



City of Worcester Gymnastics Club Spectator Policy

This policy is for spectating at training sessions from our viewing area and for spectating at competitions.

In addition to adhering to and following all procedures contained within City of Worcester Gymnastics Club ethics (Appendix 1) that is applicable to all people bound by this policy, this specific code of conduct has been developed for spectators.

This code of conduct should be read in conjunction with the British Gymnastics Spectator Policy and British Gymnastics Photography Policy.

All Spectators must meet the following requirements regarding their conduct during any activity held or sanctioned by City of Worcester Gymnastics Club.

- a) Remember the gymnasts are taking part for their enjoyment not yours.
- b) Focus on the gymnasts' efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- c) Never ridicule or yell at gymnasts for making a mistake or not winning a competition.
- d) Show appreciation for good performance by all gymnasts (including gymnasts from opposing clubs/leisure centres/schools).
- e) Respect officials' decisions and teach others to do likewise. – Without them there would be no competitions.
- f) Show appreciation and respect for volunteers, coaches/instructors, judges, and administrators.
- g) Do not use offensive, discriminatory, or obscene language or gestures.
- h) Treat all gymnasts fairly within the context of their sporting activities, regardless of gender, race, place of origin, athletic potential, colour, sexual orientation, religion, political beliefs, socio-economic status, and other conditions. Allow fellow spectators the respect they deserve in their viewing of the session/event.
- i) Stay within the designated spectator's area (where provided) except for specific sessions such as parent & child sessions.
- j) The gym floor is the domain of gymnasts and coaches/instructors only. Spectators are not to enter the training area unless invited by the coach/instructor.
- k) Only approach coaches/instructors during the event of an emergency.
- l) Supervise any children you are responsible for, whether they are gymnasts or not, outside of the gym floor and ensure they do not disrupt the session/event.
- m) Keep the viewing area as clean as possible. Remove your rubbish from the seating area and use the bins provided.
- n) Please switch mobile phones to silent and keep noise to a minimum.
- o) Review the photography policy for the session/event before taking photos or videos of gymnasts.
- p) Do not engage in any filming, recording, photography, or use of mobile phones in changing-rooms at City of Worcester Gymnastics Club or at any gymnastics event.
- q) If filming, recording, and / or photographing at training (during displays) or competitions, and intending to post on social media, please ensure that you have sought permission from any other parents/carers of children other than your own if they are visible in the footage.



r) Smoking, consuming alcohol or any illegal substance is always prohibited.

Spectating from our viewing area.

Watching gymnastics from our viewing area can be safe if you treat it like any elevated spectator area and stay mindful of the fact that you are viewing to enjoy watching your child train.

Key things to watch for:

- NEVER take photos/videos.
- Keep bags, drinks, and coats tidy so that they do not make a trip hazard for others using the area.
- If children are present, keep them seated or directly supervised. Avoid letting them climb on seats.
- Be aware of the number of adults / children upstairs and be sensible about choosing the appropriate time to watch. Be mindful that all people will need to evacuate in an emergency.
- Don't block the door.
- If you feel that there is something not right about your child's training, please use the correct channels to discuss this. Please DO NOT feel the need to openly complain, make derogatory and negative comments in front of others.
- Please DO use positive language and enjoy the experience of watching your child train.