

Dorchester Netball Club – Code of Conduct for Coaches.

England Netball has Codes of Conduct relating to all aspects of the sport that is driven by its' core values of leadership, integrity, teamwork and excellence. Our codes require the highest standards of conduct from everyone involved in netball to ensure that their behaviour and actions meet the values and standards expected of them at all times.

As a Dorchester Netball Club Coach I will:

- be affiliated to EN and comply with all rules, regulations and requirements of the sport including any leagues and competitions
- respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in netball, regardless of gender, marital status, race, colour, disability, sexuality, age, occupation, religion or political opinion
- not abuse or misuse any relationship of trust or position of power or influence held by me within my Team, Club, League, County, Regional or National Association
- always conduct myself in an appropriate manner
- treat all athletes, Coaches and Officials with respect, never bully or take unfair advantage • control my temper; I understand that verbal, emotional, and physical abuse of coaches, athletes, spectators, or other officials is not acceptable or permitted behaviour in netball
- be a positive role model for netball by acting in a way that projects a positive image of coaching and being fair, considerate and honest with athletes
- display high standards in my language, manner, punctuality, preparation and presentation ensuring that an athlete's time spent with me is a positive experience
- provide athletes with planned and structured training programmes appropriate to their needs and goals, ensuring equal attention and opportunities are available to all
- accurately represent personal coaching qualifications, experience and competence
- keep up to date with the latest coaching practice and developments by taking up further coach education and other personal and professional development opportunities
- 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
- provide a modified training programme for sick and injured athletes and encourage them to seek medical advice where required
- exercise reasonable care and skill when carrying out my duties
- comply with all anti-doping policies and regulations
- abide by the "safeguarding best practice guidelines" for children and young people
- promote this code of conduct to other coaches especially those new to the sport of netball

I will not:

- consume alcoholic drinks or illegal substances or smoke around athletes
- wager on any match or at any event where I am coaching

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- offer or attempt to offer, or accept either directly or indirectly, any consideration whatsoever with a view to influencing the result of any match
- disclose any confidential information relating to athletes without their prior consent
- use Social Media technology to bring the game into disrepute or make an inappropriate comment about a fellow Coach, athlete, Official, volunteer or the NGB

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