



England Netball Codes of Conduct For Players

Updated January 2019

1. Overview of Codes and Procedures

Sporting excellence and enjoyment are only achieved by participants and spectators through adherence to the highest moral, ethical and sporting standards. Our mission is to establish England Netball as a top-performing, financially sustainable National Governing Body that promotes 'Netball for Life' and develops world-class athletes.

One of the underlying objectives is to establish a safe, fair and inclusive sporting environment.

To achieve this ambition, we must continue to engage everyone in our sport and provide them with an enjoyable, exciting and stimulating experience. The promotion of respect, good sportsmanship, high standards of behaviour and ethics are fundamental to this objective. Our Codes of Conduct set out the standards and expectations that are applicable to every Member and Connected Participant involved in the delivery of Netball under the auspices of the National Governing Body in England.

The Code of Conduct for Members and Connected Participants is applicable to everyone involved with Netball. This code is adapted and augmented depending on the additional roles undertaken by the individuals concerned. These additional codes of conduct should not be considered in isolation.

Breaches in standards and expectations must always be taken seriously and fairly handled according to open and transparent regulations. The application of sanctions must be consistent, relevant and proportionate. Our *Disciplinary Regulations* define the regulations under which any breach or alleged breach will be investigated.

It is the responsibility of all Members and Connected Participants to understand England Netball's standards and expectations under the individual codes of conduct and to help us ensure that the code is applied by all netball participants in England.

2. Contact details

EN Offices	Address	Website and Telephone Numbers
England Netball Head Office	Complaints and Disciplinary Secretary England Netball SportPark 3 Oakwood Drive Loughborough Leicestershire LE11 3QF	www.Englandnetball.co.uk Tel: 01509 277850
East Region	Regional Coordinator England Netball East C/C Active Luton Wigmore Hall Eaton Green Road Luton, Bedfordshire LU2 9JB	www.netballeast.org.uk Tel: 01582 813766
London & South East Region	Regional Coordinator London and South East regional Office House of Sport 190 Great Dover Street London SE1 4YB	www.londonandsoutheastnetball.co.uk Tel: 02079 934709
South Region	Regional Coordinator, Bisham Abbey National Sports Centre, Off Marlow Road, Bisham, Bucks SL7 1RR	www.netballsouth.co.uk Tel: 01628 478985
South West Region	Regional Coordinator Netball South West Somerset Activity & Sports Partnership Castle Road Chelston Business Park Wellington TA21 9JQ	www.netballsouthwest.co.uk Tel: 01823 664825
West Midlands Region	Regional Coordinator, Walsall Campus Sports Centre, University of Wolverhampton, Walsall Campus, Gorway Road, Walsall WS1 3BD	www.netballwestmidlands.co.uk Tel: 01902 518752
East Midlands Region	Regional Coordinator, Netball Office, Netball and Badminton Centre, Loughborough University, Loughborough, Leics LE11 3TU	www.eastmidlandsnetball.co.uk Tel: 01509 226753
North West Region	Regional Coordinator Coaching Admin Office The National Cycling Centre Stuart Street, Manchester M11 4DQ	www.netballnorthwest.org.uk Tel: 0161 223 7724
North East Region	Regional Coordinator, Northumbria University, 5 Ellison Terrace, Room 317 Ellison Place, Newcastle NE1 8ST	www.northeastnetball.co.uk Tel: 0191 2614116
Yorkshire & Humberside Region	Regional Coordinator, English Institute of Sport, Sheffield (EISS) Coleridge Road, Sheffield S9 5DA	www.netballyorkshire.co.uk www.yorksandhumbernetball.co.uk Tel: 0114 2235697

3. Definitions

The definitions within the Code of Conduct are consistent with the Disciplinary Regulations; with the following terms having the meanings set out below:

