

Umpire Code of Conduct



Umpires must comply with this Code and such guidelines as may be issued from time to time by Oxfordshire Netball or England Netball.

As an Umpire in the Oxfordshire Netball League, Oxfordshire Junior Netball League, Cherwell and District Netball League. I undertake to:

1. Exercise reasonable care and skill to enforce the rules of the game, to apply them fairly and to control the game to ensure the safety of the players.
2. Work as a team with my co-umpire.
3. Show empathy, patience and understanding to all players, coaches and spectators.
4. Umpire consistently, objectively and with complete impartiality, respecting and abiding by the rules which govern the game, in the true spirit of sportsmanship.
5. Attain and maintain a standard of mental and physical fitness which enables me to effectively and efficiently control the matches to which I am appointed.
6. Maintain a complete knowledge and up-to-date interpretation of the official rules of Netball, and be fully conversant with the rules, regulations and scoring systems applicable to the League or Event at which I am Officiating.
7. Wear appropriate clothing (type & colour) to enable me to effectively officiate the match to which I am appointed.
8. Ensure all decisions are my decisions and not to allow my decisions to be influenced by spectators, team officials or players.
9. Communicate calmly and effectively with appropriate persons involved in your match/event and to provide any feedback in a constructive and encouraging manner.
10. Be professional at all times and not commit any action likely to bring Oxfordshire Netball, England Netball or the game into disrepute.
11. Be responsible for my own performance and development.
12. Accept any feedback I receive, from accredited Mentors & Assesors, in the spirit it is given and to actively work on any areas for development.
13. Not to consume alcoholic drinks or smoke either immediately prior to or whilst officiating.
14. Attend any appropriate course(s), as required by Oxfordshire Netball (usually once per year).

I understand that if I fail to abide by this Code of Conduct or fail to comply with guidelines issued by Oxfordshire Netball or England Netball, I may be liable to disciplinary action.

Name (PLEASE PRINT)

Affiliation Number

Signature

Date