

QUEENSTOWN GYMNASTIC CLUB

PARENT'S/SPECTATOR'S CODE OF CONDUCT

Queenstown Gymnastic Club is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all its members. The club believes that it is important that members, coaches, officials, administrators, parents and spectators associated with the club should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others. Therefore, all those associated with Queenstown Gymnastic Club should comply by this Code of Conduct.

- **DESIRABLE BEHAVIOUR:** Ensure that you and your child are aware of and adhere to the responsibilities as per the **Members-Athlete's Code of Conduct**.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others, regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Show respect for your athlete's competitors, without them, there would be no competition
- Encourage children to participate if they are interested. If they are not, don't force them. Remember children are involved in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Applaud good performances from each gymnast and team. Congratulate all athletes regardless of the outcome.
- Focus on participation and increasing skills, they are not miniature professionals.
- Demonstrate a high degree of individual responsibility and appropriate social behaviour especially when dealing with or in the vicinity of persons under 18 years of age, as your words and actions are an example, don't use foul language, harass athletes, coaches or officials.
- Never ridicule or yell at your child and other children for making a mistake or losing a competition, be positive.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities and avoid use of derogatory language based on gender, race or impairment.
- Encourage and guide athletes to accept responsibility for their own performance and behaviour.
- Understand the repercussions if you breach, or are aware of any breaches of, this code of behaviour
- Please participate fully by offering to assist with events, fundraising, the committee and competitions whenever possible. Please do not allow a minority to bear an unfair burden of responsibility.
- **OFFICIALS/RULES/COACHES:** Accept decisions of all judges as being fair and called to the best of their ability. Do not raise issues of disagreement publicly.
- Encourage your child to learn the rules and participate within them.
- Remember to discuss or forewarn your coach of absences, or ring and leave a phone message at the club.
- Athletes must arrive at the gym club ready to begin training on time, and report to their coach as they arrive.
- **EQUIPMENT:** Only enrolled members are to use the equipment and only during their session times.
- Parents: Siblings **must not** use the equipment or the floor; as there is a high risk of injury to them & gymnasts. Supervise your children at all times.
- Ensure your child has the appropriate attire, drink bottle and hair is tied up for each training session