

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SQUAD PARENTS / GUARDIANS

- Recognise that a squad place is based upon a gymnast's ability, behaviour and approach to their development and is subject to continual review in order to best benefit the gymnast.
- Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results.
- Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy their sport.
- Set a good example by recognising good sportsmanship and applauding the good performances of all gymnasts no matter the club.
- Never force your child to take part in sport or punish or belittle a child for poor performance or for making mistakes.
- Always ensure your child is dressed appropriately with hair tied back neatly, no jewellery whatsoever for the activity and has plenty to drink.
- Understand that a place in a competition/display squad involves a commitment to participate in any competition/shows that the gymnast's coach has deemed suitable for them. Plenty of notice will be provided for any such events and an expectation to compete/perform is assumed, extenuating circumstances excepted.
- Any concerns that your child's coach may have concerning their approach to their training will in the first instance be discussed with the gymnast. Further concerns will be discussed with the gymnast's parents/carers before deciding upon a suitable course of action.
- Endeavour to establish good communications with the club, parents, other gymnasts, coaches and officials for the benefit of all using correct and appropriate language at all times. Unless there is an emergency, please only contact coaches during working hours.
- Never undermine your child's coach in front of any parents or children and do not talk disrespectfully about any coaches, parents or other gymnasts in front of your child.
- Keep the club informed if your child is ill or is having problems at home or school or unable to attend sessions either by verbal communications directly with your child's coach, or via email.
- Share any concerns or complaints about any aspect of the club through the appropriate channels.
- Discourage challenging / arguing with officials, coaches and other gymnasts.
- Publicly accept officials' judgements, and if you do have a disagreement speak to your child's coach at the end of the event in an appropriate manner.
- Always collect your child promptly at the end of a session from the canteen area.
- Please pay your child's fees promptly.