Board	means the Board of Directors of England Netball.
Child	means an individual who is under the age of 14.
Codes of Conduct	means the set of behavioural standards which the Appropriate Authority establishes as the expected minimum standards of behaviour.
Club	means a collection of individuals that come together from time to time as Netball Clubs and as a result of affiliating some or all of those individuals to England Netball, the club itself will be admitted from time to time by the Board as Members.
CMG	means the Case Management Group(s) which are any group established by the Board from time to time to oversee disciplinary and safeguarding cases in progress at the National Governing Body level.
Competition	means occasions where a number of teams/Clubs compete together in a formal or informal structure, often with a winning team and/or relegation or promotion aspects. This can be for a social purpose, played for fun or of a more competitive nature. Competition can be held at a home or away venue, or at a central venue, festival or tournament.
Connected Participant	means any person who from time to time participates in netball by way of being a volunteer serving on the England Netball Board or a Regional Management Board, or a County Committee or Regional and County Associations' technical or sub groups. For the avoidance of doubt, the Codes of Conduct and Disciplinary Regulations apply to Connected Participants involved in the Sport, including Non-Executive Directors of England Netball and Members of the Regional Management Board and County Association and their technical/sub groups, and other volunteers, regardless of whether they are a Member or not.
Conflict of Interest	means a situation in which an individual has competing interests or loyalties or there may be a perception of or actual bias.
Confidential Information	means any information supplied or disclosed that is confidential or secret in nature and is supplied in such a way as to impart a duty of confidence.
County Association (County)	means an association of leagues, Clubs, groups and schools as determined by the Board in accordance with the Memorandum of Association or the Articles of Association or other Membership regulations.
County Committee	means the lead committee under which the County Association is governed.
Disciplinary Action	means proceedings, or part thereof, in accordance with The Disciplinary Regulations
Disciplinary Matter	means inappropriate, incorrect, improper or unlawful conduct, any breach of The Disciplinary Regulations, the rules, regulations, codes, bye-laws, policies or licence schemes imposed by England Netball on any Member from time to time, or any conduct which is detrimental to the interests of the Sport, examples of which are listed in Regulation 3.
Disciplinary Regulations (The Disciplinary Regulations)	the document that defines the Disciplinary Procedure that will deal with any breaches or failure to comply with any England Netball rules, regulations, codes and policies either directly or through the Regional and County Associations.

England Netball (EN)	means the All England Netball Association Limited, a private company limited by guarantee and registered in England with the registered number of 1698144.
Mediate	means an act between parties to effect an agreement, compromise or reconciliation
Mediator	means the person appointed to mediate between parties
Mediation	is the intervention of a neutral, independent, impartial third party into a dispute or conflict situation. The mediators role is to empower and encourage the two parties involved to reach their own solutions.
INF	is the International Netball Federation.
Lead Child Protection Officer	means the England Netball Compliance and Inclusion Manager or any other individual responsible for national Child, Young Person and Adult at Risk protection and equality issues at England Netball.
Member	means any individual or organisation appointed as a Personal or Group Member in accordance with England Netball's Articles of Association. Where an organisation is a Member, the leader of the organisation (usually the Chairman of the management group/committee) will be held to account on behalf of the organisation; Sanctions (including Interim Suspensions) resulting from the Disciplinary Procedure may be applied to the organisation.
National Governing Body	means England Netball.
Regional Association (Region)	means an association of County Associations as determined by the Board, in accordance with the Memorandum or the Articles or the Membership Regulations.
Regional Management Board	means the lead committee under which the Regional Associations are governed.
Regulations (The Disciplinary Regulations)	means the England Netball Disciplinary Regulations and any amendments or updated versions thereof that may be made from time to time.
Social Media	means media designed to be disseminated through social interaction, using highly accessible and scalable publishing techniques. Social media use internet and web-based technologies to communicate with one another and receive news, information and entertainment. Types of Social Media include networks like Facebook, YouTube, Blackberry Messenger and also blogs and podcasts.
Sport	means the game of netball or any versions of the game that is recognised and governed by England Netball and the end-to-end requirements in order to deliver the Sport.
Adult at Risk	means an individual aged 18 years or over 'who is or may be in need of community care services by reason of mental or other disability, age or illness; and who is or may be unable to take care of him or herself, or unable to protect him or herself against significant harm or exploitation' [source: <i>No Secrets</i> , 2009].
Young Person	means an individual who has attained the age of 14 and is under 18 years of age.

