



Parents Code of Conduct

- ❖ Focus on enjoying the sport, reducing the emphasis on winning.
- ❖ Teach children that an honest effort is as important as victory, so that the result of each competition is accepted without undue disappointment.
- ❖ Encourage children to always play by the rules and decision of Officials and Judges.
- ❖ Do not criticise children in front of others, but reserve constructive criticism for more private moments – but leave any performance criticism to your coach!
- ❖ Remember children are involved in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- ❖ Remember a child learns best by example. Applaud good skills and routines by all teams & congratulate all gymnasts, regardless of the outcome.
- ❖ Accept decisions of judges as being fair & called to the best of their ability. Do not raise issues of disagreement publicly.
- ❖ Set a good example by your own conduct, behaviour and appearance.
- ❖ Do not use derogatory language based on gender, race or impairment.
- ❖ **Do not criticize coaches or gymnasts.** Don't become "one of those parents" – if you have a concern, make a time to see your coach. Many gymnasts, parents & coaches have been hurt by this.
- ❖ Never scold a child for making a mistake during competition. Be positive.
- ❖ For serious issues or questions (such as gymnast behaviour/training concerns or team selection) please ensure any discussion with coaches is done in private
- ❖ Encourage children to participate if they are interested. If they are not, don't force them.
- ❖ Show respect for your team's opponents, do not criticise them; without them, there would be no competition.
- ❖ Do not criticise coaches, gymnasts or judges during competitions – be an ambassador for our club.
- ❖ Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- ❖ Do not raise your voice or speak rudely to any member of the CGA staff – particularly when on club premises or at any gymnastics event and never in front of other parents or gymnasts