

Coaches, Officials & Volunteers Code of Conduct

As a coach, official, or volunteer, you represent Basingstoke Gymnastics Club and are expected to maintain the highest standards of integrity, professionalism, and care at all times.

1. Safety and Welfare

- Always prioritise the safety and well-being of gymnasts before, during, and after sessions.
- Ensure equipment is safe and activities are suitable for the age and ability of participants.
- Respond promptly to injuries and report concerns to the Welfare Officer.

2. Professionalism and Behaviour

- Arrive on time, well-prepared, and with a positive attitude.
- Dress appropriately and maintain high personal standards.
- Treat gymnasts, families, and colleagues with fairness and respect.

3. Appropriate Practice

- Deliver age and ability appropriate sessions.
- Avoid unnecessary physical contact and always explain coaching methods clearly.
- Maintain clear boundaries and avoid favouritism.

4. Safeguarding and Reporting

- Follow British Gymnastics' safeguarding procedures.
- Immediately report any disclosures, concerns, or inappropriate behaviour.
- Stay up to date with relevant training and DBS checks.

5. Competitions and Representation

- Represent the club and the sport positively at competitions and events.
- Support all gymnasts equally and always act professionally.
- Respect the decisions of officials and judges.

6. Digital and Media Conduct

- Use technology professionally and responsibly.
- Do not share personal contact details with gymnasts or engage in private messaging.
- Do not post or share content that could damage the club's reputation or affect child safety.

7. Volunteering and Club Engagement

- Support the club through your active involvement in events, displays, and community initiatives.
- Be willing to mentor, support, and share good practice with fellow coaches and volunteers.
- Uphold the values and mission of Basingstoke Gymnastics Club at all times.