# PARENT/GUARDIAN & SPECTATORS CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

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PIT Gymnastics abides by the Child Protection and Child Friendly Policies of Gymnastics Victoria

As a parent/guardian or spectator of gymnasts at PIT Gymnastics you must meet the following requirements in regard to your conduct during any activity or event:

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others.
- Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Focus on gymnasts efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or not winning.
- Be a positive role model.
- Show appreciation for good performance and efforts from all individuals and teams.
- Congratulate all participants, regardless of the competition's outcome.
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Show appreciation for coaches, officials and administrators.
- Encourage children always to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Do not physically or verbally abuse, intimidate or harass anyone associated with the sport (players, coaches, officials, spectators).
- Condemn the use of violence, verbal abuse or vilification in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- 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.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Understand the repercussions if you breach, or are aware of any breaches of, this code of behaviour.

In instances of inappropriate behaviour where parents or spectators are in breach of the Code of Conduct the following action will be taken:

1. Warning and reminder of Code of Behaviour.
2. Exclusion of parent/guardian from the venue.
3. Removal of gymnast from future classes/competitions.

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- Policy Noticeboard