

# VIEWING POLICY

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This policy applies to any Member, Non-Member of Bangor Gymnastics Club, Staff, or Club Official that may be using the waiting room or viewing gymnastics lessons in the waiting area, either through the glass window or on the TV.

- Bangor Gymnastics Club allows parents/guardians to stay during lesson times and to view the lesson either on the TV or through the glass window.
- The waiting area is used to drop off and collect gymnasts at the start and end of lessons. Please respect the gymnasts' space at these times and allow a clear space for them to be able to walk safely in and out of the gym.
- We expect parents to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner whilst watching any sessions regarding the gymnasts, coaches and other parents present or absent at the time of viewing.
- Parents viewing the lessons may only do so in the designated 'waiting area'. No parents are permitted to enter the gym unless you are requested to do so.
- Parents are not to interrupt any coaching matters while viewing classes. All coaching matters are to be handled only by the coach in charge.
- Under no circumstances are you to photograph or film any child/children during a lesson. This is a direct contravention of child safety, which as a club we take very seriously. You must adhere to British Gymnastics Policy regarding Photography and use of Imagery (which is included in the BG Safeguarding Children: Safe Environment document.)
- If for any reason you would like to photograph your child in the gym, please contact the Club Manager ([samanthajames.bgc@gmail.com](mailto:samanthajames.bgc@gmail.com)) to arrange a suitable arrangement.
- Parents are not to communicate with their child once class has commenced. During the period of the class, your child is in the hands of the coach. If for any reason there is a need to speak to your child, their coach must be informed first. Parents are welcome to speak to coaches before or after lessons for any minor queries or messages (not while coaches are coaching). If the matter requires a discussion with your child's coach, please arrange a meeting through the Club Manager ([samanthajames.bgc@gmail.com](mailto:samanthajames.bgc@gmail.com)).
- Watching your child/ren can be an enjoyable experience, to see their progress etc, however some children (especially younger children) can be very easily distracted which can be dangerous for the gymnast. With this in mind, whilst watching your child we request that you do not wave or intentionally try and get their attention during their session due to the risk of injury.
- Bangor Gymnastics Club is happy to allow parents/carers to watch their child's session – however if there are repeated incidents of not adhering to our Viewing Policy or a serious breach of the Viewing or any other Child Safety Policy we will have no choice but to stop the individual(s) involved from watching their child's session. In this situation parents/carers will be invited in for a discussion with the Welfare Officer and Director(s) to resolve any situation, however repeated violations or a serious breach may result in a permanent ban.