

Risk Assessment for Parents, Non-participating children and Members of the general public.

This risk assessment applies to the actions of parents, non-participating children and members of the general public with regard to Alton Gymnastics Club at Alton Sports Centre.

The 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.

Risk can occur if members of the public, parents, and non-participating children enter the gym during training or during the rigging and de-rigging of equipment.

These risks are:

- Injury to the parent, non-participating child or member of the public due to inadequate awareness of the safety issues in the gym.
- Injury to the gymnasts as a result of distraction or inappropriate conduct of the parent, non-participating child or member of the public.
- Damage to the equipment.
- Violation of our child protection policy.

Prevention/minimisation

- No unauthorised person may enter the parts of the hall being used for gymnastics during training, classes or during rigging, de-rigging of the equipment.
- Parents may not enter the gymnastics training area during training unless expressly invited or in the event of an emergency.
- Non-participating gymnasts may not enter the gymnastics training area at any time whatsoever.
- Parents wishing to speak to a coach must do so by the desk and at times when the coach is not involved in teaching a class.
- Parents are prohibited from trying to attract the attention of gymnasts or coaches during the class unless it is a genuine emergency.
- During events when spectators attend, a specified spectators area is designated and all spectators must stay in this area and not enter the gymnastics performing area (arena) unless in the event of an emergency.

These measures are made clear through the relevant codes of conduct published by the Club.

Alton Gymnastics Club do not accept responsibility for injuries that occur as a result of a parent, sibling or member of the general public acting contrary to instructions, whether direct or implied. In the event of an incident occurring under these circumstances where a gymnast in the care of Alton Gymnastics Club or a coach is injured, the person who acted contrary to instructions will be held fully responsible.

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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