



Parents & Carers Code of Conduct

Purpose:

The term “parent” below refers to parents or guardians of gymnasts. North Oxford Gymnastics is committed to providing a safe, positive, and supportive environment for all gymnasts. Parents and carers play a vital role in supporting their child and the club.

By participating in the club, parents and carers **agree to follow all club policies, including this Parents Code of Conduct, safeguarding procedures, and terms and conditions.** Failure to comply may result in restricted access to club activities or other disciplinary action.

Encouraging Positive Participation

- Encourage your child to follow the **Gymnasts Code of Conduct** and **British Gymnastics rules and regulations.**
- Help your child enjoy their sport and recognise good performance, not just results.
- Never force your child to participate in training, competitions, or club activities.
- Demonstrate high standards of sportsmanship and support the performance of all gymnasts.
- Use appropriate language and never belittle or punish a child for mistakes or poor performance.

Attendance & Preparation

- Ensure your child arrives on time for all sessions and competitions, and notify the club if they will be absent.
- Ensure your child is appropriately dressed, has removed jewellery, and brings water or any required equipment to training and competitions.
- Inform coaches of any **medical conditions, illness, injuries, or medications** that may affect your child’s participation.
- Parents are responsible for the travel arrangements and costs of attending all training sessions, competitions, and club events.
- Drop off and collect your child at the club entrance, ensuring coaches are present.



Competitive Members

- For competitive squad members, it is the **parent's responsibility** to keep up to date with all **competition dates, deadlines, and event details**.
- Information about competitions, squad events, and deadlines can be accessed at any time through the **Squad Portal**.
- Parents must ensure their child is available and prepared for competitions as required, and communicate promptly with coaches if there are unavoidable conflicts.

Competition & Club Behaviour

- Respect coaches' decisions regarding squads, competition entries, partnerships, and performance selections. Concerns should be raised respectfully and through the appropriate channels.
- Parents must not challenge or argue with officials, judges, or club staff during competitions. Any concerns should be reported to coaches, the Welfare Officer, or the Company Director.
- Photography and video equipment are not permitted during training sessions. Parents may video their own child at competitions only if permitted by the rules, **without using flash photography**.
- Parents attending competitions must not enter competition areas.

Reporting Concerns

- **Routine Questions or Enquiries:** Any general questions about training, events, or club operations that do not require escalation can be sent to the team at: hello@noxgymnastics.com
- **Welfare or Serious Concerns:** Issues relating to safeguarding, child protection, safety, or inappropriate behaviour **must be reported** to:
 - **Club Welfare Officer:** Kimberly Ashwin — welfare@noxgymnastics.com
 - **Company Director:** Sammy-Jo Isbister — management@noxgymnastics.com



Compliance

- By participating in North Oxford Gymnastics, parents agree to follow all **club policies, safeguarding procedures, and terms and conditions**.
- All club policies and documents are available at:
<https://www.noxgymnastics.com/gymnastics-club-policies/>
- **Failure to comply with club policies or this Code of Conduct may result in restricted access to club activities or removal from the club.**