

Oxford Academy of Gymnastics and Performing Arts

Parent Code of Conduct 2025

OAGPA is very lucky to have a supportive and friendly community surrounding them, all of whom help make it possible for the club to thrive and coach the fantastic sport of gymnastics. As an organisation, we recognise that every parent/carer has a collective responsibility in setting a good example and assisting us to provide a safe and positive environment for all the children and young people to learn in.

Please could all parents/carers read, understand and sign this form (page 3) which outlines our expectations of conduct whilst your child is a member of OAGPA. For your child to continue to be a member at the club, you must give your consent to all points written within it.

I agree as a parent/carer of a child/children taking part in gymnastics classes at Oxford Academy of Gymnastics and Performing Arts, that I will adhere to the codes of conduct as set out below.

General Principles

1. Focus on your child's efforts and progression, rather than winning/losing, or competition results.
2. Instil confidence in your child's ability and skill development, always avoiding comparisons with other gymnasts.
3. Remember that your child learns best by example.
4. The classes are for the enjoyment and progression of the gymnast and should never be attended/forced because of a parent's dream or goal.

Behaviour

1. Always abide by the rules, policies and procedures of OAGPA.
2. Always treat all members of OAGPA fairly and without discrimination regardless of gender, race, sexual orientation, age, religion, political beliefs and socio-economic status.
3. Understand that the use of offensive, discriminatory, or obscene language or gestures will not be tolerated.
4. Respect and abide by the decisions of coaches and officials at OAGPA and teach/help my child to do the same.
5. Allow the coaches to teach the gymnasts without interference during training sessions, displays and competitions.
6. Do not coach or instruct your child from the viewing area.
7. If you do need to communicate with your child because of an emergency, please go through a coach first and they will bring the child to you.
8. Do not talk to, coach or instruct any other gymnast from the viewing area.
9. Ensure that any conversations in the viewing/waiting area are appropriate, and comments should not be made about any of the gymnasts in OAGPA.

10. For your own protection, please refrain from contacting/speaking to other gymnasts outside of the session, without going through their parents first.
11. Understand and trust that coaches are trained to a very high standard and know exactly what to coach, when to coach it and the intensity for the age/development of the gymnasts in their care.
12. Respect coaching decisions concerning the group/squad your child is in and the levels they are put in for competitions, trusting that the decisions made, are always made in the best interest of every gymnast.

Expectations

1. Ensure that your child arrives on time to each session and is picked up promptly at the end.
2. Ensure you let coaches know if you are delayed collecting your child, or if someone else is taking them home.
3. Ensure your child arrives appropriately dressed for gymnastics in the correct kit, with all jewellery removed. All earrings need to be removed, unless your child is in the first 6-week period, when earrings must be taped.
4. Ensure that your child is well/fit enough to join in the session, making sure coaches are notified at the start if there are any concerns.
5. Gymnasts who have had vomiting and/or diarrhoea, must not come into the gym until there is a clear 48 hours since the last symptom.
6. Gymnasts who have an injury, are still expected to attend training. They will be given an alternative programme that totally protects the injury.
7. Complete all consent, contact forms and any other required paperwork, ensuring that any change in detail or information is communicated to the coaches.
8. Ensure that squad fees, competition fees and insurance is paid on time.
9. Ensure that any concerns/complaints are taken to the coaches, or the welfare officer (Katy Kelly) in a professional and constructive manner, so that OAGPA can help to resolve any issues as quickly as possible.

Photography and On-line Activity

1. Ensure that no photographs or videos are taken during training, unless it has been agreed by the coaches.
2. The use of flash photography in the gym is not permitted.
3. Photographs and videos should only be of your child. Inclusion of other children should not be taken without the prior consent of the child/children's parent/carer.
4. Ensure any photographs/videos taken are for family/personal use only and not put on public social networking sites.
5. Agree not to use defamatory, offensive, or derogatory comments regarding OAGPA, or any of the gymnasts, coaches, staff or parents within the club.

By signing this document, you are agreeing to the following terms.

1. I agree to abide by the Oxford School of Gymnastics and Performing Arts Parent Code of Conduct.
2. I acknowledge that Oxford School of Gymnastics and Performing Arts may take disciplinary action against me if I breach the parent code of conduct.
3. I understand that Oxford Academy of Gymnastics and Performing Arts is required to activate the complaints handling procedure if an allegation is made against me.
4. I acknowledge that disciplinary action against me may result in suspension of my involvement in Oxford Academy of Gymnastics and Performing Arts.

Child/Children's name(s): _____
(If you have multiple children at OAGPA please list all names)

Signature of Parent/Carer: _____
(The person above is signing on behalf of all the adults involved in bringing the named child/children to OAGPA. Please ensure all adults are aware of the code of conduct.)

Print Name: _____

Date: _____