



OLDHAM

NETBALL CLUB



Player Code of Conduct

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By registering as a member of **Oldham Netball Club (ONC)**, players and their parent/carer (where applicable) confirm that they have read, understood and agree to follow the Player Code of Conduct below. This Code sets out the standards of behaviour expected of all ONC players and is designed to promote a **safe, respectful, inclusive and positive environment**, both on and off the court. By providing consent, you acknowledge that failure to meet these standards may result in appropriate action being taken by the club.

By joining our club, players agree that they will:

- **Adhere to all rules, regulations and requirements of the sport**, including those governing any competitions in which you participate, either directly or indirectly.
- **Treat everyone involved in netball with dignity and respect**, regardless of gender, marital status, race, colour, disability, sexual orientation, age, occupation, religion, political belief or any other protected characteristic.
- **Represent ONC positively and act responsibly at all times**. Do not make inappropriate, offensive or harmful comments about teammates, coaches, officials, volunteers or other ONC members.
- **Use social media responsibly**. Do not post, share or engage with content that is abusive, offensive, discriminatory or likely to bring ONC, its members or the sport into disrepute.
- **Maintain appropriate social media boundaries with club staff and volunteers**. **Players under the age of 18 must not add, follow or send friend/follow requests to ONC staff members, coaches or volunteers through their personal social media accounts**. This is to support appropriate safeguarding and professional boundaries between young players and adults within the club.
- **Attend training sessions and matches in the correct ONC kit**. Fashion or non-club items should not be worn where club kit is required. Players must also ensure fingernails are appropriately short, hair is tied back and jewellery is removed in accordance with netball rules.
- **Keep mobile phones on silent and stored away during training and matches**, unless permission has been given by a coach or there is an emergency.
- **Show respect to umpires, opponents, coaches, club staff, volunteers and teammates**, treating others as you would wish to be treated.
- **Be punctual and give your full effort, attention and commitment** when training, playing or otherwise representing ONC.
- **Recognise and value the individual qualities of others** and work together in the pursuit of individual and team excellence.
- **Be a true team player**, supporting teammates and recognising and celebrating the achievements and successes of others.
- **Do not allow alcohol, smoking or other inappropriate behaviour to negatively affect your participation, performance or the enjoyment and safety of others**,

particularly when responsible for safeguarding children, young people or vulnerable adults.

- **Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.** Show good sportsmanship whether you win or lose and appropriately acknowledge the opposition and umpires at the end of a match.
- **Never argue with an umpire, official or participant during a game.** Listen to, respect and cooperate with officials and their decisions.
- **Control your temper and behaviour at all times.** Verbal, emotional or physical abuse of officials, coaches, spectators, teammates or opponents, as well as deliberately distracting or provoking others, will not be tolerated.
- **Enjoy the game and behave in a way that allows others to enjoy it too.**
- **Endeavour to uphold this Code of Conduct at all times and encourage others within ONC to do the same.**