Didsbury Netball Club

Code of Conduct for Parents & Carers

In order to gain the best experience from their involvement in sport, children and young people generally rely on their parents and carers for both emotional and financial support. This influence can be even more critical if their child becomes involved in national squads and competition. It is hoped that the following will prove useful to parents and carers to support their child to participate in and enjoy netball.

Parents and carers involved in Didsbury Netball Club will:

- Show respect to the coaches and volunteers working with your child; aggressive and violent behaviour will not be tolerated by the club in any circumstances and will result in your child being asked to leave the club.
- Support their child's involvement and help them to enjoy all that netball has to offer.
- Uphold high standards of behaviour, appearance and promote the importance of being a good team player.
- Encourage their child to take responsibility for their own actions; ensure that their child understands that they should take an appropriate level of responsibility for their own safety.
- Encourage respect for the rules of netball, promote and support fair play and the acceptance of an official's decision.
- Encourage recognition of good performance in others as well as themselves.
- Model sporting behaviour (ie. will not applaud opponents' errors or misfortune).
- Establish a positive partnership with the coach in order to help provide the best possible balance between the demands of netball, education and home.
- Ensure that their child regularly attends training.
- Ensure that their child is aware of all the arrangements made for matches, training, tours and trips.
- Be punctual when collecting or delivering their child to training or matches.
- Ensure that their child fully understands the requirements of the code of conduct for players.
- Never exert undue pressure on their child to compete or to gain results; be realistic about their child's ability.
- Always use appropriate language and ensure that their child does the same.
- Under no circumstances condone a rule violation or the use of prohibited substances including alcohol and tobacco.
- Communicate any questions or queries to the coach to enable any concerns to be understood and responded to. A culture of openness is encouraged and it may be possible (and important) to ensure that your child can contribute to any such discussions to enable their views to be considered.
- Discuss any concerns that parents/carers feel unable to address directly with the coach with the Club Safeguarding Officer.

- Immediately inform their child’s coach or team manager of an injury or illness that affects their child, which might impact upon their ability to train or compete.
