

# Parent / Guardian CODE

## OF CONDUCT

**As a parent/guardian of a gymnast/participant in any activity held by or under the auspices of Gymnastics Queensland, a member association or an affiliated club, you must meet the following requirements in regard to your conduct during any such activity or event:**

*1* Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others.

*2* Encourage children to participate if they are interested. If they are not, don't force them. .

*3* Focus on enjoying the sport, reducing the emphasis on winning or losing.

*4* Teach children that an honest report is as important as victory, so that the result of each competition is accepted without undue disappointment.

*5* Never ridicule or yell at your child and other children for making a mistake or losing a competition.

*6* Show appreciation for good performance and skilful plays by all gymnasts (including opposing gymnasts).

*7* Demonstrate a high degree of individual responsibility especially when dealing with or in the vicinity of persons under 18 years of age, as your words and actions are an example.

*8* Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise. Do not raise issues of disagreement publicly.

*9* Do not physically or verbally abuse or harass anyone associated with the sport (gymnast, coach, judge, administrator or committee member).

*10* Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

*11* Encourage children to always play by the rules.

*12* Remember children are involved in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.

*13* Do not criticise opposing team members or supporters by word or gesture. Do not criticise coaches or gymnasts (particularly whilst watching a competition). If you have a concern, make a time to see your coach, Program Coordinator or Club Administrator (do not approach a STEP/ Casual Coach)

*14* Set a good example by your own conduct, behaviour and appearance.

*15* Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.

*16* Once your child has entered the floor, they are under the direction of their coach; parents and spectators must refrain from calling out, coaching, or attracting their child's attention until they have been dismissed at the end of class, as gymnastics requires concentration and focus and distractions may increase the risk of injury.

*17* In the event of an emergency, please advise or phone the Office who will inform your child's coach.

*18* Ensure your child's punctuality to all training sessions. Please also ensure your child is promptly collected by a parent/guardian at the completion of training.

*19* Please come into the club to collect your child after class. Children will be instructed to wait inside the foyer area within view of the office administration or coach.

*20* Notify the Office or your coach if you need to remove your child from class early or if your child will be absent from training.

*21* Be a positive role model and add to the positive culture of our community club.

*22* Understand the repercussions if you breach, or are aware of any breaches of, this code of conduct.

*23* All communication with coaches and staff must be conducted through approved channels, such as email or phone. Personal contact methods, including private phone numbers and social media, are not to be used.



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