



# Berkhamsted Gymnastics Club

## Code of Conduct for Parents and Carers

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1	15/07/2019	
2	09/05/2021	Branding and document checked
3	25/05/2023	Addition of BG membership as a requirement, Supervising the child until they are allowed into the session, More information on illnesses and injuries.

**Note:** Where we refer to 'parents' we mean parents, carers and guardians inclusively. The term 'children' or child describes any person under the age of 18.

### As a parent of a child at our club we would like you to:

#### The essentials

- ✓ Ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the session with no jewellery and has brought a water bottle
- ✓ Ensure your child arrives to sessions/competitions on time and is picked up promptly, or let us know if you are running late or if your child is going home with someone else
- ✓ Complete all consent, contact and medical forms and update us straight away if anything changes
  - Keep the club informed of any injuries or illnesses that may affect your child's safe participation in the session.
- ✓ Maintain a good relationship with your child's coach, be polite, respect their views and listen to any suggestions
- ✓ Talk to us if you have any concerns about any part of your child's involvement – we want to hear from you

- ✓ Ensuring your child is fully ensured via their active British Gymnastics membership.
- ✓ Ensure that we have written consent which has been sent to our Club Manager in advance if your child is making their own way from their class.
- ✓ Refrain from using mobile phones or recording equipment of any kind whilst in the gym without the permission of the Club Manager.

### Behaviour

- ✓ Let your children know that you're proud of what they're doing
- ✓ Recognise good performance not just results. Remember that children get a wide range of benefits from participating in sport including making friends, getting exercise and developing skills
- ✓ Listen when your child says they don't want to do something. Never force your child to take part and do not punish or belittle a child for poor performance or making mistakes
- ✓ Ensure you supervise your child until they have entered the gym at the start of the session when a coach is inviting the gymnasts in
- ✓ Set a good example when watching and applaud the good performances of all. The way you react and behave affects not just your child but other children too
- ✓ (Where relevant) Don't challenge or argue with officials or judges. Publicly accept their judgements
- ✓ Use social media responsibly when talking about what goes on at our club or at competitions
- ✓ Ensure your child understands their code of conduct

### As a parent, we understand you have the right to:

- ✓ Be assured that your child is safeguarded during their time with us
- ✓ See any of our policies and procedures at any time
- ✓ Know the contact details for the club welfare officer:  
[welfare@berkhamstedgymnastics.co.uk](mailto:welfare@berkhamstedgymnastics.co.uk) / **07947 396630**
- ✓ Be involved and contribute towards decisions within the club
- ✓ Know what training and qualifications our staff have
- ✓ Be informed of problems or concerns relating to your child
- ✓ Be informed if your child is injured and see records of any accidents
- ✓ Have your consent sought for anything outside of our initial consent form such as permission to enter competitions, or photography
- ✓ Have any concerns about any aspect of your child's welfare listened to and responded to

We expect all parents to follow the behaviours and requests as set out in this code. If any parent behaves in a way which contradicts any of the points set out above, we'll address the problem straight away with the parent and aim to resolve the issue.

Persistent concerns or breaches may result in parents being asked not to attend the training session or competition if their attendance is considered a risk to the welfare and enjoyment of our young members.

**Continued issues and repeated breaches of this code may result in us regrettably asking your child to leave the activity, event or club permanently, which is something we would never want to do.**