**Liverpool Netball League**

**Code of Conduct**

**England Netball, in its continuing effort to increase the enjoyment and participation of the game of Netball has introduced a Players Code of Conduct. We ask that all those involved in netball follow these guidelines to ensure that all competitions are played in the best spirit of the game.**

**For Adult Players:**

* **The League encourages netball to be a positive and enjoyable experience for all netball players.**
* **Play in a fair manner, be competitive not aggressive.**
* **Please use these guidelines to support your club and fellow players in a manner that will enable you and others around you to enjoy your netball.**
* **Please accept responsibility to ensure that you are up to date with the rules, that you also understand them and adhere to them.**
* **Encourage your team players to learn the rules of netball and play within them.**
* **Recognise the valuable contribution made by coaches and officials who are usually volunteers. Time and resources are given to enable the game to go ahead.**
* **Publicly accept official’s judgements.**
* **Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials by anyone, both on and off court.**
* **Be a positive role model and treat other players and officials with the same level of respect that you would expect to be shown to you.**
* **Recognise good and fair play and applaud good performances, including that of the opposition.**
* **Accept success and failure, victory and defeat equally.**
* **Use the correct and proper language at all times.**
* **Encourage everyone to enjoy the game of netball and understand that people have different motivations to playing the game.**
* **Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, cultural background, religion or sexual orientation.**

**Spectators and non-playing members of a club:**

* **Anyone who is not playing in a match is expected to behave in a manner that does not cause a disturbance or distract those on the court of play.**
* **Clubs/teams are expected to ensure that any individual connected with them whilst attending a match acts in a responsible manner.**
* **Any individual attending league fixtures, in whatever capacity, is expected to respect those officiating. In the event of a dispute or incident those on official duty are responsible for any decisions that may need to be made. Should anyone wish to appeal against any decision then they should do so in writing to the league committee.**
* **Anyone taking children along to the venue should be responsible for their behaviour and safety.**
* **Young children especially should not be near the court where they may be in danger of being hit by balls going out of play.**
* **Children should not be allowed to run around near the court of play.**
* **Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.**

**Officials code of behaviour:**

* **Compliment and encourage all participants.**
* **Carry an up to date rule book.**
* **Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.**
* **Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all.**
* **Emphasise the spirit of the game rather than errors.**
* **Be a good sport yourself. Actions speak louder than words.**
* **Remember you set an example. Behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.**
* **Establish rapport with players so equity and security for all is paramount.**
* **Establish an on court tone which encourages maximum endeavour with an understanding of the nature of contest, player volatility and match pressures.**
* **Work to earn the respect of the players each time you officiate.**