



Dropping off, Parent Viewing, and Collection Statement – updated 9.2.19

British Gymnastics Policy requires that [child members under the age of 18 years] are walked into the facility of the gymnastic centre they attend, and that the club will take their safeguarding responsibility once the child has been recorded as present on the class register.

The foyer specifically at the Clwyd house is a great meeting area for parents to chat and flows into the cafe but also has an exit onto a busy carpark. The club wishes to therefore remind parents that the clubs registration point to handover and the club accept responsibility is situated at the red gate inside the centre. Once the child has gone through the red gate and the parent is witness to the child as being formally registered as present, they can leave in confidence knowing their child is in the clubs professional care.

A mutual consent form to deviate from this policy (supported by British Gymnastics Policy) is available for those parents with children over 14 years who attend the gymnastic club, this can be requested from the head coach (attached below).

Adopted at the AGM ____ (EGM) 2.1.17 ____

Signed T. Jones ____ Tamsin Jones ____

On behalf of Director(s)



Gymnast Registration Point (Signage)

The club accepts responsibility for your child when your child comes through the red gate and is registered by the class registrar.

Please do not leave or drop your child in the foyer as there is a risk your child can leave through the front door and the club does not have a member of staff on the door to manage that risk.

We take our responsibility very seriously to fulfil our duty of care and ask that parents support us in doing this.

For those members over 14 years old please ask the head coach for a dropping off mutual consent form should you as a parent wish to deviate from this policy.



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Ruthin & Denbigh Gymnastics Club Ltd aims to uphold British Gymnastics' policy on Safeguarding and Protecting Children. In order to comply with this, it is essential that parents/carers dropping off and collecting children at gymnastics classes come into the Clwyd House Gymnastics Centre itself. It is not acceptable to drop children off outside the facility or to ask your child/ren to meet you outside.

Please ensure that you bring your child/ren into the facility before the start of their class and pick them up from the facility at the end.

Our coaches have a legal 'duty of care' for your child/ren which begins when you register them with the class registrar at the red gate and only ends when you collect them; we cannot allow children to leave the facility without being met.

If someone other than the usual parent/carer will be collecting your child/ren, please let us know in advance if at all possible, to avoid any embarrassment.

If your child is 14 years old or over and you consider it to be safe and you wish to take the decision for them to attend their class and/or leave it independently, would you please complete the "Consent request form for independent older children (14 years and over) to attend and/or leave classes unaccompanied" *by request from the Head Coach*.

(Please note that in the eyes of the law a child is a child until their 18th birthday).

Parent Viewing

The spectator area is a controlled spectator environment, in line with British Child Protection Guidelines. Please can parents only use the spectator area in the last 30 minutes of their child's training session (Ruthin Leisure Centre), unrestricted spectator area in Clwyd House to allow

- ✓ Children to focus on their gymnastics without distraction.
- ✓ Allow a suitable controlled environment for our coaches to fulfil our duty of care to oversee any child needing to leave the training hall safely.

This is not to discourage you to watch and enjoy the progress of your child, this we facilitate in a controlled environment within our termly "Happy Face" Sessions.

"Happy Face" Sessions

Usually held on the last session of the term (advertised the week before), we encourage parents and family members to spectate and enjoy watching a full session to enjoy seeing the development of your child's gymnastics. A ceremony of Awards takes place at the end of each full term.

Thank you for helping us to fulfil our child protection obligations.

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CONSENT REQUEST FORM FOR INDEPENDENT OLDER CHILDREN (14 years and over) TO ATTEND AND/OR LEAVE CLASSES UNACCOMPANIED

Name of Gymnast:

Date of birth:/...../..... Age.....

Day of their class: Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

Start time:end time.....of their class

Period of consent please state.....or indefinitely (circle)

I give consent for my child, named above, to attend and/or to leave (delete as appropriate) their gymnastics classes independently.

The club advises that it is the duty of the parents to assess the risks associated with the child's route home from gymnastics and balance it against their own child's confidence and autonomy. *(Please note that in the eyes of the law a child is a child until their 18th birthday).*

Additional comments

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Signed: Date:

Print name:

Relationship to gymnast.....

(Parent with responsibility/guardian/carer etc.)

Policy from



By signing this consent form you UNDERSTAND THAT YOU are restricting us to fulfil our child protection obligations and agree that the club cannot accept responsibility for your child's attendance or departure from the club.

Authorised by

Date_____