



Parents/Carers Code of Conduct

The “parent” when mentioned below refers to the parents or other guardians of gymnasts. All parents and caregivers of Blackburn with Darwen Acrobatic Gymnastics Club members must:

- Parents should encourage their child to follow the Gymnasts’ Code of Conduct and the British Gymnastics Rules and Regulations.
- Parents should never argue with coaches’ judgments in their decisions for squads, partnerships and competition entries.
- Parents should never challenge / argue with officials at Competitions. It is against BG and Blackburn with Darwen Gymnastics Club rules for parents to approach any officials this includes the judging panel. Any concerns should be shared with club officials not event organisers.
- Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results.
- Always recognise and demonstrate high standards of sportsmanship and applauding the good performance of all.
- Never force your child to take part in sport.
- Parents should always inform the coach of any medical conditions, illness, injury or medication which might affect their child’s performance.
- Always ensure your child is appropriately dressed, removed all jewellery and has appropriate water at training and events.
- Ensure your child is on time for training sessions and if your child will be absent notify the club before the session starts.
- Parents should share any concerns about any aspect of the club through the appropriate channels i.e. via Head coach (Nicola Bradley) or Welfare Officer (Emma Lowe). Disputes/concerns should not be raised through social media.
- Always use appropriate language, never belittle or punish a child for poor performance or making mistakes.
- Always collect your child promptly at the end of the session. No child under 14 years of age be able to leave without a parent. If your child is 14 years or over and give your child permission to arrive/leave the gym without supervision, please ensure you complete the written consent form (available from the office) for this to happen.
- Parents are responsible for the travel arrangements and costs of their child to and from any training, competition sessions or club activities.
- Parents must not use any photography / video equipment during training sessions. If competition rules permit, parents may video their own child’s routines but must NOT use flash photography equipment. Parents attending competition must NOT enter the competition area.
- Support your child’s involvement and help them enjoy their sport.