**PARENTS & SPECTATORS CODE OF CONDUCT**

NETBALL SPORT ETHIC: RESPECT, TEAMWORK, ACHIEVEMENT AND FUN

Parents and spectators have a great influence on children’s enjoyment and success in Netball. Children play Netball first and foremost because they love playing. **TTNC** is dedicated to nurturing that enjoyment and enthusiasm for the game as a foundation for developing the skills and tactical abilities of each child.

We believe that taking part in club activities contributes to each child's personal development and self esteem. This is more important than winning netball matches. All of our teams play to win, but not at any cost. It is important that children play games in the right spirit and in a supportive atmosphere which allows them to play to the best of their abilities.

In order to achieve this result, we rely heavily on the parents and supporters who attend matches to behave in an appropriate manner and to give their support in the right way. We therefore require all parents and supporters who attend **TTNC** matches to read, understand, and sign a copy of this code of conduct, and to abide by it at all relevant times.

I/We………………………………………..………..…………………………………………………………………………….….…. will

*Parents names*

**OVERALL OBLIGATIONS**

Parents and Spectators should:

1. Encourage all members of the team by applauding good play (not just goals scored)
2. Show understanding when players make mistakes or if the team loses
3. Be positive. Discuss performances in a constructive manner at an appropriate time. Focus on things the child did well. Don't dwell on mistakes
4. NOT shout out instructions to pass, shoot, etc. Leave it to the coaches
5. Never use abusive language or behaviour to any player, including your own child
6. Understand that competition is about winning and losing, so results are always accepted without undue disappointment
7. Be a positive role model to my child by helping them work towards skill improvement and good sportsmanship
8. Remember that children learn best by example; I will applaud good play by both my child’s team and their opponents
9. Pressure my child in any way; I know that this is their sport not mine
10. Use inappropriate language, harass athletes, coaches, officials or other spectators
11. Criticise or ridicule my child for making a mistake or losing after the game
12. Force my child if they are unwilling to participate in the sport
13. Arrive at a netball activity under the influence of alcohol or drugs
14. 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
15. Consume illegal substances either immediately prior to or while being at a netball activity where my child is participating in the sport
16. Consume alcoholic drinks, smoke or vape either immediately prior to or while being at a netball activity where my child is participating.

**OBLIGATIONS TO THE OTHER TEAM**

Parents and Spectators should:

1. Remember that children learn best by example; I will applaud good play by both my child’s team and their opponents
2. Respect the opposition players coaches and supporters
3. Not shout or scream or use abusive language.

**OBLIGATIONS TO THE OFFICIALS**

Parents and Spectators should:

1. Respect the umpires decisions at all times
2. Never argue with an official - even if you think their decision is wrong.
3. If you are fit and able - volunteer to help if you are needed

**OBLIGATIONS TO THE CLUB**

Parents Should

1. Ensure your child has proper food and rest before a game. No late nights or sleepovers the night before!
2. Never act in an abusive way to an official, coach, manager or player in the club, and never use racist language or behaviour
3. Support the club by attending matches and fundraising activities. The club is run on an entirely voluntary basis. Always volunteer your services before criticising others for perceived failings
4. Only Team Coaches ,Primary carers and Team Managers are allowed on the team benches when matches are being played unless coaches have otherwise agreed
5. 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
6. Read the rules of the sport to understand better what I am watching and discussing with my child
7. Promote this code of conduct to other parents, carers and supporters
8. 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.

I/ we have read and understood the above codes of conduct and will promote them to others.

SIGNATURES…………………………………………………………………DATED…………….