



Parents Code of Conduct

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The following code of conduct for Parents/Guardians of Wings Rhythmic Gymnastics Club is for the benefit of all at the club, please do your best to follow these guidelines:

- 1. It is the responsibility of the club to report any signs of physical, emotional and/ or sexual abuse or neglect to relevant authorities**
. If a child is in immediate danger, we reserve the right to call the gardai.
- 2. Respect the confidentiality between the participant and their coach.** As the legal guardian, coaches are required to inform you of anything putting the child in danger/ under harm.
However, according to the Children’s Act 2005, we are expected to respect the

participant's

privacy on any topics that do not put the individual in any potential danger or harm.

3. **Parent's are strictly not allowed to intervene in training sessions.** Giving feedback while a training session is taking place or challenging the professional opinion of qualified staff is not acceptable within the facilities of the club or during events.
4. **Parent's aren't allowed on the Field of Play (FOP)** Parents aren't allowed to cross the boundaries of the parents are and stepping on the training mat, especially with shoes on, is strictly forbidden.
5. **Respect the decision of coaches in relation to the progression of gymnasts.** Coaches will only have the gymnast's best interest in mind when making decisions about progression based on character and personality, capacity to work under pressure, performance anxiety levels, physicality, fitness, technique, and other factors. It is important to respect the professional opinion of the staff helping your child excel at whatever level and ability the children choose to engage in.
6. **Physical and verbal abuse or threatening behaviour towards any of our staff, volunteers will not be tolerated** and it may lead to suspension and or expulsion.
7. A group coach's job is to plan long, medium and short term goals for each group that are progressive and fit for the groups age and ability; deliver coaching sessions that are inclusive, safe and engaging; and spot and give appropriate feedback in line with safe training guidelines and with the current CoP/ legality rules. However, **individualised exercises, after hours coaching and feedback, providing training resources is not part of their job.** If these are services you are looking for, you may want to look for a local or online private coach.
8. **Access to the gymnast's changing area is restricted to only gymnasts and staff.** Parents can wait at the waiting area near reception.
9. **Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.** The club has a zero-tolerance policy of discrimination of any kind. If this policy is breached, measures will be taken such as suspension.

10. Once the class has ended and the participant has been collected by the parent/guardian, it is their responsibility to control their child doesn't interfere with the safety and lesson of anyone present.
11. **Respect the premises.** Parents/ guardians are not allowed to open drawers, grab stationery and or equipment that has not been offered or enter offices or reception areas restricted to staff members only. This is important to ensure the GDPR regulations and protect our member's private information. This is also the place of work of WRGC staff, and their private areas should be respected.
12. **For safeguarding reasons, coaches are not able to change or assist children in the bathroom.** For these reasons, we ask parents to only register for classes once your child is potty trained. If your child needs assistance in the bathroom, parents should stay in the designated parent's area in case the participant needs to use the bathroom.
13. **Encourage your child to participate by the rules of the CoP/ legality rules, the club's code of conduct and other relevant rules/ guidelines.**
14. **It is the parent's responsibility to provide their children with everything they need for class and make sure they are ready to train.** This includes appropriate clothing that does not jeopardise the safety of the gymnast, making sure long hair is tied up, and that participants have water to stay hydrated during the session.
15. There is ample parking available at the side of the building, please try to pick up and drop off from here as to reduce traffic interference in regard to our neighbours, Best Drive Garage and Central Auto Parts as they require this space to manoeuvre.
16. **Respect our neighbouring businesses and don't interfere with their commercial activities.**
Verbal abuse, parking in front of their shopfronts and disturbing their customers will not be tolerated.
17. **For the participant's safety, make sure that they are always supervised while in the parking lot**

. The parking spaces are shared with our neighbouring businesses and people with no links to the club might be aware of children being around.