

CODE OF CONDUCT, RULES AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION

PLAYERS

As a member of Thame Netball Club it is important to attend training sessions or games regularly, your team and your captain depend upon you to be reliable. You will be given a fixture list of matches for the complete season. If you are not able to come along to any match, for any reason, you must let your captain know as soon as possible, both as a matter of courtesy and to enable your captain to rearrange the team.

Thame Netball Club aspires to encourage youth players to join our club, to improve their netball skills and enable them to play with experienced players. It is important therefore that their fellow club members act as good role models and give them full support to enable them to reach their goals.

Team Kit

 Black netball dress with diagonal blue and grey stripes

 Appropriate sports trainers

 Team bibs (grey/blue)

Match Play

Players are expected to arrive at least 10 minutes before their game to warm up properly. Captains must ensure their team get their bibs on and toss for a centre pass to enable the game to start on time.

Nails must be cut short and all jewellery removed before any game or practice. Teams should line up on court before the start of each game or training session to enable the umpires to check nails, jewellery and dress code.

At the end of the match all players should thank the opposing team by shaking hands. Captains should call three cheers, thanks the umpires and collect the bibs and match ball. Captains should check and sign the score cards.

Players are expected to play within the rules of England Netball and abide by the rules of the Aylesbury District Netball League. They must respect the umpire officiating the match and accept umpiring decisions. A player at quarter or full time may ask (via the captain) 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, League or Club officials in a way that could be construed as intimidating or inappropriate.

UMPIRES

Any umpire representing Thame Netball Club is expected to be impartial and to control the game by ensuring that the rules of England Netball are applied. Umpires must have attained the minimum standard of qualification required by the League in order to umpire games 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.

Any members of the Club who would like to take their umpiring award will be encouraged to do so.

NON‐PLAYING MEMBERS OF THAME NETBALL CLUB AND SPECTATORS

Anyone who is not playing in a match is expected to behave in a manner that does not cause a disturbance, distract or intimidate those on the court of play. All Club teams are expected to ensure that any individual connected with them whilst attending one of the venues acts in a responsible manner.

Spectators must keep back from the court and should not stand by goalposts. Support should be encouraged in the spirit that the game is played.

Coaching or directing play from off court, which is considered to assist one team unfairly is not allowed.

MISCELLANEOUS

Rota and scoring duty should be shared appropriately between all members of the team. Dates for rota duty set by the ADNL will be clearly marked on the fixture list. It is the responsibility of the team captain to ensure that duties are carried out on the correct day and in the correct manner. If you are unsure of the duties involved please speak to your team captain. Further guidance is available on the ADNL website

GROSS MISCONDUCT

Gross misconduct will be dealt with in the following ways:

Any incidents of misconduct by any member of Thame Netball Club, official or spectator representing the Club must be reported within 24 hours by a phone call and then in writing to the Club Committee who will consider the facts and the appropriate action will be taken as follows:

 The individual or team member may be issued with a warning within 7 days

 The individual or team member may be suspended for an appropriate period of time within 7 days

 A written apology will be made by the offending individual or team member to the Aylesbury District League Committee, opposing team or Thame Netball Club members (where appropriate) within 3 days

 If appropriate the individual or team member may be banned from playing/representing the Club

 The Club seeks to support umpires. In the event of the Aylesbury District League receiving persistent complaints about the overall standard of an individual umpire, each case will be reviewed by the Thame Netball Club Committee, the Chairman’s decision is final.

 The individual or team member has the right to appeal against the Committee decision within 7 days of being notified. The appeal will be reviewed by the appeals committee who will respond with reasons, and the ultimate decision will rest with the Chairman

 In the event of the Aylesbury District League receiving a complaint about a Thame Netball Club member or individual, the matter will be reviewed by the TNC Committee and the appropriate action take (as detailed above).

*These are our Club guidelines put in place for your safety and enjoyment of netball.*