

# WEST YORKSHIRE JUNIOR NETBALL LEAGUE (WYJNL) NETBALL RULES and CODES OF CONDUCT

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## 1. ORGANISATION AND ADMINISTRATION

a) The West Yorkshire Netball Junior League (WYJNL) will be played to International Netball Federation (INF) Rules. England Netball (EN) Domestic Rules Guidance which provides acceptable adaptations of the INF Rules for domestic leagues/competitions has been considered. This covers our legal responsibilities, our duty of care and our objective to establish an inclusive, safe, fair and inspiring sporting environment that always contributes to a high-quality experience.

b) All WYJNL fixtures will be played at approved venues **on the stipulated court number** on the dates and times allocated in advance at the start of each season. School holidays will be considered where possible. All fixtures will be played indoors.

*Courts and facilities will be booked in advance on a block-booking basis by the WYJNL Committee. Everyone is responsible for their own entry fee and parking at sport centres where applicable.*

c) Special requests will only be considered in exceptional circumstances and at the discretion of the WYJNL Committee.

d) All teams applying to join the WYJNL League will be placed where possible, in an age group/division deemed appropriate to the level of their playing ability and at the discretion of the WYJNL Committee. Each age group where possible, will be made up of equal numbers of teams.

e) Every club must be represented at the **Pre -Season Meeting** and the **AGM**. Any team/club failing to send a representative will be fined £20.00

## 2. TEAM REGISTRATION/PLAYER MEMBERSHIP

a) All clubs/teams competing must be registered and affiliated to EN and West Yorkshire County Netball Association (WYCNA) **prior to the first game of the season.**

b) All individual players must be affiliated to EN and WYCNA **prior to their first game of the season.**

c) Any player affiliated to WYCNA may play only for one club within the WYJNL. If a player wishes to change clubs during the season the proposed new club must inform WYJNL Committee [jnlchair@westyorkshirenetball.co.uk](mailto:jnlchair@westyorkshirenetball.co.uk) in writing stating the reason for the request. On receipt of this, WYJNL Committee will contact the player's existing club to seek agreement on a release date. Only when a release date has been agreed by both clubs and confirmed to both parties by WYJNL Committee, will a player be eligible to play for their new club. The player must not take part in any further games for their original club for the remainder of the season.

***Infringement of any part of Rule 2 a) - c) will result in a void game see Rule 8.***

d) Clubs entering the WYJNL must register all their players by fully completing the Player Registration template which is sent to all clubs by the fixtures Secretary, this is to be completed and emailed to [rickniland@gmail.com](mailto:rickniland@gmail.com) by the agreed date given at the AGM.

The template must detail a player's full name, date of birth, EN affiliation number and which team they represent eg High 5 (Y5 & Y6), U12 (Y7), U14 (Y8 & Y9), U16 (Y10 & Y11), (in accordance with the school academic year) and if applicable 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> team. The WYJNL Committee cannot guarantee all league entries. Late entries may not be accepted.

e) Any club registering a new player after the player registration deadline must send an updated template to [rickniland@gmail.com](mailto:rickniland@gmail.com) **before the player plays their first game.**

f) Movement of players within a club from a higher positioned team to a lower positioned one, is not allowed, except in exceptional circumstances. (Eg return from serious injury/duty of care, no longer appropriate to be age banded) and only by prior agreement with the WYJNL Committee.

***Infringement of any part of Rule 2 d) - f) will result in a five-point deduction being applied. The penalty for any subsequent infringements will be at the discretion of the WYJNL Committee.***

### **3. COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION OF RESULT CARDS**

- a) Teams with more than 12 players named on their results card must clearly indicate up to 12 players prior to the start of each game by fully completing the pre-populated result card.
- b) Once the result card has been completed, (please include playing positions not ticks or crosses) eg GA, WD. Players cannot be added or deleted after the game has started.
- c) For all clubs with more than one team in the WYJNL, any team changes/substitutions involving players registered with a lower positioned team must be recorded on the result card, clearly indicating which **team number** they are originally registered to eg U14C.
  
