coach from the sidelines.
- Attend under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Smoke, vape, or consume alcohol or illegal substances at netball activities.
- Use social media to criticise the Club or bring netball into disrepute.

Acknowledgement

By supporting a child involved in Hitchin Netball Club activities, parents and carers agree to follow this Code of Conduct.