



## **CODE OF CONDUCT AT COMPETITIONS FOR GYMNASTS, PARENTS AND SPECTATORS**

The following Code of Conduct highlights the level of expected behaviour of gymnasts & parents at competitions. The purpose of this code is to protect the Gymnasts and the sport and maintain the excellent reputation of the club.

In all aspects the highest level of behaviour by gymnasts and parents is expected by the club at all times. Behaviour that falls below this standard will result in either verbal / written warning, disciplinary action or in extreme case dismissal from the club. Please be aware that ignorance of the contents of this code will not be accepted as an excuse for any breach. Complaints or problems will be dealt with fairly and as quickly as possible by either the coaches who have authority to act immediately or the club welfare officers. The final decision on any matter rests with the Head Coach and the Management Team.

The club also Adheres to all British Gymnastics Policies / Procedures, Code of Conduct & Child Protection Policies

### **EXPECTATIONS OF COMPETITORS**

- Compete by the competition rules.
- Take responsibility for your own behaviour and performance.
- Show good sportsmanship at all times.
- Encourage and support all club members.
- Show respect for yourself, your team mates, coaches, officials, your opponents and their skills.
- Wear the club tracksuit at all times.
- Act responsibly, sensibly and courteously at all times – you are representing the Club, your family, and perhaps your School, Region or Country.
- Profanity, foul or offensive language will not be permitted at any time.
- If you do not have the required clothing for Competition you will not be able to compete.
- Arrive at the competition venue at the stated time. If gymnasts are late the competition organisers will not allow the club to register the gymnast and they will be withdrawn.

### **EXPECTATIONS OF PARENTS**

- Always congratulate your child on their performance – the coach will deal with the mistakes if there were any.
- Do not behave in any way whatsoever that reflects badly upon the Sport of the Club.
- Profanity, foul or offensive language will not be permitted at any time at any Place.
- Do not interfere with the officials or obstruct the process of running the event.
- Cooperate at all times with the Club and its coaches.
- Do not interfere with the conduct of any events or decisions of the coaches.
- Support skilled performances and team play with generous applause.

- Do not comment adversely or argue with any officials or parents of other Competitors.
- Do not drink excessively or behave in an unsocial manner at any time either at the event or Hotel.
- Parents must not approach the judges, if you feel there is cause the complaint speak to your coach at an appropriate time.
- Show appreciation of volunteers, coaches, officials and administrators. Without them your child could not compete.
- If your child wishes to leave the club and they are practicing for a Competition please be reminded of the cost to the other parents in partnerships in relation to fees and clothing as you may be asked to reimburse these costs, also bear in mind the upset of the other child who will not be able to compete. It is best to leave after Competitions are over.
- If you have a complaint about the competition please see the Head Coach, if this Cannot be sorted put your concerns in writing straight away or within 1 Week of the Competition and it will be dealt with by the club Management.
- Any Parent who is Verbally Abusive and Argumentative, will be asked to leave the Competition straight away whether or not their child has Competed and will be withdrawn (no refunds will be given for entry fees or other costs)
- Bear in mind before approaching the Coach with a complaint as this may take up time where the coach is needed for the other gymnasts.

**As in any Competitive Club we understand that a children's emotions are taken into account with their successes and disappointments in different ways, However the best solution to any problem is to discuss it directly with the Head Coach at the appropriate time, as upset to children can often be misconstrued when repeated by another parent overhearing part conversations or repeating what a child thinks is happening at Competitions.**

**Partnerships are set by the coach, if a child is away another child may take their place for that session only; please make your child aware that this is in no way cause for gossip that they have been replaced.**