

NEWBURY NETBALL LEAGUE

CODE OF CONDUCT

If the code is breached and reported, all complaints and allegations will be acted upon according to the Newbury Netball League rules.

Players, Coaches and Spectators WILL NOT:

- Ridicule any player, team or umpire for making a mistake
- Use foul, sexist or racist language or gestures at any time
- Use illegal or dangerous tactics at any time

It has become apparent that attitude to umpires has become unreasonable with:

- Umpires decisions being questioned
- Verbal disagreements during the course of the game
- Confrontational body language after an umpire's decision during the game
- Bad language during the game

You are reminded of England Netball Rule 3.1.1

"There will be two umpires who shall have control of the game and give decisions. They shall umpire according to the Rules and decide on any matter not covered by the rules. The decisions of the umpires shall be final and shall be given without appeal"

Team Captains ONLY are allowed to approach the umpires at quarter time for clarification of any rule.

Umpiring is a difficult task which requires great concentration, confidence and an ability to interpret the rules correctly at all times. If you feel unhappy with umpiring decisions, please DO NOT direct your comments directly to the umpire, but speak to the Umpiring Secretary. Encouragement is what umpires need, and we need them so that we can play our games. No matter what, always thank them for officiating your game.

If you feel the need to make a complaint, you must do so per the Newbury Netball League Rule 11.2, in writing to the Chair, Polly Smith, within a week of the incident occurring.

The Committee will investigate all incidents reported and will take the necessary action it deems necessary, i.e. suspension of players, coaches and spectators, for a specified time appropriate to the incident.

ACCEPT VICTORY MODESTLY AND DEFEAT GRACIOUSLY. Your club will be judged on its behaviour.