



Code of Conduct for parents and guardians

We are fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well being of all our members. Hawth Gymnastic believes it is important that members, coaches, administrators and parents should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others. Therefore, members are encouraged to be open at all times and share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the club with the Welfare Officer or Head Coach.

- Encourage your child to learn the rules and participate within them.
- Discourage challenging or arguing with officials.
- Publicly accept officials' judgements.
- Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results.
- Set a good example by recognising good sportsmanship and applauding the good performances of all.
- Respect the coach's knowledge of their sport and any decision that may be made regarding your child's progress.
- Never force your child to take part in sport.
- Always ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the activity
- Always ensure your child has a drink with them during training.
- Ensure ALL jewellery is removed before training.
- Ensure fingernails are kept to an acceptable length so they can not scratch or harm coaches or other participants during training.
- Keep the club informed if your child is ill, has an injury or is unable to attend sessions.
- Keep the club informed of any changes in circumstances that may affect the child's training.
- Always let the coaches know if your child is unable to compete in a competition.
- Endeavour to establish good communications with the club, coaches and officials for the benefit of all.
- Share any concerns or complaints about any aspect of the club through the approved channels (head coach/welfare officer).
- Never enter into idle gossip with other member that could lead to allegation at a later date.
- Use correct and proper language at all times.
- Never punish or belittle a child for poor performance or making mistakes.
- Never drop you child off more than 10 minutes before the start of a lesson without prior arrangement with the coach in charge.
- Always collect your child promptly at the end of a session.
- Always inform coaches if anyone other than you will be collecting the child at the end of a session or if there are any other arrangements than normal.

- Never ask your child to leave the gym alone; parents or guardians should always come to the gym to collect their child. The “Permission to Leave Alone” form must be completed and returned to us before a child is allowed to leave the gym alone. This form can be downloaded from our web-site. According to law, everyone under the age of 18 years old is a child.
- Support your child’s involvement and help them to enjoy their sport.
- Where possible, make arrangements to speak to the coach before or after a session, not during the session.
- If a child reports an incident of bullying this should be reported to the welfare officer or head coach immediately.
- Any concerns regarding coaches/volunteers should be reported through the approved channels.

Health & Safety

Hawth Gymnastics is committed to ensuring our gym is as safe as possible for all our members at all times. Here are some specific things you should be aware of.

- The Gymnastics Hall is full of equipment and changes in level due to matting and landing areas. Please tread carefully when moving around the gym with your child. Where possible, avoid stepping over or on equipment. **REMEMBER:** “The shortest route is not always the safest”.