4. Values and Guiding Principles

England Netball has undertaken extensive consultation with attendees at our nine regional road shows, our staff team and the Board to agree a set of corporate values that the 'Netball family' feel ownership of. They are:

***The NGB:* Leadership, Excellence, Participant Focused and Integrity**

***The Sport:* Respect, Teamwork, Achievement and Fun**

Our values are underpinned by the following Guiding Principles which shape and frame our organisation's culture, personal relations and decision-making. These principles are:

- We are a customer-focused sports business. We will always place the participant at the heart of everything we do and provide the best quality service we can but we will balance that with the need to grow and manage a sustainable business.
- We will value and respect the contribution and needs of our volunteer workforce who are integral to our success.
- We will centrally coordinate and locally deliver our portfolio of programmes and products targeting resource at the point of need (one size does not fit all). By ensuring pathways are integrated and securing a return on our investment (financially or socially) creating capacity to reinvest in the business and delivering long-term sustainability.
- We will be innovative and progressive in our thinking, always connecting short-term actions to medium-term strategies and long-term goals and striving to improve the quality and standard of what we do and how we do it.
- We will work as 'one team aligned to one dream' for the benefit of netball in England and as such we will succeed or fail together.
- We will work in partnership and collaboration where there is a mutual benefit in terms of operational effectiveness and efficiency, value for money and added value for participants in netball.
- We will develop, enable and encourage programmes and activities that have a positive and beneficial impact on the lives of netball participants.
- We will establish integrated planning and process pathways that enable rather than constrain service excellence, making England Netball easy to do business with and add value to the participant.
- We will recognise and celebrate individual and collective contributions and success.

5. Code of Conduct

Our Codes of Conduct require the highest standards of conduct from everyone involved in netball to ensure that their behaviour and actions meet the values and standards expected at all times.

Everyone must conduct themselves in an honest, fair, impartial and transparent manner.

Our Codes of Conduct are applicable to all aspects of the Sport and are driven by England Netball's Values (Respect, Teamwork, Achievement and Fun) and the Guiding Principles (set out above).

I will Respect:

- ▶ The rules, regulations and requirements of the Sport, including, but not limited to, any competitions in which I participate either directly or indirectly
- ▶ The rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in netball, regardless of any protected characteristic (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation)
- ▶ The rights, dignity and worth of Children, Young People and Adults at Risk and ensure that I am aware of the Safeguarding best practice guidelines and procedures when interacting with them.
- ▶ Confidentiality and the sensitivities of information I hold on other individuals.
- ▶ Netball and the individual's reputation and not take any action or make inappropriate comments about a fellow participant, coach, official, volunteer or member of England Netball's staff that will bring the Sport or those associated with delivering the Sport into disrepute, including making comments on social media technology. I will respect EN's guidance and policies on social media technology.
- ▶ The position I hold within Netball and always conduct and dress myself in an appropriate manner.
- ▶ The result of the game and will not attempt to offer, offer or accept either directly or indirectly any consideration whatsoever in return for influencing or attempting to influence the result or seek to achieve personal gain on a result which I can influence by betting on any match or event where I am participating, either by playing, coaching or officiating, or through direct or indirect involvement.

Netball is based on Teamwork, therefore I will:

- ▶ Not abuse or misuse any relationship of trust or position of power or influence held by me in my team, be that my playing team, Club, County, Regional or England Netball
- ▶ Be on time, dressed appropriately and ready to give my full attention to the role I am carrying out within Netball
- ▶ Recognise that individuals bring different qualities and attributes but "together we will excel".
- ▶ Welcome new members, volunteers, and connected participation and cooperate with Members, Connected Participants, colleagues, coaches, officials and administrators already in the Sport.

I recognise individuals participate in Netball to achieve and have fun, therefore I will:

- ▶ Recognise the achievements of others and applaud their successes
- ▶ Endeavor to ensure that all involved in the Sport optimise their potential by promoting the positive aspects of the sport and never condoning the use of inappropriate or abusive language, inappropriate relationships, bullying, harassment, discrimination or physical violence.

