



Code of Conduct for Parents/Guardians/Supporters 2025

The enjoyment and safety of your child when involved in a netball activity is of paramount importance to the Club. Every child will be encouraged and asked to ensure that their behaviour and actions meet the values and standards expected of them at all times. As parents/guardians/supporters, you are asked to support our Codes of Conduct and embrace the spirit of our game.

As a parent/carer, I will:

- ✓ Wait 24 hours before raising concerns about court time or game-related issues (unless relating to safeguarding).
- ✓ Encourage my child to play within the rules and respect the decisions of coaches and officials.
- ✓ Support my child's efforts with positive, motivating comments that promote learning and enjoyment.
- ✓ Accept wins and losses with grace, recognising that team selection and results are part of competitive sport.
- ✓ Be a positive role model, demonstrating sportsmanship, respect, and a focus on skill development.
- ✓ Applaud good play by both teams, showing that children learn best by example.
- ✓ Respect and thank coaches, officials, and volunteers for their time and commitment, without interfering.
- ✓ Assist when asked by coaches or officials.
- ✓ Treat everyone with respect, regardless of gender, race, ability, age, religion, sexuality, or background.
- ✓ Familiarise myself with the rules to better support and discuss the game with my child.
- ✓ Promote this code of conduct among other parents, carers, and supporters.
- ✓ Follow the club's safeguarding policy and report concerns to the Club Safeguarding Officer or England Netball.

As a parent/carer, I will not:

- ✗ Coach from the sidelines or shout instructions, unless invited by the coach or team manager.
- ✗ Pressure my child — I understand this is their sport, not mine.
- ✗ Use inappropriate language or harass athletes, coaches, officials, or spectators.
- ✗ Challenge team selections, rotations, or coaching decisions during or immediately after games.
- ✗ Criticise or ridicule my child (or any player) for mistakes or losses.
- ✗ Force my child to participate if they are unwilling.



- ✗ Send frequent or lengthy Heja messages seeking feedback — coaches will provide updates when appropriate.
- ✗ Contact coaches via personal numbers; all communication should go through team channels (e.g., Heja).
- ✗ Repeatedly request performance updates outside agreed times.
- ✗ Engage in gossip, negative sideline behaviour, or attempt to poach players from the team or club.
- ✗ Use social media to bring the game, club, or individuals into disrepute.
- ✗ Consume alcohol, smoke, or use drugs immediately before or during activities where my child is participating, or arrive under the influence.

Consequences of Breaching the Code of Conduct

Chorley Inferno Netball Club is committed to providing a safe, respectful, and supportive environment for all athletes, coaches, officials, and families. Breaching this Code of Conduct undermines these values and may result in the following actions:

- **Verbal or written warning** from the coach, club official, or safeguarding officer.
- **Temporary removal** from training sessions, matches, or club activities.
- **Request to attend a meeting** with club officials to discuss the breach.
- **Suspension or termination of membership** for repeated or serious violations.
- **Referral to England Netball** or other relevant bodies in cases of safeguarding, misconduct, or behaviour that brings the sport into disrepute.

All incidents will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, with fairness, confidentiality, and safeguarding as the guiding principles.