

CODE OF CONDUCT

FPNETBALL

Version 1.25



1. Introduction

The Code of Conduct is designed to ensure that all members of the FPNETBALL, including players, coaches, officials, volunteers, and administrators, conduct themselves with integrity, respect, and professionalism in all aspects of their involvement in netball. By adhering to this Code, members contribute to the positive development of the sport and the well-being of all involved.

2. General Principles

Respect:

Treat all participants, officials, coaches, opponents, and spectators with dignity and respect. Discrimination, harassment, and bullying will not be tolerated.

Integrity:

Always act honestly and ethically, ensuring fairness and transparency in all dealings within the sport.

Sportsmanship:

Win with humility and lose with grace. Show respect for the game, the rules, and those involved in it, regardless of the outcome.

Commitment:

Be dedicated to the development of the sport, continually striving to improve and support others in doing the same.

Responsibility:

Acknowledge your role in maintaining the safety, well-being, and respect of all participants. Report any concerns related to misconduct or breaches of the Code.

3. Expectations for Players

Fair Play:

Play the game according to the rules and accept decisions made by officials without dissent.

Respect for Opponents and Officials:

Always show respect for the opposing team, coaches, and officials, regardless of the circumstances.

Teamwork:

Support and collaborate with teammates, coaches, and support staff, demonstrating teamwork both on and off the court.

Personal Conduct:

Avoid any actions or behaviors that may harm the reputation of netball, including inappropriate language, gestures, or physical violence.

Responsibility for Health:

Take responsibility for your physical and mental well-being, and report any injuries or concerns to the relevant staff.

4. Expectations for Coaches

Leadership and Role Modeling:

Set an example for players by demonstrating ethical behavior, respect, and professionalism.

Player Development:

Ensure that training and game strategies focus on the development of the players as athletes and individuals, prioritizing long-term growth over short-term success.

Safety:

Prioritize the physical and emotional safety of all players, ensuring a safe environment for training and competition.

Fairness and Inclusivity:

Treat all players equitably, irrespective of their ability, gender, or background, and encourage inclusion in all aspects of the sport.

Respect for Officials and the Game:

Support and uphold the decisions of officials, and encourage fair play and good sportsmanship from all players.

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5. Expectations for Officials

Impartiality:

Make decisions based on the rules of the game and without bias, ensuring fairness for all teams and participants.

Respect for Players and Coaches:

Treat all players and coaches with respect, and maintain professional conduct at all times.

Communication:

Provide clear, concise, and constructive feedback to players and coaches when necessary, while maintaining neutrality.

Knowledge and Application of the Rules:

Ensure you are well-versed in the rules of netball and apply them consistently throughout your officiating.

6. Expectations for Agents, Administrators and Volunteers

Supportive Environment:

Create a welcoming, inclusive, and supportive environment for all members of the netball community.

Effective Governance:

Ensure that decisions and actions are made in line with the Federation's goals and principles, and with the best interests of the sport in mind.

Transparency:

Be open and transparent in all decision-making processes and communication with other members of the Federation.

Conflict Resolution:

Address any disputes or concerns in a fair, impartial, and timely manner.

7. Anti-Doping and Substance Abuse

Zero Tolerance:

The use of performance-enhancing drugs or illegal substances is strictly prohibited. Members must comply with all anti-doping regulations and policies.

Education:

Ensure that all members are educated about the dangers of substance abuse and the importance of maintaining a clean and fair playing environment.

8. Social Media and Public Communication

Responsible Use:

Members must use social media and public communication platforms responsibly. Personal opinions should not harm the reputation of the sport, its members, or the Federation.

Respectful Interaction:

Avoid engaging in negative or inflammatory discussions about netball, fellow participants, or the Federation on public platforms.

Confidentiality:

Do not share sensitive or confidential information related to the Federation, teams, or individuals without permission.

9. Breach of the Code

Reporting Misconduct:

Any breach of the Code of Conduct should be reported to the appropriate Federation authorities.

Investigation and Sanctions:

The Federation will investigate any reports of misconduct and apply sanctions in line with the severity of the breach. Sanctions may include warnings, suspension, or expulsion from the Federation.

10. Acknowledgement

I agree to abide by the provisions of this Code of Conduct and acknowledge that upholding these values is vital for the growth and reputation of netball in Portugal.

Signed by:

Full name

Date

Signature

Signature Of Parent / 2nd
(In the case of minor / Legal entity)