



Parent/Gymnast Policies

All Programming

1. Communicable Illness Policy

For the health and safety of our participants and coaches, the Club reserves the right to remove any child from a class that the Head Coach feels should not be participating due to coughing, fever, rashes, flu symptoms, or any other illness that may be contagious and harmful to others. The parent/guardian will be contacted and asked to take the child home.

It is required that children with nits/lice refrain from attending the club. Please do not bring your child to class until the condition has been treated and no sign of nits or lice are present in the hair. If we notice a child in the class with symptoms of lice, the parent/guardian will be contacted and asked to come pick up the child immediately to prevent spreading lice to others.

Additionally, the families who may have come in contact with the child will be anonymously informed so that they may monitor their own child for lice. Please refer to the following website detailing guidelines for managing head lice:

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/factsheets/headlice.pdf>

2. Concerns/Complaints Policy

Understanding a child's progress is important; however, it is also important that any concerns or complaints a parent or guardian may have are raised in an appropriate and respectful manner. Concerns and complaints are to be directed in writing (email preferred) to the board rather than to other parents, coaches, or gymnasts. **Approaching any coaching staff during scheduled classes or training sessions will not be tolerated.**

Please allow 24 hours for reflection. If after that time it is felt that the concern/complaint still needs to be addressed, consider the following:

- Minor concerns related to your child's gymnastics class can be addressed with the Head Coach outside of class time.
- Major concerns related to your child's gymnastics class must be submitted to the Head Coach and the President. (svcheetahscoach@gmail.com and svcheetahsgym@gmail.com)
- Concerns related to registration, refunds, or any other financial matter must be submitted to the President and the Treasurer. (svcheetahsgym@gmail.com and svcheetahstreasure@gmail.com)
- All other concerns can be submitted to the President and the Vice President. (svcheetahsgym@gmail.com and svcheetahsvp@gmail.com)

Concerns will be brought before the Board of Directors for review when deemed necessary.

3. Disciplinary Policy

The Disciplinary policy was developed to address incidents involving gymnasts, parents, and guardians who fail to comply with the codes of conduct, policies, and procedures of the Swan Valley Cheetahs Gymnastics Club.

Please be aware that parents/guardians are responsible for informing other individuals who may be picking up, dropping off, or viewing their child of the guidelines of the Club and that these individuals will also be subject to the Disciplinary Policy.

All gymnasts, parents, and guardians will be subject to the following guidelines:

- Where a gymnast or parent/guardian has failed to comply with the codes of conduct, policies, and/or procedures of the SVCGC, they will receive a warning - verbally or in writing - from the Head Coach and/or President depending on the nature of the incident.
- If a second incident occurs, the matter will be forwarded to the board of directors for discussion. Appropriate disciplinary action will be taken by the board which may or may not include the following:
 - The individual in question will not be permitted to enter the training area and/or communicate with the coaching staff;
 - The individual in question will not be permitted to enter the gym whatsoever;
 - The individual's child (or children) will be removed from their respective programs(s); and/or,
 - In the case of a serious breach of behaviour, the executive committee of the board of directors, in consultation with the head coach and parent liaison, reserves the right to see the immediate removal of the gymnast, parent, or guardian from the Club premises.

4. Placement Policy

Placement of gymnasts in the respective training groups is the sole responsibility of the Head Coach in consultation with staff. Every gymnast is carefully placed in a group where, in the opinion of the coach staff, they will be challenged without feeling overwhelmed and will best set the gymnast up for success.

All gymnasts progress at different rates according to age, physical growth, maturity, etc.; therefore, not all gymnasts can progress from one level to the next at the same rate. Gymnasts should not be compared to other gymnasts but rather their own personal progress as each gymnast who trains seriously is certain to progress and experience increased personal success.

Placement for Competitive Gymnasts

The Head Coach will determine whether a gymnast is well-suited for competitive gymnastics through observation and evaluation of the following criteria:

- Exhibited skills
- Maturity
- Ability to develop trust in coaches
- Ability to handle the discomfort, aches, and pains of hard training
- Ability to handle the stress of competition
- Desire to strive for perfection
- Desire to learn new skills
- Desire to work and improve on areas of weakness

- Determination to do their best
- Positive training attitude
- Ability to co-operate with coaches and teammates
- Competitive spirit
- Good sportsmanship
- Seriousness of commitment
- Family support
- Susceptibility to injury

Parents cannot make this determination. If a gymnast is transferring in from another club, the gymnast's most recent report card will be requested to inform placement.

5. Viewing Policy

The goal of SVCGC is to provide a safe and secure environment for gymnasts to train and for coaches to facilitate a quality learning experience. The creation of an optimum training and learning environment requires a quiet, calm, and respectful atmosphere in which both gymnasts and coaches can completely focus on the tasks at hand.

While we encourage parents to take an active interest in their child's participation and development, it is critical that this interest not deter from the maintenance of a safe and quiet environment for both gymnasts and coaches. To this end, all parents are required to comply with the following viewing policy guidelines:

- Parents are allowed to view gymnasts from the lobby. For the safety of all gymnasts, parents are not permitted inside the gym area (with the exception of Kindergym and Advanced Kindergym).
- Children not participating in gymnastics classes are not allowed on any training equipment at any time.
- Parents are encouraged to limit their viewing time to once per month. This will allow parents the opportunity to witness their child's progress and development while at the same time facilitating their child's independence, self-reliance, and formation of positive relationships with their teammates and coaches.
- Under no circumstances will parents be able to contact or speak to coaches during class time. This is vital to ensure the safety and respect of all gymnasts and the coaching staff.
- Please be courteous with the use of your cell phone or electronic device. No pictures or videos of the gymnasts or classes are allowed without permission from the Head Coach, gymnast, and gymnast's parent/guardian.
- If gymnasts are 5 years old or under, 1 parent/guardian or designate must always be in the gym.