



Code of Conduct for youth members

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Rockets Netball (RN) is a netball club which was established as an association in Portugal in October 2023. RN is a competitive club, always striving to improve and achieve as highly as possible. However, we also want the Rockets family to be a fun and welcoming club, where your teammates are your friends both on and off the court.

By abiding by these Codes of Conduct, netball players and coaches can achieve respect, good sportswomanship/sportsmanship, high standards of behaviour and ethics to provide them with an enjoyable, safe and stimulating experience.

As there was no established National Governing Body of Netball in Portugal at the inception of RN and the common language of members is English, the founding members agreed to follow England Netball guidelines (www.englandnetball.co.uk) to draft the original Codes of Conduct. This remains the case when creating this version for youth members, so this format will be retained.

Our Codes of Conduct are underpinned by the core values of the National Governing Body (NGB) of netball in England - the All-England Netball Association - and the sport as a whole, namely:

- NGB - **Leadership, Excellence, Participant Focused** and **Integrity**
- Sport as a whole - **Respect, Teamwork, Achievement** and **Fun**

Playing and social members Code of Conduct

I will **RESPECT**:

- The rules, regulations and requirements of netball, 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 gender, marital status, race, cultural background, colour, disability, sexuality, age, occupation, religion or political opinion
- Confidentiality and the sensitivities of information I hold on other individuals
- The coaches, by keeping to agreed timings for training and competitions (or informing them if I am going to be late) and giving my full attention

- My teammates, by not being a member of another netball club in Portugal and not playing netball matches (competitive or friendly) for any other team in Portugal - exceptions to playing for another team would be at a fun day event where fully mixed teams are encouraged as part of the spirit of the event or in relation to playing a different format of netball which RN does not offer (eg walking netball), as long as neither necessitated becoming a member of another netball club in Portugal
- Netball and the individual's reputation and not take any action or make inappropriate comments about a fellow team member, opponent, coach, committee member or official that will bring the club or the sport into disrepute; including making comments on social media technology

Netball is based on **TEAMWORK**, which includes looking out for each other, therefore I will:

- Remove jewellery (or tape if appropriate and agreed by the coaches), ensure nails are cut short and wear suitable kit for training and match sessions
- Pay any fees for training or events promptly
- Inform the coaches of any injury or medical condition which may affect my performance or ability to participate
- Recognise that individuals bring different qualities and attributes but that together the Rockets family will excel
- Be friendly and approachable to others, work with different people and try to build new friendships
- Be supportive and committed to other team members, offer comfort when required

I recognise individuals participate in Netball to **ACHIEVE** and have **FUN**, therefore I will:

- Enjoy the game, and ensure others can also enjoy it by recognising that people have different motivations for playing the game
- Recognise the achievements of others and applaud their successes
- Promote the positive aspects of netball and never use, or condone the use of, inappropriate or abusive language, inappropriate relationships, bullying, harassment, discrimination or physical violence
- 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 (perhaps 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
- Not impinge on others enjoyment of netball, or my own performance, by consuming alcohol or smoking immediately prior to, or while, participating in the sport

I have read this Code of Conduct, understand what is expected of my child as a playing / social member of Rockets Netball and agree to explain this to them and take responsibility for ensuring that they will abide by these rules.

I understand that if my child fails to follow the code, the club may take action against them under the Disciplinary Procedure, which may result in sanctions including fines, suspension or expulsion.

Parents or guardians Code of Conduct

I will **RESPECT**:

- The rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in netball, regardless of gender, marital status, race, cultural background, colour, disability, sexuality, age, occupation, religion or political opinion
- Confidentiality and the sensitivities of information I hold on other individuals
- The coaches, by keeping to agreed timings for training and competitions (or informing them if my child is going to be late)
- Netball and the individual's reputation and not take any action or make inappropriate comments about a fellow team member, opponent, coach, committee member or official that will bring the club or the sport into disrepute; including making comments on social media technology

Netball is based on **TEAMWORK**, which includes looking out for each other, so I will:

- Encourage my child to play within the rules and respect officials and coaches' decision
- Thank the coaches, officials and other volunteers who give up their time for my child and not interfere with their decisions
- Help when asked by a coach or official
- Be aware of the 'Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults' policy and ensure that any concerns are reported to the club safeguarding officer

I recognise individuals participate in Netball to **ACHIEVE** and have **FUN**, therefore I will:

- Support my child's efforts and performance, give positive comments and encourage effort and learning
- Understand that competition is about winning and losing, so results are always accepted without undue disappointment
- Be positive to my child by helping them work towards skill improvement and good sportsmanship
- Remember that children learn best by example - I will applaud good play by both my child, my child's team and their opponents
- Not impinge on my child's or others enjoyment of netball, by consuming alcohol or smoking immediately prior to, or while, being at a netball activity where my child is participating

I have read this Code of Conduct, understand what is expected of me as a parent/guardian of a youth member of Rockets Netball and will abide by these rules.

I understand that if I fail to follow the code, the club may take action against me under the Disciplinary Procedure, which may result in sanctions including fines, or suspension or expulsion of my child.

Name _____

Parent / Guardian of _____

Signed _____

Date _____