



CODE OF CONDUCT For parents/guardians



As a parent/guardian of a member of Sudbury Gymnastics Club, you are expected to abide by the following club rules:

- ✓ Encourage your child to learn the rules and participate within them.
- ✓ Discourage challenging/arguing with officials.
- ✓ Publicly accept officials' judgements.
- ✓ Ensure that your child is wearing suitable and presentable attire for training and events as agreed with the head coaches. **Ensure that all jewellery is removed before your child enters the training area** and that long hair is neatly tied up.
- ✓ Girls can wear a gymnastics (as opposed to ballet) leotard and girls over the age of 10 may wear gymnastics specific fitted shorts with discretion.
- ✓ Ensure that your child has plenty to drink.
- ✓ Pay all fees promptly at the beginning of each month.
- ✓ Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results.
- ✓ Set a good example by recognising good sportsmanship and applauding the good performances of all.
- ✓ Never force your child to take part in sport.
- ✓ Keep the club informed if your child is injured, ill or unable to attend sessions.
- ✓ Endeavour to establish good communications with the club, coaches and officials for the benefit of all.
- ✓ Share any concerns or complaints about any aspect of the club through the approved channels. **Never** use the reception area or gym as a space to complain/argue.
- ✓ Use correct and proper language at all times.
- ✓ Never punish or belittle a child for poor performance or making mistakes.
- ✓ Under **NO** circumstances should you attempt to coach your child while a session is in progress. This is not only undermining the coach, but it is potentially very dangerous.
- ✓ Always collect your child promptly at the end of a session. You could be keeping the gym from closing. Always phone if you are unable to be on time.
- ✓ Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy their sport.
- ✓ Parents/guardians should remember that, whilst away at events or wearing club clothing, they are representing the club and so should be loyal and present themselves in a responsible manner.

