



CROYDON SCHOOL OF GYMNASTICS

Parents Agreement



It is our aim as a gymnastics club to create a safe environment, to give all gymnasts attending the club a fulfilling and enjoyable gymnastic experience, to strive to provide the opportunity for members to achieve their gymnastic potential and to improve the physical well-being, posture, co-ordination, concentration, and confidence of all participants. Parents should encourage their children to value their own performance and not the result.

Never force the children to take part if they are reluctant but do support their efforts to improve and to learn from the gymnastic experience. Set them a good example by recognising sportsmanship and applauding good performance.

Please inform the staff of any important changes to your child's health, medication, physical needs, and behavioural needs. The club must also be informed of any changes to the address or contact details provided. Please note, if your child has prescribed medication such as an asthma inhaler or EpiPen they MUST bring this to sessions. If they do not, they cannot participate.

Gymnasts are expected to arrive on time for training and competitions. Parents must inform the club if they are going to be late or absent. It must be brought to the coaches' attention before training commences if your child has been injured at school or feels unwell on the way to the gym. They will then be assessed to see if they are fit for training. Suitable clothing must be worn to all training sessions and long hair must be tied back tidily. All jewellery must be removed before training. (For further information, please refer to our Health & Safety Policy).

Please avoid any behaviour that could be interpreted as intimidating, this includes threatening, bullying, trying to gain an unfair advantage and public disparagement of club members/coaches. Parents should not attempt to communicate with their children from the walkway or make any noise which might interrupt the training session. Young children are always expected to be closely supervised in the Centre and should not cause a distraction to the gymnasts and coaches. Mobile phones are not to be used whilst a training session/competition or event is in progress. Mobile phones should be switched to silent when in the gym. Smoking is not allowed within the building.

No photography or video recording equipment including photo and video imaging phones may be used during sessions. However, for special occasions (i.e., Grandparents visiting from abroad) and a parent wishes to take photographs during/or after a training session of their child using a camera, mobile phone, tablet, video recorder or any other recording device they must contact the Club Manager, Director of Training or Senior coach for permission to be granted.

We would prefer gymnasts to come to the club already in their club uniform. However, we do understand that sometimes this is not possible but would ask that all parents particularly with the younger gymnasts to supervise their children changing completely in either the changing room provided in the Kinder Gym to the upstairs toilets before and after training and refrain from using the reception area or walkway.

Parents should collect children on time as most sessions run back-to-back, and dismissal must be timely. Parents should endeavour to inform the club well in advance of any picking up problems. If your child is being collected by someone who does not normally pick them up, please make a member of staff aware that someone different will be collecting their child. If there are any child custody issues, then the club must be informed in writing and specific arrangements made with the club.

Term fees should be paid before the start of term. Insurance & Affiliation is due by **30th September**. Club Membership is due **1st January**, payable with Term 1 fees. Failure to pay promptly may negate the insurance. Payment problems should be discussed with the Secretary. The Club adopts an 'open door' policy, and it is the responsibility of all to make sure that policy is not abused. Please challenge anyone who you believe is behaving inappropriately or report your concerns to one of the coaches. Please share any concerns or complaints about any aspect of the Club by speaking to the appropriate individual or by making a formal complaint through the approved channels.