



Majestic Gymnastics – Mobile Phone Policy

Purpose

Majestic Gymnastics is committed to providing a safe, positive, and focused environment for all gymnasts, coaches, volunteers, staff members, parents, and spectators. This Mobile Phone Policy has been developed in line with safeguarding expectations and good practice guidance from British Gymnastics.

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Protect the welfare and privacy of children and vulnerable individuals.
- Promote appropriate and responsible use of mobile phones and recording devices.
- Minimise distractions during training sessions.
- Ensure that photography and video recording are carried out safely and appropriately.

Scope

This policy applies to:

- All gymnasts
- Coaches and staff
- Volunteers
- Parents and carers
- Spectators and visitors

The policy applies during all club activities, training sessions, competitions, camps, events, and trips organised by Majestic Gymnastics.

Staff and Coach Mobile Phone Use

- Only Lead Coaches may carry a mobile phone during training sessions in order to receive emergency contact from parents or guardians.
- All other coaches and staff members must store their phones in the staff room during sessions unless they have received express permission from the Lead Coach to keep their phone with them.
- Staff must not use mobile phones during coaching activities except in an emergency or for authorised club purposes.
- Staff must never use personal devices to communicate privately with gymnasts under the age of 18 unless communication is part of an approved club communication process involving parents/carers where appropriate.



- Staff and volunteers must not take photographs or videos on personal devices unless authorised by the club and in accordance with safeguarding procedures.
- Any club-related images or videos must be stored securely and shared only through approved club channels.

Spectator Use of Phones and Recording Devices

- Spectators must refrain from taking photographs or videos within the gym without the express permission of the Lead Staff Member.
- Where photography or filming is permitted, individuals must respect the privacy and welfare of all gymnasts and staff.
- Photography or filming in changing areas, toilets, or any private area is strictly prohibited.
- Any person asked to stop recording by a member of staff must do so immediately.
- The club reserves the right to refuse or withdraw permission for photography or filming at any time.

Gymnast Mobile Phone Rules

Development and Primary Age Categories

- Gymnasts in the Development and Primary age categories are not permitted to bring a mobile phone to training sessions.

Youth and Junior Gymnasts

- Youth and Junior gymnasts may bring a mobile phone to training.
- Gymnasts may be required to store their phones in an allocated safe box for the duration of the training session.
- Phones must remain switched off or on silent during sessions.

Senior Gymnasts

- Senior gymnasts may bring and store their own phones.
- Phones must not be used during training sessions unless permission has been granted by the Lead Coach.



Photography and Video Recording by Gymnasts

- Gymnasts are not permitted to take photographs or videos during sessions without prior permission from the Lead Staff Member.
- Any approved recordings must be respectful, appropriate, and for legitimate training or club purposes only.
- Images or videos must not be shared online or on social media without the permission of the individuals involved and, where appropriate, their parent or carer.

Social Media and Online Conduct

- Members must use social media responsibly and respectfully.
- Posting images, videos, or comments that may place a gymnast, coach, volunteer, or the club at risk is prohibited.
- Bullying, harassment, or inappropriate online behaviour connected to the club will be treated seriously and managed under the club's Behaviour and Safeguarding Policies.

Safeguarding Concerns

Any concerns regarding inappropriate use of mobile phones, photography, filming, online communication, or breaches of safeguarding should be reported immediately to the club's Welfare Officer or Lead Coach.

Where necessary, concerns may be referred to external safeguarding agencies or British Gymnastics.

Breaches of Policy

Any breach or misuse of this Mobile Phone Policy will be dealt with in accordance with the club's Behaviour Policy and Safeguarding Procedures.

Depending on the seriousness of the breach, actions may include:

- Verbal warning
- Removal of phone privileges
- Parent/carer notification
- Temporary suspension from training
- Further disciplinary action by the club

Serious safeguarding concerns may be referred to relevant external agencies where appropriate.