

## Manchester Cats Netball Club

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## **Code of Conduct for Parents, Carers & Spectators**

The enjoyment and safety of your child when involved in any netball activity is of paramount importance to Manchester Cats Netball Club. Every child is encouraged to ensure that their behaviour and actions align with the club's values and standards at all times. As parents/carers, you are asked to support our Code of Conduct and embrace the spirit of the game and the club.

## As a parent/carer, I will:

- Encourage my child to play within the rules, respect officials and coaching decisions.
- Support my child's efforts and performance by providing positive feedback that motivates and encourages continuous learning and improvement.
- Recognise that competitive environments involve both winning and losing and accept results without undue disappointment.
- Be a positive role model, helping them work towards skill improvement and good sportsmanship.
- Wait outside the sports hall during training sessions, as I understand that my presence may be a distraction. I will only enter five minutes before collection time.
- Be supportive of all players and show respect for good play—whether from my child's team or their opponents.
- Thank the coaches, officials and other volunteers who give their time for my child and not interfere or try to influence their decisions.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in the game, regardless of gender, marital status, race, colour, disability, sexuality, age, occupation, religion or political opinion.
- Promote this code of conduct to other parents, carers and supporters.
- Be aware of the club's safeguarding policy and ensure that any concerns are reported to the club's safeguarding officer (Moss Baxendale).

## As a parent/carer, I will not:

- Pressure my child in any way.
- Use inappropriate language, harass athletes, coaches, officials or other spectators.
- Criticise or ridicule my child or any other child for making a mistake or losing, either during or after a game. I will not make negative comments about any player to others.

- Force my child if they are unwilling to participate.
- Use social media to bring the game/club into disrepute or make an inappropriate comment about an athlete, coach, official or volunteer.
- Arrive at a netball activity under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Approach coaching staff immediately after games or events to question decisions. Request a meeting or call 24 hours after the event has occurred.

I will endeavour to abide by this Code of Conduct and actively promote its values to others. I am fully aware should the Code of Conduct rules be broken; I may face disciplinary action by the committee.