

Code of Conduct for Parents or Carers

- 1. Please encourage your child to learn the rules of netball and play within them.
- 2. Please look at the Junior Members' Code of Conduct and support your child in understanding what 'netball ready' means, in wearing the correct kit and encouraging the right behaviours.
- 3. It is important that children in sport learn early on to behave respectfully towards umpires and other match officials within the game, so please discourage unfair play and arguing with officials.
- 4. We try to foster strong team spirit and good sportsmanship amongst members of the club, so please help your child to be supportive of others' development as well as their own.
- 5. Please encourage and guide children to be responsible for their own performance and behaviour.
- 6. Please help your child to keep to agreed timings for training and competitions or inform their coach or team manager if they are going to be late or are unable to play.
- 7. Please set a good example by applauding fair play and good effort with positive encouragement, regardless of match result.
- 8. Please do not pressure your child in any way or force your child if they are unwilling to participate in the sport.
- 9. Parents if they wish may watch training or matches from the grass area behind the fence, not from the court side.
- 10. Please do not shout instructions your child from the sidelines. It is confusing for a child to hear too many voices telling them what to do, and it can stop them learning through their own mistakes. Please leave the coaching to the coach.
- 11. If you bring younger siblings or other children to watch, please do not allow them to run across the courts (especially with balls) as it can present a real hazard to players. Children are very welcome to play on the grass area outside the courts.
- 12. Please do not use inappropriate language, harass players, coaches, officials or other spectators.
- 13. Please do not use social media to make an inappropriate comment about a player, official, coach or volunteer, or post photos on social media without the explicit permission given by the parents/carers of all the minors appearing in the photo.
- 14. Please do not arrive at a netball activity under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or consume illegal substances or alcohol immediately prior to or while being at a netball activity where your child is participating.
- 15. Please do not smoke immediately prior to or while being at a netball activity where your child is participating.
- 16. If your child is of primary school age, please ensure that you drop off and collect them in person from training sessions or matches.



- 17. If your child is walking to and from netball training sessions during the darker nights, please ensure they are not walking alone.
- 18. Please ensure that all fees are paid on time. Fees are due by the first training session of each term. The club relies heavily on fees to run successfully, and our coaches and other volunteers would rather spend their time coaching your children to improve their game than chasing for unpaid fees.
- 19. **COVID-19**: please observe social distancing when watching matches. Shouting is not permitted. If any of your household have been displaying symptoms of COVID-19 please **DO NOT** bring your child to training, but follow the government advice on www.gov.uk.

We are always keen to hear your views and if you would like to discuss anything or make any suggestions please talk to one of our coaches after training or email us on srjnetballclub@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support of Stamford & Rutland Junior Netball Club.