

*The essence of good ethical conduct and practice is summarised below. All Axis Trampoline Club Coaches, Judges, Officials and Volunteers must adhere to the following guidelines:-*

- Coaches must check equipment before use.
- Coaches are to provide a 'safe' training environment for all gymnasts.
- Coaches should develop an appropriate working relationship with gymnasts and their families based on mutual trust and respect.
- Coaches are expected to act in 'loco parentis' once a gymnast is left in the care of Axis Trampoline Club and act as 'responsible sports coaches'.
- The Coaches 'loco parentis' role commences at the start of the gymnastics class through to the end of the class, when gymnasts are discharged to the care of their parent(s).
- Coaches should hold a valid and nationally recognised governing body coaching qualification and ensure that their coaching knowledge and practice are according to current best practice.
- Coaches must hold valid public liability insurance through British Gymnastics.
- Coaches must place the wellbeing and safety of the gymnast above the development of performance. They should follow all guidelines set down by British Gymnastics and Axis Trampoline Club.
- Coaches must encourage and guide gymnasts to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
- Coaches must ensure the activities they direct or advocate are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of the gymnast.
- Coaches should, at the outset, clarify with gymnasts exactly what is expected of them and what gymnasts are entitled to expect of their coach.
- Coaches should consistently display high standards of behaviour and appearance.
- Coaches should not wear jewellery in a training session or competitive event.
- Coaches must ensure that appropriate and responsible supervision is provided for all gymnasts who may be required to leave the training area (such as to use the toilet).
- Coaches must make themselves known to parents of new gymnasts to ensure that gymnasts only leave the training venue with a known face.
- Coaches must never give a gymnast a lift home unless another gymnast or adult is present.
- Coaches must never train in a one to one situation with gymnasts.
- Coaches are to ensure that gymnasts are fit to train and are to not promote continued training for an injured gymnast.
- Coaches must report any incidents, referrals or disclosures immediately, following the appropriate guidelines set out in the BG Child Protection Policy.
- Coaches must ensure that confidential information is not divulged unless with the express approval of the individual concerned.