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Code of Conduct for Parents/Carers

The enjoyment and safety of your child when involved in a netball activity is of paramount importance to Penketh Panthers Netball Club.

Every child will be encouraged and asked to ensure that their behaviour and actions meet the values and standards expected of them at all times.

As parents, you are asked to support our Codes of Conduct and embrace the spirit of our game.

As a parent/carer, I will:

- Encourage my child to play within the rules and respect officials' and coaches' decisions
- Support my child's efforts and performance, give positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort and learning and help them to understand that competition is about winning and losing, so results are always accepted without undue disappointment
- Ensure my child arrives at training and matches on time, fully equipped wearing Panthers Netball Club training kit and match kit and they are fully hydrated
- Be a positive role model 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's team and their opponents
- Remember that the coaches, officials and other adults involved in the club are unpaid volunteers who give their time freely for my child, please do not interfere with their decisions
- Help if you can when asked by a coach or official, for the benefit of the club.
- 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
- Read the rules of the sport to understand better what I am watching and discussing with my child
- Be aware of Penketh Panthers Netball Club safeguarding policy and ensure that any concerns are reported to the club's safeguarding officer (Rob Hampson) or England Netball's Lead Safeguarding Officer.
- Also be aware that if the severity of a safeguarding issue merits it, the club may refer any incident to England Netball or local authority relevant services
- Be respectful of coaches' time and refrain from making personal contact

between the hours of 21:00 and 9:00, communication must be through Spond only.

As a parent/carer, I will not:

- Pressure my child in any way; I know that this is their sport not mine
- Use inappropriate language, harass athletes, coaches, officials or other spectators including the opposition team
- Criticise or ridicule my child for making a mistake or losing after the game.
- Arrive at a netball activity under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- Force my child if they are unwilling to participate in the sport.
- Use Social Media technology to bring the game into disrepute or make an inappropriate comment about an athlete, coach, official, volunteer or member of England Netball staff
- Consume illegal substances either immediately prior to or while being at a netball activity where my child is participating in the sport
- I understand if I fail to follow the code then Penketh Panthers Netball Club may take action against me which may result in sanctions including suspension or expulsion.