- d) At the end of a game, result cards should be agreed and signed by the coach/team manager and both umpires. **NB: Covid 19 - no requirement for signatures this season, full names will suffice.** Result cards should be submitted to [jnlresultssecretary@westyorkshirenetball.co.uk](mailto:jnlresultssecretary@westyorkshirenetball.co.uk) **no later than 12 noon the following Friday.** When submitting result cards, in the subject heading please indicate - the age group/division eg U14C. This allows for correct auto-filing on the IT system.
- e) When sending copies of result cards, click on '**request a delivery receipt.**' It is advisable that clubs keep appropriate records of any emails submitted in the event of any query.
  
- f) Both teams should **also** submit their score to the WYCNA (Junior League) website using the text number indicated on the result card.  
***Infringement of Rule 3 c) - d) will result in a one-point deduction.***

### **4. AGE BANDING**

- a) If clubs wish to play a talented player up an age range **for developmental purposes only**, They should obtain 'age-banding' permission. Clubs must complete the appropriate documentation; see EN Website - Age Banding Guidance. [Appendix-D-Age-Banding-Guidance-Notes.docx](#). [Appendix-C-Age-Banding-Form.doc](#).

The fully completed and signed age banding form and an updated player template should be sent to [rickniland@gmail.com](mailto:rickniland@gmail.com) and [jnlresultssecretary@westyorkshirenetball.co.uk](mailto:jnlresultssecretary@westyorkshirenetball.co.uk) **5 days before a player plays for a higher age group.** This will allow new scorecards to be correctly generated and re-issued to clubs.

Talented High 5 players in Y6 only, do not need 'age banding' for playing up an age range to U12.  
b) If a player plays the equivalent of four **full** games (16 quarters) with a higher age group or higher positioned team in her age group, she becomes automatically registered with a higher position team of her club's choice.

If the higher position team gains a regional place, then the player in (b) above will be registered to that regional team, if not the Christmas Amnesty Rule 5 a) takes effect.

c) Age banding is necessary for 'Duty of Care' for players and is the responsibility of the club they are playing for.

***Infringement of Rule 4 a) - b) will result in a five-point deduction.***

## **5. CHRISTMAS AMNESTY RULE**

a) Prior to Christmas, any team that has **not** been promoted to the Regional League can redefine their squads. A new template should be submitted to [rickniland@gmail.com](mailto:rickniland@gmail.com) - 5 days before the New Year fixtures begin.

b) Irrespective of their age, any player that has played for a team in the WYJNL prior to Christmas, that has qualified for the Regional League, and who has played the equivalent of 4 full games (16 quarters), is **not allowed to take any further part in the WYJNL.** WYJNL will not accept Age Banding Forms for any Regional Players.

c) In the New Year any player that plays for their 2<sup>nd</sup> or lower team in the WYJNL can experience Regional Competition but can only play the equivalent of 4 full games (16 quarters) after which she will **not be allowed to take any further part in the WYJNL.**

Rule 2 f) still applies.

d) Any Regional team who also has a 2<sup>nd</sup> or lower team in the WYJNL must submit a copy of their Regional Player Registration form [jnlresultssecretary@westyorkshirenetball.co.uk](mailto:jnlresultssecretary@westyorkshirenetball.co.uk) **5 days before the start of the New Year's fixtures.**

***Infringement of Rule 5 a) - d) will result in a void/cancelled game. See Rule 8***

*The penalty for any subsequent infringements will be at the discretion of the WYJNL Committee.*

## **6. FINANCE AND FEES**

a) To cover the full cost of facilities, all teams will pay a game fee that will be set by the WYJNL Committee. This will be reviewed each calendar year.

b) Payments via BACS transfer only - please notify the Junior League Treasurer [helenfoster4584@gmail.com](mailto:helenfoster4584@gmail.com) and the Junior League Chair [jnlchair@westyorkshirenetball.co.uk](mailto:jnlchair@westyorkshirenetball.co.uk) When payments have been made.

### **Bank Details:**

HSBC  
SORT CODE 40-45-11  
ACCOUNT NO. 52226871

## **7. FIXTURES**

a) It is intended that the times of the games will be between 09:00 and 14:00. On occasions this could be extended, and some teams may have to play twice on the same day. Players and both umpires are expected to take to the court at the specified time. Both umpires will signal 30 and 10 seconds before the start of a game quarter/half.

b) Any team not on court and ready to play at the umpire's signal will be required to pay the court costs and umpires' and expenses for both teams, where these are incurred.

c) All games will be of 40 minutes duration 4 X 10 minutes, **except U14A and U16W divisions**, these games will be of 48 minutes duration 4 x 12 minutes.

d) All games must be played at the stated venue at the correct date and time and on **the stipulated court number**.

