

# Invercargill Gymnastic Club Inc.

## - Code of Conduct -

### Parents/Spectators



Invercargill Gymnastic Club (IGC) is fully committed to **safeguarding** and **promoting** the **wellbeing** of all its members. The club believes that it is important that members, coaches, officials, administrators, parents and spectators associated with the club should, at all times, show **respect** and **understanding** for the **safety** and **welfare** of others. Therefore, all parents and spectators associated with the IGC should comply with this Code of Conduct.

#### DESIRABLE BEHAVIOUR:

- Ensure that you and your child are aware of and adhere to the responsibilities as per the **Members/Athletes and Parents/Spectators Codes of Conduct**.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others, regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Show respect for your athlete's competitors.
- Encourage children to participate if they are interested.
- Remember children are involved in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Applaud and congratulate all athletes regardless of the outcome.
- Focus on participation and increasing skills.
- Demonstrate a high degree of individual responsibility and appropriate social behaviour
- Don't use foul language, or harass athletes, coaches or officials.
- Be positive. Never ridicule or yell at your child or other children for making mistakes or losing a competition..
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities and avoid use of derogatory language based on gender, race or impairment.
- Encourage and guide athletes to accept responsibility for their own performance and behaviour.
- Please participate fully by offering to assist with events, fundraising, the Executive and competitions whenever possible.

#### OFFICIALS/RULES/COACHES:

- Accept decisions of judges as being fair and called to the best of their ability. Do not raise issues of disagreement publicly.
- Encourage your child to learn the rules and participate within them.
- Remember to discuss or forewarn your coach of absences, or ring and leave a phone message at the club.
- Athletes must arrive at the club ready to begin training on time, and report to their coach as they arrive.

#### EQUIPMENT:

- Only enrolled Members are to use the equipment and only during their session times.
- Siblings must NOT use the equipment, floor, or the pit, as there is a high risk of injury to them and the gymnasts.
- Supervise your children at all times.
- Please check the lost property regularly.
- Ensure your child has appropriate attire, drink bottle and hair is tied up for each training session.
- Share the responsibility of tidying the gymnasium after each session and after competitions.
- Replace equipment to the correct area upon completion of your class.
- Ensure the equipment room is left tidy.