

## DUTY OF CARE

The Bedford & District Netball League takes its Duty of Care towards young players **UNDER THE AGE OF 18** very seriously and it requires all those involved in the Bedford & District Netball League to do likewise.

Not only should care and protection of young players be recognised on court but their well being off court should also be ensured.

Whether it is by the team coach, parent or guardian, responsibility must be taken for all **YOUNG PLAYERS** on and off court during their time at the Bunyan Centre and also ensure that all necessary travelling arrangements are made to and from matches.

Young players need encouragement and we must all be mindful of this by offering positive, supportive comments to them and not negative criticism. If the umpire(s) for the match, or in the case of tournaments, the Tournament Referee decide that this directive is not being adhered to they are responsible for dealing with the situation which may result in the in the offending person being told to leave the court area.

If you have any concerns regarding Duty of Care they should be directed initially to the Umpire(s)/Tournament Referee who may decide to refer to the BEDFORD & DISTRICT NETBALL LEAGUE DUTY OF CARE OFFICER:  
Heather Nolan on 01234 781747 or [heathernolan@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:heathernolan@tiscali.co.uk) who will decide what action to take. If you wish you may of course refer the matter to the Duty of Care Officer direct.