

**Code of Conduct for Parents, Carers & Supporters**

As a Club we at Marine Netball Club try to actively recognise the Duty of Care Guidelines published by England Netball Association.

In view of this, we have decided to publish the following document, as follows.

- Encourage children to participate for their enjoyment – do not force them.
- Remember children are involved in netball for their enjoyment not yours.
- Focus on the child’s efforts and performance rather than on winning or losing.
- Teach your child that honest effort is more important than victory so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- Turn losing into winning by helping your child work towards skill improvement and good sportsmanship.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- Remember that children learn best by example. Applaud good play by your team and by members of the opposition.
- Respect Officials’ decisions and teach your child to do the same. Encourage your child to play to the rules and not to argue with umpires or other officials.
- Observe and support the matches from a position away from the team ‘bench’. Please do not speak with the coaches during the match.
- Encourage your children to ensure that they have all their belongings with them on the team ‘bench’ before the start of the warm-up (i.e. drinks, appropriate clothing) so that they stay with their team for the duration of the match.
- Read through the player code of conduct with your child, ensuring that she fully understands the content e.g. What do we mean by respect? What kind of behaviour is expected? What should or shouldn’t your child be doing? Please also enforce the LISTENING part as in an emergency situation the adults at Marine need to keep your child safe.
- Provide all necessary support to your child in order for them to meet the commitment they have made in joining Marine Netball Club.

Marine Netball Club encourages fair play, and we understand that teams and individuals want to go as far as they can within the games/league/competition. Whilst it is important to be competitive, we still insist on manners, good sportsmanship and politeness to our coaches, players, Club officials and fellow team parents. We also insist on this for our opponents’ players, coaches, club officials and parents. We request that you refrain from using bad or insulting language.

Any, comments that are deemed not to be polite or constructive will be challenged and may lead to a parent or carer not being allowed to be present at games or training.

I accept the Code of Conduct as above.

Parent/Carer/Supporter’s name.....

Date.....

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