

CODE OF CONDUCT

To ensure that the game of netball in the South West is played in a manner consistent with the ethos of fair play, integrity, sportsmanship and honesty, each club entering the Regional League or competitions shall sign up to the following codes of conduct for their players, umpires and coaches.

PLAYERS

1. Know the rules of the game and play to them.
2. Play fairly, be competitive but not be aggressive.
3. During play do not question a decision made by the Umpires either by gesture, look, verbally or by commenting to another player.
4. Keep yourself in control at all times and do not retaliate. Do not use obscene language or physical abuse at any time.
5. Shall not consume alcoholic drinks or smoke, nor be under the influence of alcohol or illicit drugs when playing.
6. Accept victory modestly and defeat graciously. Your club will be judged on your behaviour.
7. Thank the umpires for officiating your match.
8. Thank your opposition at the end of the match.

UMPIRES

1. Have a duty to exercise reasonable care and skill to enforce the rules of the game so as to ensure the safety of players.
2. At all times, umpire consistently, independently (an attitude of mind characterised by integrity) and with complete impartiality, respecting and abiding by the Rules which govern the game, in the true spirit of sportsmanship.
3. Conform to a standard of mental and physical fitness which enables them to effectively and efficiently control the matches to which they are appointed.
4. Maintain a complete knowledge and up-to-date interpretation of the Official Rules of Netball and be fully conversant with the Rules, Regulations and Scoring Systems applicable to the event at which they are officiating.
5. Be smartly dressed and appear on court in clothing that will project an image.
6. Remember they are the controllers of the game and their decisions should not be influenced by spectators, Team officials or players.
7. Exercise self-control at all times and not commit to any action likely to bring the game into disrepute.
8. Shall not consume alcoholic drinks or smoke, nor be under the influence of alcohol or illicit drugs when umpiring.
9. Shall not wager on or coach during any match at which they are officiating as an umpire.

COACHES

1. Never ridicule or shout at players for making mistakes or not winning.
2. Be reasonable in your demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
3. Operate within the rules and spirit of netball and teach your players to do the same.
4. Avoid overplaying talented players; the lesser talented players deserve equal time.
5. Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
6. Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with netball (including opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, parents and spectators).
7. Show concern and understanding to sick and injured players. Follow medical advice as to when an injured player is ready to recommence training and competition.
8. Attempt to keep up to date with appropriate qualifications and coaching practice.
9. Always adhere to the Child Protection Policy to ensure your role cannot be put into question.
10. Any physical contact with a young person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
11. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every player regardless of ability, cultural background, religion or personal circumstances.
12. Shall not consume alcoholic drinks or smoke, nor be under the influence of alcohol or illicit drugs when coaching.
13. Be understanding of players' personal circumstances
14. Be objective in selection and give as much playing opportunity to all players..
15. Be open with players and prepared to discuss with them any matter (performance, selection, and attitude) that will benefit the player at an appropriate time.
16. Abide by the Umpires and other Officials' decisions.

Players, umpires and coaches shall not use Social Media technology to bring the game into disrepute or to make an inappropriate comment about a fellow athlete, Coach, Official, volunteer or the National Governing Body.

Spectators and parents associated with the club shall also follow the spirit of these codes of conducts. Individuals and clubs may be liable to disciplinary action if they have committed any breach of this Code of Conduct or have failed to comply with the league and other competition rules

Signature not required if registered online.

Print name: _____ Date: _____

Signed: _____ Position in club: _____