

# AYLESBURY YOUTH NETBALL LEAGUE

## Code of Conduct, Rules and Disciplinary Action

### PLAYERS

1. As a member of Youth teams, it is important to attend games regularly. Your team and your Captain depend upon you to be reliable. If you are unable to attend for any reason, you must inform your Captain, both as a matter of courtesy and to enable you Captain to re-arrange the team.
2. The Aylesbury Youth Netball League (AYNL) aspires to encourage youth players to join the League, to improve their netball skills and enable them to progress to play with experienced players in the Senior League. It is important therefore that their fellow team members act as good role models and give them full support to enable them to reach their goals.

### PLAYERS KIT

3. Players kit should consist of the following:  
Netball skirt , Tee Shirt, White Socks, Sports Trainers  
OR  
Netball Dress in the team colours  
Teams should either have clip on playing positions in the case of dresses  
Or Netball bibs in other cases, or in the case of a colour clash of dresses

### MATCH PLAY

4. Players are expected to arrive at least 15 minutes before their game to warm up properly. Captains must ensure the toss for centre pass is carried out ready for the game to start
5. At the end of the match all players should thank the opposing team by shaking hands. Both captains should call for three cheers and thank the umpires.
6. Teams with less than 5(five) players will have to concede the match. Teams with 5(five) or 6(six) players will be expected to play with that number of players and will not be allowed to borrow players from other teams. Teams found guilty of borrowing players in a match, will be dealt with by the League Committee and may forfeit any points gained in the match.
7. Nails must be cut short and all jewellery removed before any game. Teams should be prepared for the umpires to check nails and jewellery before the start of each match. EAR STUDS/EARINGS CANNOT be taped up to allow a player to play.
8. Players are expected to play within the rules of England Netball. They must respect the umpire that is officiating the match and accept ALL umpiring decisions.
9. All matches will consist of four quarters of 12 minutes, with 2 minutes break at half time and 1 minute at the break after quarter 1 and quarter 3, unless otherwise agreed before the match.
10. There will be no injury time added to any quarters.
11. A player at quarter time or full time may ask why a particular decision was made but may not dispute a decision.
12. 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 Team officials in a way that could be construed as intimidating.
13. Persistent foul play or intimidating behaviour on the court of play will be dealt with with in one or more of the following ways:-
  - (i) A warning issued by the AYNL Chairman
  - (ii) The player will be suspended from play for an appropriate period
  - (iii) A written apology will be sent to the team/player by the offending player

### UMPIRES

14. Any umpire representing a Youth team is expected to be impartial and to control the game by ensuring that the rules of England Netball are applied.

15. Umpires must have attained the minimum standard of qualification required by the League in order to umpire matches.
16. Umpires need to keep abreast of rule changes and must attend at least one refresher course every two years.
17. Teams should support umpires. In the event of the AYNL Committee receiving persistent complaints about the overall standard of an individual umpire, each case will be considered on its merits.
18. Each team should supply their own umpire for matches. If they are unable to do so substitute umpires can be found but will cost the team a fee of £10.

## **NON-PLAYING MEMBERS OF YOUTH NETBALL TEAMS AND SPECTATORS**

19. 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 Court.
20. All teams are expected to ensure that any individual connected with them whilst attending one of the venues acts in a responsible manner.
21. Spectators must keep back from the court and should not stand by the goalposts.
22. Have fun and try your best to enjoy games.

## **OFF-COURT ACTIVITIES**

23. Coaching or directing play from off the court, which is considered to assist one team unfairly, is not allowed.
24. 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 is benefitting
  - (iii) In extreme circumstances, the Umpire may stop the game and exclude persons involved
25. In addition the incident will be reported to the Committee who may decide to take further action against the individual and/or 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 of time
26. 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 of time

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

27. 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.
28. 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.
29. Children should not be allowed to run around near the court of play.
30. Committee Members or Umpires may ask for children to be moved to a safer position if at any time they become concerned for their well being.
31. All KIT BAGS must be kept well away from the court of play.