

AYLESBURY AND DISTRICT NETBALL LEAGUE

CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Players

- 1.1 Players are expected to play within the rules of the EN. They must respect that the umpire is officiating the match and accept umpiring decisions. A player at quarter or full time may ask why a particular decision was made but may not dispute that decision. At no time whether during the course of a match or during the course of an evening should players behave towards other players, umpires or League or Club officials in a way that could be construed as intimidating.
- 1.2 Persistent foul play or intimidating behaviour on the court of play will be dealt with in one or more of the following ways :
- i) a warning will be issued by the umpire
 - ii) the player will be suspended from play, by the umpire, for an appropriate period of time
 - iii) the player will be sent off by the umpire
 - iv) the player will be suspended by the League Committee for one or more matches
 - v) the player may be suspended indefinitely by the League Committee (this may also be reported to County and Regional Associations)
- 1.3 Intimidating behaviour off the court of play will be dealt with in one of the following ways :
- i) the League Committee will issue the player with a warning
 - ii) the player will be suspended by the League Committee for one or more matches
 - iii) the player may be suspended indefinitely by the League Committee (this may also be reported to County and Regional Associations)

2. Umpires

- 2.1 An umpire is expected to be impartial and to control the game by ensuring that the rules of the England Netball are applied. Umpires must have attained the minimum standard of qualification required by the League for the division in which the match is being played. Umpires need to keep abreast of rule changes and must attend at least one refresher course every two years.
- 2.2 The League seeks to support umpires and will not enter into discussions about individual umpiring decisions. In the event of the League receiving persistent complaints about the overall standard of an individual umpire each case will be considered on its merits. The
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League's first course of action will usually be to independently assess the umpire and then provide feedback and additional coaching on areas of weakness. Additional measures may involve a period of restricting the types of matches that an umpire is allowed to officiate with a view to building up to a full reintroduction.

- 2.3 If a case were able to be made to cast reasonable doubt on whether an umpire officiated a match impartially, the League would arrange for the match to be replayed. Action against the umpire and/or the team they represent would depend on circumstances. The range of sanctions would vary from :
- i) a warning
 - ii) points deduction
 - iii) suspension from umpiring for one or more matches

It must be recognised that such allegations are impossible to prove but if reasonable doubt exists the League may in fairness to the teams involved order the match to be replayed without taking any action against the umpire.

In the event of an umpire failing to attend a refresher course within the prescribed period, the umpire may be suspended from umpiring ADNL fixtures until the position is rectified unless there are extenuating circumstances

3. Non Playing Members of A Club and Spectators

- 3.1 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 are expected to ensure that any individual connected with them whilst attending one of the venues acts in a responsible manner.
- 3.2 Coaching or directing play from off the Court, which is considered to assist one team unfairly, is not allowed.
- 3.2.1 This shall be dealt with as follows :
- i) The Umpire shall warn the person involved
 - ii) If coaching/directing persists after a warning, the Umpire may penalise the team which it is felt may benefit
 - iii) In extreme circumstances, the Umpire may stop the game and require the exclusion of the person concerned from the area.

3.2.2 In addition the incident will be reported to the Committee who may decide to take further action against the individual and/or the team they represent, in one of the following ways :

- i) The individual and/or team may be issued with a warning
- ii) The team may be deducted points
- iii) The individual may be banned from court side for a period

3.3 Intimidating behaviour off the court of play will be dealt with in one of the following ways :

- i) The individual and/or team may be issued with a warning
- ii) The team may be deducted points
- iii) The individual may be banned from court side for a period

3.4 Spectators must keep back from the court and should not stand by the goalposts.

4. Miscellaneous

4.1 Any individual attending League fixtures, in whatever capacity, is expected to respect those officiating at the venue. In the event of a dispute or incident those on official duty are responsible for the decision on the night. Should anyone wish to appeal against the decision made, they should do so in writing to the League Committee.

4.2 Anyone taking children to the venues must 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.

Rota Duty members or the Umpire may ask for children to be moved to a safer position if at any time they become concerned for their well being.

4.3 All kit bags must be kept well away from the Court of play.