

CHEL TENHAM & GLOUCESTER GYMNAS TICS CLUB **PHOTOGRAPHY POLICY**

Cheltenham & Gloucester Gymnastics Club's Photography & Video Policy outlines the monitoring of photographic and videographic materials at a club level. As a registered member of British Gymnastics, our members must also adhere to British Gymnastics Photography Policy which can be found on their website at www.british-gymnastics.org.

When registering for classes, all parents will be given the option of opting out photographic consent for their child(ren). For those who give consent, the following policy applies:

Gymnasts

The Club has a policy for ensuring photographs and recorded images of its gymnasts will not be misused. Therefore:

- The use of mobile phones, cameras and other recording devices within the gymnasium is strictly controlled for taking photographs and videos by Coaches.
- Photographic equipment including mobile phones may not be taken into the gymnasium without express prior consent of the coach and parent. It is completely banned in the changing and toilet areas.
- Gymnasts must not post images/videos on any social media accounts other than those taken in a competition environment.
- Gymnasts must leave mobile phones and recording equipment with their parents or securely placed in the storage space provided at all other times.

Parents/Guardians/Carers

Whilst it is not the intention of the Club or British Gymnastics to prevent parents/guardians from taking pictures/recordings of their children, the use of photography and other media recording poses a potential risk to the safety of our members and therefore certain safeguards must be adhered to. All members, coaches, parents, guardians, carers and club officials must be proactive in preventing the inappropriate use of photography within the club. Therefore:

- The taking of videos and photographs from the viewing area is strictly prohibited. It may, on occasion, be possible for a photograph or video to be taken inside the gym after a class has finished, however, this must be approved in advance and supervised by a senior coach. The parent must take photos/videos in accordance with British Gymnastics Photography Policy, they may be asked to delete any photos which do not adhere to this policy.
- Live streaming of images/videos is forbidden.
- Concerns regarding inappropriate photography should be reported to the Welfare Officer (cggcwelfare@gmail.com).

Coaches/Officials

The use of photographic and videographic equipment can be a valuable aid to coaching and may be used by Coaches in the gymnasium. The Club has a policy for ensuring video of its gymnasts will not be misused. Therefore:

- Photographs and videos of children may be used as a training aid if another coach/adult is present.

- Care will be taken to ensure that images are not published where there is a legal or safeguarding reason not to, such as those who are subject to a court order that prevents publication of images.
- Photographs and videos of a gymnast may be forwarded to their parents, upon request, at the end of a session for training aids and progress updates.
- Photographs and videos must only be taken on work phones and are not to be stored or removed for personal use.
- Members should be photographed fully clothed and, wherever possible, not be easily identifiable on public mediums. Face blurring/obscuring of those without photographic consent may be necessary.
- Images or recordings must never appear to focus on the groin area in movements where the legs are in a split or exposed position.
- Any inappropriate images taken within the club must be reported immediately to the welfare officer (cggcwelfare@gmail.com) or British Gymnastics/police if of an abusive or sexual nature. Inappropriate images include those that have been manipulated in a way that may cause embarrassment or distress.

Club Use

On occasion, we may use photos or videos across our social media/website for promotional purposes. If photographs and videos are used for club or promotional purposes, they must not be presented in a way that easily identifies the child(ren) and should be appropriate in nature.

For press purposes, first names only are to be used if referring to a published image.

More information can be found in the British Gymnastics Safeguarding and Protecting Children Policy, available on their website.

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