

## **Deerness Gymnastics Academy/Club (DGA/DGC) Photos and Image Policy**

DGA acknowledges the duty of care towards the children and young adults who attend classes at the academy. Our policy recognizes the welfare of children is paramount in all circumstances. It aims to ensure that regardless of age, gender, religion or beliefs, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation or socio-economic-background all children:

- have a positive and enjoyable experience of the gymnastics/event being photographed, in a safe and child centered environment.
- are protected from abuse whilst participating in the event being photographed.

### **Photographs taken by the official Deerness Photographer on the premises:**

- Parents, legal guardians, carers or gymnasts over the age of 18 are asked to sign a consent form for recreation classes or on club registration. The consent allows photographs taken by the club to be used on their website and for promotional material.
- The photographer is DBS checked, known to the club and where possible the children.
- If a child or person appears to not want to have their photograph taken; either by stating so verbally or through body language the photograph must not be taken, or if already taken, deleted.
- All children photographed must be appropriately dressed for the event. If an item of clothing malfunctions a photograph must not be taken.
- Photographs must be in good taste, positive and in keeping with the event.
- Photographs of upset or injured children are not to be taken.
- Notwithstanding the above, DGA will remove any image from our website on request. Please send an email to [contact@deernessgymnastics.org.uk](mailto:contact@deernessgymnastics.org.uk)
- If a room or hall is privately hired DGA will only take photographs and publish on their website, or use as promotional material, with the consent of the person(s) hiring the room or hall.

### **Photographs taken by parents, legal guardians or gymnasts during training sessions:**

- Photographs taken by parents, legal guardians or gymnasts from the balcony or inside the hall is not encouraged.
- Where a photograph is taken under these circumstances it must be for private use only and is not to be published on any public domain.

**Photographs taken by the audience during public competitions and events/displays:**

- Photographs may be taken without the use of a flash.
- Photographs taken by the audience are not to be published on public websites, printed media, TV or open social media platforms.

**Definition of 'photograph' in the context of this policy.**

In this policy the use of the word 'photograph' extends to any kind of image capture, still or moving, obtained by any photographic device including still image cameras, video cameras, webcams and mobile phones and any other type of image capture device not specified here whether digital or not.

**Publicity**

Deerness Gymnastics Academy needs and welcomes publicity. Photographs add colour, life and interest to articles promoting the club. Making use of photographs for publicity materials and to promote the Academy in the press can increase funding, gymnast motivation and staff moral and help parents and the local community identify and celebrate the club's achievements. We thank all parents, guardians, carers and gymnasts for their help and support in raising the profile of gymnastics at Deerness Gymnastics Academy.

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