

Parent/Guardian Code of Behaviour and Child Safe Responsibilities

1. Code of Behaviour

In addition to Gymnastics Australia's Code of Behaviour, Officials /Judges must meet the following requirements regarding their conduct during any activity/event/competition held, or sanctioned by Gymnastics Australia, a member association or an affiliated club.

1. Embrace the highest ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play.
2. Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment.
3. Remember that children learn best by example.
4. Encourage children to participate, not force them.
5. Focus on your child's efforts and performance rather than whether they win or lose.
6. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
7. Show appreciation for good performances by all participants.
8. Show appreciation and respect for volunteers, coaches, officials, and administrators.
9. Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
10. Encourage children to participate according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
11. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
12. Do not abuse or harass anyone associated with our sport.
13. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
14. Be a positive role model.
15. Allow fellow parents the respect they deserve in the viewing or involvement in their child's participation.
16. If you require a meeting, please speak to the coach or Gymsport Program Manager to arrange a time. The conclusion of a competition is not a suitable time to communicate with your coach regarding scores. If you wish to discuss your child's competition results, please do so by arranging a meeting with the coach or Gymsport Program Manager.
17. Please refrain from gossiping to other parents either at the club or competition venue. If you have any questions or wish to discuss any matter and would like to schedule a meeting with the Coach, Program Manager, Competitive Programs Manager or Manager, please do so.

2. Child Safety Responsibilities

In addition to the parent's code of conduct, the below parental child safe specific responsibilities are outlined to ensure the safe participation of children at NDGC.

Policies and Procedures

- Be aware of and comply with NDGC's child safe policies and procedures.
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Communicating Child Safety information with your children

- Help your child understand NDGC’s child safety policies (refer to *Child-friendly edition of the Child Safe Policy*).
- Help your child understand their right to feel happy and safe, and to tell a trusted adult if they feel unsafe.
- Check in with your child about how they feel at NDGC and if they have any concerns.

Communicating with NDGC about Child Safety

- Be actively involved with NDGC and engage with NDGC staff members, especially your child’s coach.
- Understand that if you have a child safety concern you can speak to NDGC’s Member Protection Information Officer (MPIO).
- Provide feedback to NDGC about its child safety policies, procedures and practices through NDGC’s website, via email or phone.

Drop off and Pick up

- If your child is 9 years old or younger, ensure that they are accompanied into the facility by a parent/guardian, immediate family member or family friend.
- Ensure your child arrives in the appropriate clothing, according to the weather conditions (including shoes).
- *Refer to the Drop off and Pick up Policy for further information.*

3. Review History

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4. Confidentiality and Reporting

Breaches of this policy must be reported to NDGC within 14 days of any occurrence. Breaches of this policy must be kept confidential and disclosure to any third party beyond NDGC management is not permitted.