

WORCESTER CITY NETBALL LEAGUE



CODE OF CONDUCT

This Code of Conduct, based around the England Netball Code of Conduct, has been adopted by WCNL and aims to set out the minimum standards for anyone involved with WCNL. It applies when playing in the league, tournaments, training or taking part in club activities.

General Code - All

- Ensure the elements of enjoyment, satisfaction and safety to netball
- Make all aware that people play sport to satisfy themselves and not necessarily to satisfy specific adults or members of their own peer group or others
- Improve the physical fitness of players
- Make participation in netball attractive, safe and enjoyable for everyone
- Constantly remind administrators, coaches, umpires, players and parents that netball must be administered, taught, provided and played for the good of those people wishing to play the game
- All involved must act with integrity and objectivity and accept responsibility for their own decisions and actions
- Show respect and courtesy to all involved with the sport
- All officials, administrators, coaches and managers are volunteers who give their time and skill freely – support them and help wherever possible
- Under no circumstances should any affiliated member of WCNL use social media as a means of bringing any individuals, players, umpires, teams or the league into disrepute. If any such conduct is brought to the league's attention the associated person(s) will be put to the league's disciplinary committee

Players Code (in no particular order)

- Play for the enjoyment
- Be conversant and observe the WCNL rules
- Play fairly, be competitive but not aggressive
- During play, respect decisions made by the umpires, do not question, gesture, look, verbally or by commenting to another player – never argue with the umpire's decision
- Control your behaviour, keep your self-control at all times and do not retaliate
- Do not use obscene language at any time
- Treat all players as you yourself would like to be treated
- Accept victory modestly and defeat graciously – you are representing your school/club/county/team who will be judged on your behaviour
- Shake hands with your opponents at the end of the game
- Thank the umpires for officiating your match
- Co-operate with your coach, team mates, umpire and opponents for without them you would not have a game
- Enjoy your netball

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Umpires Code (in no particular order)

- You must be suitably qualified to umpire any affiliated games
- You must have a comprehensive knowledge of the rules (All England and WCNL) and match protocols supported by a need to analyse interpretations within the rules of the game
- You must have a comprehensive knowledge of all match protocols e.g. working with a colleague, conduct of pre-match responsibilities, conduct of all decisions and accompanying penalties
- Understand the rules around injury time
- Establish rapport with players so that equality and security for ALL is paramount
- Establish an on court tone which encourages maximum endeavour with an understanding of the nature of contest, player volatility and match pressures
- Show respect to players each time you officiate

Coaches Code (in no particular order)

- You must have a working knowledge of the rules (to include player responsibilities) – ensure your players understand the rules and teach them the rules are mutual agreements which should not be broken or disrespected
- Encourage players to play according to the rules (WCNL and then England Domestic Rules)
- You have responsibility for your team and its supporters – exercise it
- You must place the safety and welfare of your athletes above all else – you should provide a safe and supportive structure around the team so that the effect of external pressures on players may be minimised as much as is possible
- Support each person to reach their potential – respect the talent, development stage and goals of each and encourage them with positive, constructive feedback
- Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed and up-to-date on sound coaching principles and to obtain appropriate qualifications
- Encourage young people to develop basic skills as well as an understanding of the fair content – teach players to have appropriate behavioural responsibilities towards their opponents and the umpires
- Ensure that any physical contact with another person is appropriate to the situation and necessary for the person's skill and development
- Ensure all efforts are rewarded by praise
- Set an example of good personal behaviour including respect for the rights of the opposition coach and players – players need a coach they can respect

Spectators Code (in no particular order)

- Respect the effort and performance of all players and officials
- Young players play organised sport for their own enjoyment and they are developing – they don't necessarily play for your entertainment
- Applaud good play by both teams and respect to all players – without the opponents there is no game
- Respect the umpire's decision whether you believe they are right or wrong
- Reject the use of harassment, bullying or violence in any form, whether by other spectators, coaches, officials or players

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Parents Code (in no particular order)

- Encourage your child to participate, to do their best and have fun
- Focus on your child's effort and performance rather than winning or losing
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition
- Help out the coach or officials at games where possible
- The coach makes the decisions for the team – support their decisions
- Model appropriate behaviour including respect for all other players and officials

Non-Compliance with the Code of Conduct

There shall be a general duty upon all members to be aware of their own conduct and its effect upon others.

It is the responsibility of clubs/teams entering any WCNL competition to ensure all players, umpires, coaches, spectators and parents are aware of the WCNL Code of Conduct.

Anyone found to have behaved inappropriately or any alleged breach of the Code of Conduct shall be investigated by the WCNL Committee and may, if proved, result in disciplinary action.