## 8. CANCELLATION OF FIXTURES

a) Any team **responsible for cancelling** a fixture will be required to pay the court costs and umpires' expenses for both teams, where these are incurred.

b) Any team claiming points for a void game, but still using court time, eg a 'friendly' game, **then both teams** must forward the game fee (non-refundable), **along with a result card to [jnlresultssecretary@westyorkshirenetball.co.uk](mailto:jnlresultssecretary@westyorkshirenetball.co.uk)** stating the reason for their claim. They must also inform the opposing team of the reason for their claim, so that they have the right to reply if they disagree with the claim.

c) A Cancellation Form should also be completed by the Club cancelling the fixture and sent to the Junior League Treasurer [helenfoster4584@gmail.com](mailto:helenfoster4584@gmail.com) and Junior League Chair [jnlchair@westyorkshirenetball.co.uk](mailto:jnlchair@westyorkshirenetball.co.uk)

d) No team can automatically assume they can claim points. Points can only be awarded or removed by the WYJNL Committee, once the claim has been investigated.

e) Any claim needs to be made within the usual time frame **eg no later than 12 noon the following Friday**.

### ***Infringement of Rule 8 will result in a 5-point deduction will be applied.***

The non-offending team will be awarded a 5 point 'win' and a number of goals 'for', which is to be agreed at the beginning of the season by the WYJNL Committee.

f) If a game is postponed due to circumstances beyond the WYJNL Committee's control, eg a leaking roof. The WYJNL Committee will stipulate a date, time and venue on which the game **must** take place.

## 9. OFFICIATING

a) Centralised umpires will be allocated by the WYJNL Committee. All umpires must be fully qualified EN umpires (eg C Award or above) and currently affiliated to EN and WYCNA.

However, should this not be possible then the team coach/manager may be required to umpire a fixture. If this situation arises then the team manager/coach must be affiliated to EN and WYCNA.

b) Learner umpires who have passed the EN Introduction to Officiating Award, or who have attended an EN C Award Course within the past two years and have passed their C Award written test will be able to umpire in the new 2021/2022 Tournament Structure, supported by a qualified EN Umpire Mentor.

c) Alternatively, the team coach/manager must source their own fully qualified EN umpire (eg C Award or above) **who is currently affiliated to EN and WYCNA**. In the unlikely event that WYJNL Committee can only provide 1 umpire at a fixture this umpire will be assigned to the first team named on the fixture.

d) Umpires may not take part in any match beyond the 20<sup>th</sup> week of pregnancy, except at the discretion of the committee.

e) Any umpire participating in any match whilst pregnant does so at their own risk.

## 10. LEAGUE POSITIONS

a) The team with the highest number of points in each division at the end of each part of the season eg pre/post-Christmas will receive a Monetary Reward to be agreed by WYJNL Committee. In case of a tie on points, the League position will be decided on goal average (goals for divided by goals against).

b) Points will be awarded as follows:

Win	5 points
Draw	3 points
Loss	(with half or more of winning score) 2 points
Loss	(with less than half of winning score) 1 point

**Cancelled/Void minus - 5 points (no goals) to offending team. Non-offending team +5 points plus 'goals for' agreed at the beginning of the season by WYJNL.**

***Friendly Non - offending team +5 points plus goals agreed at the beginning of the season. Minus -1 point for the team requesting a friendly.***

## 11. HEALTH AND SAFETY ALIGNED WITH INF RULES AND EN DOMESTIC RULES GUIDANCE

First Aid is not provided at all current WYJNL venues. Clubs **must ensure that each of their** teams is equipped with their own First Aid Kit. WYJNL recommend that these contain 'instant ice packs.' Clubs are responsible for providing their own qualified first aiders.

