

CODE OF CONDUCT **For Parents/Guardians**

Parents/guardians should, at all times:

- Encourage your child to learn the rules and participate within them.
- Discourage challenging/arguing with officials.
- Ensure your child understands and displays basic minimum levels of behaviour in the gym i.e. basic good manners towards coaches and fellow gymnasts, listening and responding to the instruction of coaches etc.
- Publicly accept officials' judgments.
- Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results.
- Set a good example by recognising good sportsmanship and applauding the good performances of all.
- Never force your child to take part in sport.
- Always ensure your child is appropriately dressed for the activity and has plenty to drink.
- Keep the club informed if your child is ill or unable to attend the sessions.
- Endeavour to establish good communications with the club, coaches and officials for the benefit of all.
- Share any concerns or complaints about any aspect of the club through the approved channels.
- Use correct and proper language at all times.
- Never punish or belittle a child for poor performance or making mistakes.
- Always collect your child promptly at the end of a session.
- Always ensure that children are delivered to and collected from within the gym premises. The British Gymnastics Child Protection Policy states that, children attending gymnastics sessions remain the responsibility of the club until such time as they are collected, by a responsible adult, **from within** the premises of the gym. Under no circumstances must a child be allowed to leave the premises unaccompanied.
- Inform the club immediately of any changes relating to home address, contact details or medical information.

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- Supply accurate contact details to coaches/officials when your child is travelling to an event or training session away from the club.
- Ensure that the necessary permission forms are completed and signed prior to your child being transported or hosted by a coach or official.
- Support your child's involvement and help him/her to enjoy the sport.
- Members must pay all fees for training, events or club clothing/equipment promptly.