



Shelley Netball Club

Volunteers Code of Conduct

As a volunteer, coach or official in Shelley Netball Club and/or Shelley Netball Club Local Coaching Centre, I will try to work within the following guidelines:

- Always ensure I am never alone with one child, and avoid situations where an individual child and myself are completely unobserved.
- If any form of physical contact or support is required, it will be provided openly and according to the guidelines provided by England Netball.
- Where possible, parents/carers will take responsibility for their young people in the changing rooms. If young people have to be supervised in the changing rooms, I will try to ensure teachers/ coaches/adults work in pairs.
- I will encourage an open environment with no secrets, always explain what and why I am doing something in that way, encourage a diplomatic approach to Netball activities, and that young people are able to put their views forward.
- Where there are mixed teams away from home, I will ensure they are accompanied by an adult male and adult female coach/official.
- If working with girls or young women, I must agree with parents/carers when, or if, it is appropriate to enter changing areas.
- Include young people in committee decisions to ensure their voice is heard.

I will avoid:

- Spending excessive amounts of time alone with young people away from others.
- Taking young people alone on car journeys however short.
- Taking young people to my home where they will be alone with me.

I will never:

- Engage in rough, physical or sexually provocative games, including horseplay.
- Share a room with a young person.
- Allow or engage in any form of inappropriate touching.
- Allow young people to use inappropriate language unchallenged.
- Make sexually suggestive comments to a young person, even in fun.
- Do things of a personal nature for young people that they can do for themselves.
- Invite or allow young people to stay with me at my home unsupervised.
- Allow allegations made by a child to go unchallenged, unrecorded, or not acted upon.

Signed:

Print name:

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Date: