

CODE OF CONDUCT

For Club Coaches, Officials and Volunteers

The essence of good ethical conduct and practise is summarised below. All Club Coaches, Officials and Helpers must:-

- Consider the well-being and safety of participants before the development of performance
- Develop an appropriate working relationship with performers based on mutual trust and respect
- Hold the appropriate, valid qualifications and insurance cover
- Ensure at least 2 responsible people are in the gymnasium during training sessions
- Make sure all activities are appropriate to the age, ability and experience of those taking part and ensure all participants are suitably prepared physically and mentally when learning new skills
- Display consistently high standards of behaviour and appearance, dressing suitably and not using inappropriate language at any time whilst involved with club activities
- Respect the gymnasts feelings and treat him / her with dignity and respect
- Never consume alcohol immediately before or during training or events
- Obtain prior agreement from the parent/guardian of performers before transporting them anywhere (training/competitions)
- Never have performers stay overnight at your home
- Never exert undue influence over performers to obtain personal benefit or reward
- Always report any incidents, referrals or disclosures immediately, following the appropriate guidelines set out in the BG Child Protection Policy 2012
- Never condone rule violations or use of prohibited substances
- Make sure that confidential information is not divulged unless with the express approval of the individual concerned
- Promote the positive aspects of the sport (e.g. fair play)
- Encourage performers to value their performances and not just results
- Volunteer their time to coach recreational sessions
- Ensure that appropriate risk assessments are undertaken according to the BG policy.
- Adhere to the training times as per hire arrangement and understand that they will be financially liable for use outside these times
- Ensure that they do not approach gymnasts or parents from another club with a view of convincing them to move to VGA
- Familiarise yourself and follow all guidelines laid down by British Gymnastics. The Health and Welfare Policy can be accessed at www.british-gymnastics.org