Players may not wear anything that could endanger themselves or other players, specifically:

a) No adornment or jewellery may be worn other than a wedding ring which must be covered with tape. Flat religious bracelets which are not to be removed for religious and/or cultural reasons are to be suitably covered with a sweat/wrist band or taped flat to the arm as necessary to prevent injury to others. All visible piercings **must be removed**. Dermal piercings that are located below the skin and cannot be easily removed need to be suitably **covered with padding/taping** as necessary to prevent injury to others. Watches including 'fitness' watches must be removed.

b) A medical alert bracelet may be worn provided it is covered and taped flat to the arm. Players wearing medical aids to protect injury or post-surgery and who are prepared to take the risk of playing may take the court provided the medical aid is covered adequately thus preventing no obvious hazard to other players. Such players are advised to ensure that they have appropriate personal liability insurance cover and have an appropriate medical certificate/letter.

c) Fingernails must be short and smooth. Taped fingernails will not be allowed.

e) Players must not chew gum/sweets while playing.

f) Hair must be suitably tied back whilst participating in netball and any hair accessory that is used should not pose any risk to any individual

g) Gloves should not be worn except on medical grounds, and then only on production of a medical certificate. The player should ensure that the gloves do not endanger other players' safety and the player must ensure that they have appropriate personal liability insurance. Gloves should be plain,

soft leather or micro fibre (eg Neoprene) which are manufactured without seams (or with internally sewn seams) and have no abrasive materials including but not limited to zippers, Velcro, metallic or plastic fasteners.

h) All players in a team must wear matching and appropriate playing uniform at all games. Playing initials, worn both front and back, shall be 150mm (6 inches).

i) A player may wear a hat/head covering, and together with the coach/parent/**umpire** etc they should ensure that the material used for the head covering is soft and without embellishments which might constitute a danger to any other player on the court, and with potential flowing/flapping edges held securely around the neck or tucked into shirt collar. It should be as neat and secure as possible. **Peaks, baseball or tennis type caps do not meet the requirements and are not allowed.**

***Failure to comply with Rule 11 will result in the player not being allowed to participate in any WYJNL games until they fulfil the relevant criteria.***

## **12. TEAM OFFICIALS/BENCH PLAYERS/SCORERS**

a) Only the team manager, a qualified UKCC coach and one primary carer/first aider/Covid 19 Officer (3 in total), and up to five bench players are allowed to be on the team bench and courtside at any WYJNL game. During play team officials and bench players must remain at the team bench, except that bench players may leave for a valid reason (such as to warm up).

b) During a game team officials and bench players may not:

- criticise the umpires or their decisions.
- use offensive, insulting or abusive language and or gestures.
- use excessive noise or interruption.
- encourage foul play on-court behaviour.

e) We recommend teams provide 'Official Scorers' when possible. Both scorers **must** sit together. If at any point they disagree with the score they must immediately tell the umpire, who will call time at a suitable break in play to verify the result before play continues.

f) All spectators **must** utilise the viewing galleries above the courts at the WYJNL venues (where these are available) and as directed by the umpires.

***Infringement of any part of rule 12 a) - e) that results in the removal of the person from the team bench/playing enclosure will result in that person automatically being banned for the remainder of the season.***

## **13. DISCIPLINE, COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES**

a) An England Netball Membership (affiliation) automatically includes an obligatory responsibility for all its members to fully conform to the England Netball's Codes of Conduct.

b) If a player is suspended or ordered off under the INF Rule 13 - Game Management, this must be recorded on the result card. Their full name, team and affiliation number must be clearly indicated in the comments box. Any player that receives two suspensions within a season shall be automatically banned from participating for the entirety of the next scheduled game. If the second suspension occurs on the final game of the first/second half of the season, the ban will be in place for the next scheduled game or season.

c) Any player that is ordered off in any fixture shall be automatically banned from participating for

the entirety of the next scheduled game. Where the ordering off occurs on the final game of the first/second half of the season, the ban will be in place for the next scheduled game for the next scheduled game or season.

d) Any team or individual who wishes to submit an appeal against an infringement penalty or committee decision must do so in writing to [jnlchair@westyorkshirenetball.co.uk](mailto:jnlchair@westyorkshirenetball.co.uk) within 14 days.

