



CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

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. **Be a role model for your child and maintain the highest standards of conduct** when interacting with young people, other parents, and coaches.
2. **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.
3. **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.
4. It is the parent's responsibility to provide their children with everything they need for class and make sure they are ready to train.
5. 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.**
6. **Encourage your child to participate by the rules** of gymnastics.
7. **Don't criticise the performance of participants** - seek to identify areas where they can improve.
8. Don't just show approval when your child is successful. Always show approval for effort!
9. **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 neighbors,** Best Drive Garage and Central Auto Parts as they require this space to maneuver.
10. **Respect our neighboring 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.
11. **For the participant's safety, make sure that they are always supervised while in the parking lot.** The parking spaces are shared with our neighboring businesses and people with no links to the club might be aware of children being around.
12. Try to attend training and events on a regular basis and assist in Club activities.
13. **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, etc...

14. 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.**

15. **Remember not to walk on the blue/grey mats at the back of the gym with shoes** on and remind your children of this as well.

16. **Access to the gymnast's changing area is restricted to only gymnasts and staff. Parents can wait at the waiting area near reception.**

17. Do listen to what young people have to say.

18. Try to appreciate the strength of a young person's emotions - positive and negative.

19. 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.**

20. **Parents/ guardians are not allowed to open drawers, grab stationery and or equipment that has not been offered or enter offices r 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.

21. **Physical or verbal abuse towards any of our staff, volunteers will not be tolerated** and it may lead to suspension and or expulsion.

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Signed and approved by:



Children's Office and Club Secretary



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