



Code of Behaviour for Parents/Guardians

As a parent/guardian of a participant in any activity held or attended by The Portland Gymnastics Club Inc. you must meet the following requirements in regard to your conduct during any such activity or event:

1. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others
2. Remember that your child participates in sport for their own enjoyment, not yours.
3. Focus on your child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
4. Never ridicule or yell at your child or other children for making a mistake or losing a competition.
5. Show appreciation for good performance by all participants (including opposing participants).
6. Demonstrate a high degree of individual responsibility especially when dealing with, or in the vicinity of persons under 18 years of age, as your words and actions are an example.
7. Respect our coaches and officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
8. Do not physically or verbally abuse or harass anyone associated with the sport (participant, coach, judge, another parent/guardian etc.).
9. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
10. Be a positive role model.
11. Allow fellow parents the respect they deserve in their viewing or involvement in their child's participation.
12. Parents/Guardians are not allowed on the floor whilst training or a competition is in progress.
13. Parents/Guardians are to approach coaches only at the start or end of the session. Meetings can be arranged in advance if a more extensive conversation is required.
14. Parents/Guardians are to ensure that if they have any other child/ren not participating in the session that they are kept off the gym floor and equipment.

15. Parents/Guardians are to ensure that if they or their child/ren have food that they eat during the session, it is done so whilst seated in the waiting area and all rubbish is placed in bins.

16. Parents/Guardians and/or Child/ren who breach this code of conduct may be subject to disciplinary actions that could include but is not limited to the following:

- Verbal warning by coach or committee/staff member.
- Written warning.
- Parent/Guardian and Child/ren removal from premises.
- Parent/Guardian and Child/ren term suspension
- All Breaches will be recorded

17. See the Grievance Procedure in our Model Rules if you have a complaint.