Rothwell Gymnastics – declaration of adoption of British Gymnastics Policy

Rothwell Gymnastics declares that it operates to the British Gymnastics standards for Safeguarding and Protecting children and young people. Rothwell Gymnastics Child Protection policies are based upon the adoption of its National Governing Body (British Gymnastics) guidelines and includes the following:

Club Responsibilities

All clubs who provide services to children or young people have a common law duty of care to take such steps that in the circumstances of a gymnastics club are reasonable to ensure that the young person is safe. The BG policy and procedures sets out the minimum standards that clubs should adopt. The adoption of these procedures will ensure that clubs fulfil their duty of care towards young people.

All clubs must ensure that: -

• The overall responsibility for safeguarding lies at the most senior level of their organisation. (THE COMMITTEE)

• There is at least one individual designated within the club to take the lead role in dealing with safeguarding issues. (Helen Dixon, Pam Stevenson, Lisa Groves, Kaylee Whiteley)

• All staff and volunteers who are working directly or indirectly with children receive appropriate training and have access to advice on child protection and safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. (all Safeguarding trained)

• All young people and their parents are aware of behaviour that is not acceptable and how they can help to keep themselves safe.

• They adopt the BG whistle blowing procedures and steps are taken to ensure members, their parents/carers and others feel able to raise concerns without fear of negative repercussions.

• Confidentiality is maintained in relation to concerns and referrals and information is only shared on a 'need to know' basis in line with BG Confidentiality and Information Sharing Guidance.

• They comply with the BG procedure on safe recruitment to prevent unsuitable people from obtaining or remaining in positions of trust or responsibility. Clubs must ensure that anyone who is operating in a regulated position meets the requirements of the BG safeguarding licence.
• Work in partnership with BG to ensure poor practice is addressed and any required remedial action is taken.

It is not the role of club officials to investigate possible abuse or neglect, however they have a key role to play by referring concerns about those issues to Children's Social Care Services and/or British Gymnastics and providing information for police investigations.