e) Any team or individual, who wishes to submit a complaint against any other team or individual, must do so in writing, to the [jnlchair@westyorkshirenetball.co.uk](mailto:jnlchair@westyorkshirenetball.co.uk), within fourteen days of the alleged incident, clearly **stating that it is to be treated as an official complaint**. The Complainant should provide as much detail as possible about the complaint, including, if possible, the specific part of the EN Codes of Conduct which they believe have been breached and/or why they believe the issue is a Disciplinary Offence.

f) The WY Junior League Chair is responsible for arranging an Investigation Panel, who determines whether the complaint shows a prima facie case to answer. This means that there needs to be enough evidence in front of them to show that there is a serious enough case to warrant a Disciplinary Hearing. Whilst they have the power to ask for additional evidence, from anyone, they do not need to. In some cases, they may decide that the case is suitable for mediation, training or recommendations, as it is not so serious that it needs to be a Disciplinary Hearing.

g) Investigation Panels may also impose **interim suspensions**, eg where the allegation is so serious that someone needs safeguarding from the possibility of that behaviour recurring, or the behaviour is such that it is felt the reputation of the sport needs protecting, or to protect the integrity of the Disciplinary Process. The Investigation Panel must define the activities which the person is suspended from. The interim suspension will usually continue through to the conclusion of the Disciplinary Process.

h) Any matters not covered by the rules will be decided on by the WYJNL Committee.

#### 14. ADVISORY NOTES

- Player welfare (over playing) - the WYJNL Committee recognise that this is a time when children and young people are enthusiastic and receptive to quality playing opportunities, however clubs are urged to monitor players who are potentially playing a high volume of sport.
- Result Cards - the WYJNL Committee advises all teams to ensure that all result cards are only completed by the team manager/coach. Please use the pre-populated scorecards and ensure that additional player's names are entered in full and are legible and indicate which team the player is registered to.
- Procedure for payment of a cancelled/void match. Result Cards to be sent as per Rule 3 and Rule 6 stating in the comment box any fees/expenses incurred and the reasons for the cancelled/void match.
- Age banding - players should only be put forward on a talent/performance level, **not** to solve a fixture problem.
- Approaching Players to change clubs. The WYJNL do not endorse the direct approaching of young players either in or out of season to transfer clubs. It is recognised, however, that there will be on occasions when it is beneficial for a young player to move clubs. The negotiations must be between coaches and must be done in an open and transparent way. An approach from a coach, parent or any other adult direct to young player is not considered appropriate either in person, text, email or via social media. It is of course recognised that a young player may choose to join whichever club she wishes. **Please refer to Rule 2 c) above for the correct procedure if a change of club takes place during the season.**

#### 15. CODES OF CONDUCT FOR PLAYERS

England Netball's Codes of Conduct require the highest standards of conduct from everyone involved in netball to ensure that their behaviour and actions meet the values and standards always expected.

**EVERYONE** must conduct themselves in an honest, fair, impartial and transparent manner.

England Netball's Codes of Conduct are applicable to all aspects of the Sport and are driven by EN's Values (Respect, Teamwork, Achievement and Fun) and the Guiding Principles (set out above).

**I will Respect:**

- The rules, regulations and requirements of the Sport, including, but not limited to, any competitions in which I participate either directly or indirectly.
- The rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in netball, regardless of any protected characteristic (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation).
- The rights, dignity and worth of Children, Young People and Adults at Risk and ensure that I am aware of the Safeguarding best practice guidelines and procedures when interacting with them.
- Confidentiality and the sensitivities of information I hold on other individuals.
- Netball and the individual's reputation and not take any action or make inappropriate comments about fellow participant, coach, official, volunteer or member of England Netball's staff that will bring the Sport of those associated with delivering the Sport into disrepute, including making comments on social media technology. I will respect EN's guidance and policies on social media technology.
- The position I hold within Netball and always conduct and dress myself in an appropriate manner.
- The result of the game will not attempt to offer or accept either directly or indirectly any consideration whatsoever in return for influencing or attempting to influence the result of a game or seek to achieve personal gain on a result which I can influence by better performance on any match or event where I am participating, either by playing, coaching or officiating, or through direct or indirect involvement.

