

# Risk Assessment & Behavioural Policy for Public & Non-participants: Ruthin & Denbigh Gymnastics Club Ltd

(dated 8.8.2015 amended 2.1.2017 amended 1.5.2020)

*This risk assessment covers the actions of parents, non-participating children and members of the general public with regards to Ruthin & Denbigh Gymnastics Club Ltd.*

RDGC Ltd run classes and training sessions at Clwyd House Gymnastics Academy & Community Centre, Erw Las, Colomendy Industrial Park, Denbigh, LL16 5TA and from a satellite venue at Ruthin Leisure Centre, Mold Road, Ruthin, LL15 1EG.

The equipment is laid out in a number arrangements, depending on how the session is being used.

**Risks can occur** if members of the public, parents and non-participating children enter the controlled training area during sessions. Where possible we have a parent spectating area for parents and non-participating children can watch for the last 30 minutes of the session.

## **These risks are:**

- Injury to the parent, non-participating child or member of the public due to inadequate awareness of safety issues in the gym.
- Injury to the gymnasts as a result of distraction or inappropriate conduct of the parent, non-participating child or member of the public.
- Damage to the equipment.
- Violation of our child protection policy

## **Prevention/minimisation**

- No unauthorised person may enter the controlled training area or areas behind controls for safeguarding.
- Parents may not enter the gymnastics training area during training unless specifically invited or in the event of an emergency.
- Non-participating gymnastics may not enter the gymnastics training area at any time whatsoever.
- Parents wishing to speak to a Coach must do so by the reception desk and at times when the Coach is not involved in teaching a class (at the end is appropriate when coaching).
- Parents are prohibited from trying to attract the attention of gymnasts or coaches during the class unless it is a genuine emergency.
- During events when spectators attend, a specified spectator area is designated to view and all spectators must stay in this area and not enter the gymnastics performance area (arena) except in the event of an emergency.
- Our controlled spectator areas allow us to fulfil our safeguarding & child protection obligations to the gymnasts attending our sessions and the children are both registered in and handed from this area. Parents



or members of the public will be asked to leave the areas where gymnasts put on their shoes and collect their belongings as this violates our child protection controls.

The spectator area is a controlled spectator environment, in line with British Child Protection Guidelines. Parents should only use the spectator area where available in the last 30 minutes of their child's training session to allow:

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

We do not want to discourage you to watch and enjoy the progress of your child, and we facilitate this in a controlled environment when we invite parents to watch our "Happy Faces".

These safety measures are reiterated through the relevant codes of conduct and policies in place by the Club. The Club's policy for "Dropping off, Parent Viewing, and Collection" is on the Club's website and full details of the venues spectator arrangements can be clarified at the venue. Our Club policies are available at each reception welcome desk in the venue hall.

### **Declaration**

Ruthin & Denbigh Gymnastics Club Ltd do not accept responsibility for injuries that occur as a result of a parent, sibling or member of the general public acting contrary to instructions, whether direct or implied. In the event of an incident occurring under these circumstances where a gymnast in the care of Ruthin & Denbigh Gymnastics Club Ltd or a Coach is injured, the person who acted contrary to instructions will be held fully responsible.

This document has not been prepared in order to alarm parents or coaches but is a requirement of Health & Safety regulations.

The risk assessment and its summary are regularly checked to ensure they are correct and complete. Any input into this document is checked and agreed by the undersigned.

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