

Risk Assessment regarding the openness of the training area used by Alton Gymnastics Club.

This risk assessment is concerned with the fact that Alton Gymnastics Club training sessions are able to be fully observed by anyone entering the Sports Centre by use of the viewing balcony.

Alton Gymnastics Club run classes and training sessions at Alton Sports Centre, Chawton Park Road, Alton Hampshire. The training sessions and classes are run either on badminton courts 5 and 6 or badminton courts 1,3 or badminton courts 1,3 and 5 in the main hall of this multi-sports facility.

The equipment is laid out in one of 3 arrangements, depending on which badminton courts are being used.

Certain risks are apparent from the fact that all members of the public are free to watch our classes at any time. The majority of participants are children and The Club and the Sports Centre have a responsibility for their safety whilst they are attending Classes or training sessions.

Risk:

- Gymnasts being distracted by people attracting their attention from the balcony.

Prevention/minimisation

- Curtains are drawn where reasonable to do so.
- Gymnasts are made aware of the dangers of not concentrating fully on the coaches instructions.
- Members of the public and parents are asked not to call gymnasts or coaches from the balcony during class.
- This risk cannot be fully removed as we cannot have complete control over the behaviours of members of the general public. However, people who do so will be asked not to and repeated occurrences will be dealt with accordingly by members of Alton Gymnastics Club staff and the staff at Alton Sports Centre.

Risk

- Violation of our child protection policy through the unauthorised taking of photographs from the balcony.

Prevention/minimisation

- Alton Sports Centre do not allow members of the public to take photographs anywhere in the centre without prior authorisation.
- If someone registers a camera with the intention of photographing/videoing their child at gymnastics, the receptionist will inform the coach in charge of the session.
- Parents wishing to take photographs/video of their child must also seek the express permission of the coach in charge of the class and must register their details with the club.
- Any one found to be acting contrary to these rules will be asked to leave and their film confiscated.
- The Clubs Photography and Filming policy is available to all members and parents via the club noticeboard and website.

This document has not been prepared in order to alarm parents or coaches but is a requirement of Health and Safety rules and regulations.

The risk assessment and its summary are regularly checked to ensure it is correct and complete. It is also checked by other members of the Alton Gymnastics Club Team as well as members of Alton Sports Centre Staff.

Any input into this document is checked and agreed by the undersigned.

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