



Sherburn Community Gymnastics Club

Safeguarding Children Statement

Sherburn Community Gymnastics Club is fully committed to the safeguarding and protection of all its members and the welfare of the gymnast is paramount. We recognise that we have a responsibility to provide a safe and enjoyable environment where children can learn gymnastics without the risk of harm, abuse or exploitation.

Sherburn Community Gymnastics Club is registered with British Gymnastics (BG), the national governing body for the sport and has adopted the British Gymnastics Safeguarding and Protecting Children Policy. A full copy of this can be found in Sherburn Community Gymnastics Policy Folder or is available for download from the British Gymnastics Webpage.

Sherburn Community Gymnastics club will:

- Adopt the British Gymnastics Health, Safety and Welfare policy
- Adopt the British Gymnastics Safeguarding and protecting children policy
- Adopt the British Gymnastics equality policy
- Ensure that 2 Welfare officers are in post at all times. They will deal with any concerns or complaints in a confidential manner as far as possible, unless duty bound to disclose under their statutory safeguarding responsibilities to protect children/adults that may be at risk.
- Ensure that all coaches work within the boundaries of their qualification and implement best practice at all times, using only appropriate and recognised techniques as taught by British Gymnastics
- Ensure that all coaches and staff have suitable training in Safeguarding and protecting children to minimise potential risks to the gymnasts
- Ensure that all coaches and volunteers involved with the club have a valid DBS check
- Not tolerate bullying in any form and the club's disciplinary policy will be followed if such an allegation is made.
- Ensure that all members, parents and the SCGC team adhere to their code of conduct
- Ensure that all registers and emergency contact details are updated termly and are easily accessible in the event of an accident
- Ensure that a minimum of 2 members of staff are in the gym at all times
- Carefully recruit any new members of the SCGC team ensuring that both the Clubs and British Gymnastics recruitment policies are followed prior to appointment
- Strictly follow the SCGC Social media policy
- Not allow the gymnast to leave the session until a parent/ guardian arrives to collect them unless the appropriate form has been completed to allow them to leave alone
- Ensure that no gymnast passes through the shared changing room unless supervised by a member of the coaching or volunteer team and that a buddy system is used.