



# SANDBACH GYMNASTICS FOUNDATION

Parent Code of Conduct

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### *Code of Conduct - Parent*

#### *Code of Conduct for Parents and Spectators*

Parents and spectators have a great influence on children's enjoyment and success in gymnastics. Children enjoy sport first and foremost because they love participating. Sandbach Gymnastics Foundation (SGF) is dedicated to nurturing that enjoyment and enthusiasm for the sport as a foundation for developing the skills and tactical abilities of each child.

We believe that taking part in club activities contributes to each child's personal development and self-esteem. This is more important than winning events. All our gymnasts compete to win, but not at any cost. It is important that children participate in the right spirit and in a supportive atmosphere which allows them to perform to the best of their abilities.

To achieve this result, we rely heavily on parents and supporters who attend events to behave in an appropriate manner and to give their support in the right way. We therefore require all parents and supporters who attend SGF and events to read, understand, and sign a copy of this code of conduct, and to abide by it at all relevant times. We ask parents to encourage their child to learn the rules and participate within them.

#### *Obligations towards the team: - Parents and Spectators should:*

- Encourage all members of the team by applauding all performance.
- Show understanding when gymnasts make mistakes or if the team loses.
- Be positive. Discuss performances in a constructive manner at an appropriate time. Focus on things the child did well. Do not dwell on mistakes.
- Do not shout out instructions, use abusive language or behaviour to any gymnast, including your own child.

#### *Obligations to the other performers: - Parents and Spectators should:*

- Applaud the opposition, not just your own club.
- Respect the opposition gymnasts, coaches, and supporters.
- Not shout or scream or use abusive language.

#### *Obligations to the officials: - Parents and Spectators should:*

- Respect the coaches and officials' decisions.
- Never argue with coaches or officials - even if you think their decision is wrong.
- If you are fit and able – volunteer.

### ***Obligations to the Club:***

- Ensure your child has proper food and rest before training.
- Never act in an abusive way to an official, coach, staff, or gymnast in the club, and never use racist language or behaviour.
- Support the club by attending competitions, training, and fundraising activities.
- Never force your child to take part in sport.
- Ensure appropriate use of social media / digital communication in line with club and BG policy.
- Share any concerns / complaints about any aspect of the club through the appropriate channels.
- Always collect your child promptly at the end of sessions.
- Please collect your child from inside the building.
- Keep the club updated with relevant and essential information.
- Please ensure child wears appropriate clothing.

### ***Three Strike Rule:***

The three-strike rule will be implemented under the following circumstances.

Specifically; -

- Negative and defamatory comments posted on social media about the staff, officials, or Centre.
- Negative and defamatory comments made at the Centre.
- Aggressive, negative, and unpleasant behaviour towards club officials (reception staff included)
- Use of prohibited items – alcohol / drugs / smoking whilst on premises.
- Use of photography / video whilst on the premises.
- Failure to make regular and up to date payments for your child's membership.

### ***Strike 1***

- Discrete warning from a Team member

### ***Strike 2***

- 1 Months ban from attending the centre – parent only.

### ***Strike 3***

- 3 Month ban from attending the centre – parent only.

Always volunteer your services before criticising others for perceived failings.

I have read and understood the above Code of Conduct and I agree to be bound by its terms:

Signed ..... Name (print) .....