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NETBALL CLUB



Parent/Carer Code of Conduct

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Oldham Netball Club (ONC) is committed to providing a **positive, safe, respectful and supportive environment** for all players, coaches, officials, volunteers and families. Parents and carers play an important role in creating this environment and in supporting their child's enjoyment, development and experience of netball. This Code of Conduct sets out the standards of behaviour expected from all parents and carers whenever attending, communicating with, or representing ONC.

Failure to follow this Code of Conduct may result in appropriate action being taken by Oldham Netball Club. Depending on the nature, severity or frequency of the concern, this may include a discussion or formal warning, being asked to leave a training session, match or club event, restrictions on attendance at ONC activities, or further action **in accordance with the club's disciplinary and safeguarding procedures and in line with England Netball's advice and guidance**. Serious or repeated breaches may result in the player's continued membership of the club being reviewed.

As a parent/carers, I will:

- 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 high standards of sporting behaviour.
- Remember that children and young people 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.
- Never engage in discriminatory abuse or anti-social behaviour which could include but is not limited to racism, sexism, antisemitic, Islamophobic, homophobic or transphobic behaviour.
- 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.
- Explain to my child that they should not add, follow, message, or accept friend requests from any staff members or volunteers from the netball club on personal social media platforms

- 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.