**Netball is based on Teamwork, therefore, I will:**

- Not abuse or misuse any relationship of trust or position of power or influence held by me in my team, be that my playing team, Club, County, Regional or England Netball.
- Be on time, dressed appropriately and ready to give my full attention to the role I am carrying out within Netball.
- Recognise that individuals bring different qualities and attributes but "together we will excel".
- Welcome new members, volunteers and encourage participation and cooperate with Members, connected Participants, colleagues, coaches, officials and administrators already in Sport.

**I recognise individuals participate in Netball to achieve and have fun, therefore I will:**

- Recognise the achievements of others and applaud their successes.
- Endeavour to ensure that all involved in the Sport optimise their potential by promoting the positive aspects of the sport and never condoning the use of inappropriate or abusive language, inappropriate relationships, bullying, harassment, discrimination or physical violence.
- Not impinge on others' enjoyment of the Sport or my performance by consuming alcoholic drinks, smoke or vape immediately prior to or while participating in the sport, or while safeguarding children, young people or vulnerable adults.
- Ensure that everyone can participate in a fair, honest environment by rejecting cheating, abiding by the Anti-Doping policies and not taking illegal substances immediately prior to or while participating in the Sport.

- Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat; be sporting – whether I win or lose; always acknowledge the other team and the umpires at the end of the game with a handshake or three cheers.
- Never argue with an official or participant during a game and listen to and cooperate with officials' decisions.
- Control my temper; I understand that verbal, emotional and physical abuse of officials, coaches, spectators or participants, or deliberately distracting or provoking a participant, coach or official is not acceptable or permitted behaviour in netball.
- Enjoy the game and ensure others can also enjoy it.

**I will endeavour to abide by this Code of Conduct and promote it to others. I understand that if I fail to follow the code, the England Netball, the Regional Association or the County Association may act against me under the Disciplinary Regulations which may result in Sanctions including fines and suspension.**

**16. CODES OF CONDUCT FOR ASSESSORS, COACHES, CLUB SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS, MENTORS, TABLE OFFICIALS, TEACHERS, TEAM MANAGERS, TESTERS, TRAINERS, TUTORS, UMPIRES, VERIFIERS, ALL VOLUNTEERS PARTICIPATING IN NETBALL.**

The Code of Conduct state the values and standards always expected. In addition to these, when in my capacity as a coach, umpire, table official, team manager, teacher, tutor, assessor, tester, trainer, verifier, mentor or volunteer, **I will also:**

- Be a positive role model for netball by acting in a way that projects a positive image of my role within netball and being fair, considerate and honest with participants and officials.
- Display high standards in any language, manner, punctuality, preparation and presentation to ensure that all time spend with me by participants or colleagues is a positive experience.
- Exercise reasonable care and skill when carrying out my duties, including but not limited to keeping up to date with the latest practices and developments by taking up further education and other personal and professional development opportunities.
- Be consistent, independent and demonstrate complete impartiality through exercising reasonable care and skill to enforce the rules of the game by applying them fairly and to affect control of the game.
- As a coach, seek to inspire and motivate in accordance with an individual's abilities to enable them to play to the best of their ability and realise their potential.
- As a coach, provide athletes with planned and structured training programmes appropriate to their abilities and goals by ensuring that equal attention and opportunities are available to all, including those requiring a modified plan due to sickness or injury.
- As a tutor, assessor, tester, trainer, verifier or mentor, provide candidates with the appropriate information, planned and structured programmes appropriate to their needs and goals, ensuring that equal attention is applied, and to provide appropriate feedback following observation of a session.
- Be mentally and physically fit to carry out my role within netball.
- Ensure that the training and/or competition environment is safe and appropriate for the age, physical and emotional maturity, experience and ability of the athletes.
- Ensure that I follow instructions and comply with all health and safety regulations that apply to the role I am undertaking.

**I will endeavour to abide by this Code of Conduct and promote it to others. I understand that if I fail to follow the code, the England Netball, The Regional Association or the County Association may act against me under the Disciplinary Regulations which may result in Sanctions including fines and suspension.**

## **17. CODES OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS/CARERS/SUPPORTERS**

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 always expected of them. As parents, you are asked to support our Codes of Conduct and embrace the spirit of the game.

### **As a parent/carer/supporter, 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 good sportsmanship.
- Remember that children 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.
- 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.
- 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/supporter, 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.