- ▶ Not impinge on others enjoyment of the Sport or my performance by consuming alcoholic drinks, smoke or vape immediately prior to or while participating in the sport, or while safeguarding children, young people or vulnerable adults
- ▶ Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to participate in a fair, honest environment by rejecting cheating, abiding by the Anti-Doping policies and not taking illegal substances immediately prior to or while participating in the Sport.
- ▶ Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat; be sporting – whether I win or lose; always acknowledge the other team and the umpires at the end of the game with a hand shake or three cheers.
- ▶ Never argue with an official or participant during a game and listen to and cooperate with officials' decisions
- ▶ Control my temper; I understand that verbal, emotional and physical abuse of officials, coaches, spectators or participants, or deliberately distracting or provoking a participant, coach or official is not acceptable or permitted behaviour in netball
- ▶ Enjoy the game and ensure others can also enjoy it.

I will endeavour to abide by this code of conduct and promote it to others.

I understand that if I fail to follow the code, the England Netball, the Regional Association or the County Association may take action against me under the Disciplinary Regulations which may result in Sanctions including fines and suspension.

6. Code of Conduct for Players:

Our Codes of Conduct require the highest standards of conduct from everyone involved in netball to ensure that their behaviour and actions meet the values and standards expected at all times.

Everyone must conduct themselves in an honest, fair, impartial and transparent manner.

Our Codes of Conduct are applicable to all aspects of the Sport and are driven by England Netball's Values (Respect, Teamwork, Achievement and Fun) and the Guiding Principles (set out above).

I will Respect:

- ▶ The rules, regulations and requirements of the Sport, including, but not limited to, any competitions in which I participate either directly or indirectly
- ▶ The rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in netball, regardless of any protected characteristic (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation)
- ▶ The rights, dignity and worth of Children, Young People and Adults at Risk and ensure that I am aware of the Safeguarding best practice guidelines and procedures when interacting with them.
- ▶ Confidentiality and the sensitivities of information I hold on other individuals.
- ▶ Netball and the individual's reputation and not take any action or make inappropriate comments about a fellow participant, coach, official, volunteer or member of England Netball's staff that will
- ▶ bring the Sport or those associated with delivering the Sport into disrepute, including making comments on social media technology. I will respect EN's guidance and policies on social media technology.
- ▶ The position I hold within Netball and always conduct and dress myself in an appropriate manner.
- ▶ The result of the game and will not attempt to offer, offer or accept either directly or indirectly any consideration whatsoever in return for influencing or attempting to influence the result or seek to achieve personal gain on a result which I can influence by betting on any match or event where I am participating, either by playing, coaching or officiating, or through direct or indirect involvement.

Netball is based on Teamwork, therefore I will:

- ▶ Not abuse or misuse any relationship of trust or position of power or influence held by me in my team, be that my playing team, Club, County, Regional or England Netball
- ▶ Be on time, dressed appropriately and ready to give my full attention to the role I am carrying out within Netball
- ▶ Recognise that individuals bring different qualities and attributes but "together we will excel".
- ▶ Welcome new members, volunteers, and connected participation and cooperate with Members, Connected Participants, colleagues, coaches, officials and administrators already in the Sport.

I recognise individuals participate in Netball to achieve and have fun, therefore I will:

- ▶ Recognise the achievements of others and applaud their successes
- ▶ Endeavor to ensure that all involved in the Sport optimise their potential by promoting the positive aspects of the sport and never condoning the use of inappropriate or abusive language, inappropriate relationships, bullying, harassment, discrimination or physical violence.

- ▶ Not impinge on others enjoyment of the Sport or my performance by consuming alcoholic drinks, smoke or vape immediately prior to or while participating in the sport, or while safeguarding children, young people or vulnerable adults
- ▶ Ensure that everyone has the opportunity to participate in a fair, honest environment by rejecting cheating, abiding by the Anti-Doping policies and not taking illegal substances immediately prior to or while participating in the Sport.
- ▶ Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat; be sporting – whether I win or lose; always acknowledge the other team and the umpires at the end of the game with a hand shake or three cheers.
- ▶ Never argue with an official or participant during a game and listen to and cooperate with officials' decisions
- ▶ Control my temper; I understand that verbal, emotional and physical abuse of officials, coaches, spectators or participants, or deliberately distracting or provoking a participant, coach or official is not acceptable or permitted behaviour in netball
- ▶ Enjoy the game and ensure others can also enjoy it.

I will endeavour to abide by this code of conduct and promote it to others.

I understand that if I fail to follow the code, the England Netball, the Regional Association or the County Association may take action against me under the Disciplinary Regulations which may result in Sanctions including fines and suspension.