

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS, CARERS, GUARDIAN & SUPPORTERS

As a parent, carer, guardian and/or supporter of a young player in the Malling & Maidstone Netball League (the League), the League asks you to follow the following guidelines:

- Do encourage a less confident young person to participate, but avoid forcing an unwilling individual to participate in any competition since their involvement in sport should be for their own enjoyment as well as yours
- Encourage the young person for whom you are responsible to play to the rules, and not to argue with umpires or other officials
- Teach the young player that honest effort is more important than victory so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment
- Aim to turn losing into winning by helping them work towards skill improvement and good sportsmanship
- Never ridicule or yell at a young player for making a mistake or losing a game since this may have a negative impact and can demotivate them
- We believe young players learn best by example. Applaud good play by your team and by member of the opposition
- Please avoid questioning or undermining umpiring decisions during play. Remember we can all make an honest error at times
- You might be tempted to coach the young player from the sidelines, but this is the role of the coach
- Criticising a coach in front of a young player or with other parents, carers or guardians can undermine their authority. Any issues should be raised separately with the coach
- Recognise the importance and value of coaches who may be giving up their time and resources voluntarily to provide netball for young players
- Please respect the opponent team, other parents, carers and guardians, coaches and umpires, and please do not publically criticise others
- Foul or abusive language is not acceptable regardless of the circumstances or the situation
- Familiarise yourself with the rules of netball to understand better what you are watching and commenting on
- Don't do things of a personal nature for a young person that they can do for themselves
- Don't invite or allow young people for whom you are not legally responsible to stay with you at your home unsupervised
- Don't allow any allegation made by a young person to go unchallenged, unrecorded or not acted upon

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- Promote this code of conduct to other parents, carers, guardians, and supporters