

CODE OF CONDUCT for Parents 2026



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 Newbury Junior Netball Codes of Conduct and embrace the spirit of the game of Netball.

As a parent/carer, I will:

1. Abide by EN's guidance and policies on social media and behave in a respectful and appropriate manner at all times.
2. Encourage my child to play within the rules and respect officials' and coaches' decisions
3. Support my child's efforts and performance, give positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort and learning; be positive and encouraging at all times.
4. Understand that competition is about winning and losing, so results are always accepted without undue disappointment
5. Be a positive role model to my child by helping them work towards skill improvement and good sportsmanship
6. Remember that children learn best by example; I will applaud good play by both my child's team and their opponents
7. Thank the coaches, officials and other volunteers who give their time for my child and not interfere with their decision
8. 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
9. Read the rules of the sport to understand better what I am watching and discussing with my child
10. Promote this code of conduct to other parents, carers and supporters and be supportive when asked to help by a coach or official.
11. Be aware of England Netball's safeguarding policies and ensure that any concerns are reported to the club's safeguarding officer or England Netball's Lead Safeguarding Officer.
12. Welcome new members or volunteers and cooperate with other players, coaches, umpires and parents in the sport.

As a parent/carer, I will not:

1. Pressure my child in any way; I know that this is their sport not mine
2. Use inappropriate language, harass athletes, coaches, officials or other spectators
3. Criticise or ridicule my child for making a mistake or losing after the game
4. Force my child if they are unwilling to participate in the sport
5. Arrive at a netball activity under the influence of alcohol or drugs
6. 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
7. Consume illegal substances either immediately prior to or while being at a netball activity where my child is participating in the sport
8. Consume alcoholic drinks or smoke either immediately prior to or while being at a netball activity where my child is participating.