

# CODE OF CONDUCT

## For Parents / Guardians and Adult Members (where applicable)

- If your child takes part in club activities, encourage them to learn the rules and participate within them
- Discourage and avoid challenging / arguing with officials
- Understand that the gym discourages parents from remaining in the gymnasium during children's training as it causes distraction for participants and may also pose a child protection issue
- Publicly accept officials' judgements
- Help your child and peers to recognise good performance, not just results
- Set a good example by recognising good sportsmanship and applauding the performances of all
- Ensure that you are familiar with the protocol expected when attending competitions
- Never force your child to take part in sport
- Always ensure that you and your child are dressed appropriately for the activity and have plenty to drink
- Keep the club informed if you or your child are ill or unable to attend sessions
- Endeavour to establish good communication with the club for the benefit of all
- Share any concerns or complaints about any aspect of the club through the approved channels
- Use correct and proper language at all times
- Never punish or belittle a child for poor performance or making mistakes
- Always collect your child promptly at the end of a session. Gymnasts are not allowed to leave the gym alone.
- Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy their sport and achieve his/her full potential
- Understand that you are expected to assist with assembling and dismantling of apparatus to maximize training time
- Understand that disciplinary action will be considered by the committee if the rules are systematically breached
- Ensure that you do not approach gymnasts or parents of members or members from another club with a view of convincing them to move to VGA