VIEWING POLICY

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REVIEW PERIOD	REVIEW DATE	SIGNED
Issue Date	April 2023	Management
Review Date	May 2025	Management
Review Date	September 2026	Management

South Durham Gymnastics (SDG) & South Durham Gymnastics Club (SDGC)have a dedicated viewing gallery for parents/guardians to watch sessions and competitions from. The gallery, which is located on the first floor of the Gymnastics Centre, is accessible via stairs and lift – and is also home to the South Durham Diner.

We expect all Club visitors to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner whilst adhering to the **Parents, Carers & Visitors** section of our **Club Codes of Conduct**.

***Please Not**: The viewing gallery is closed to spectators from 6pm on a Friday evening to allow for cleaning and maintenance to be caried out.*

Anyone accessing our gallery - be it to watch gymnastics class, competition, festival, display/event or just to access the Diner - must adhere to the following rules:

PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEO RECORDING

- There is strictly **NO** photography/video recording of gymnastics/trampolining sessions allowed; this is to ensure the safety and safeguarding of all of our members
    - We appreciate that some parents/carers may wish to capture a photo/video for a relative, or even a school project – in this instance, please speak to a member of the coaching team for this to be arranged from within the gym (where we can appropriately safeguard other children)
- Photography/videoing is typically permitted at gymnastics competitions; however, this will be confirmed by the Competition Organiser before the event takes place
    - When photography/videoing is permitted, flash must be turned off

GYMNAST / PARTICIPANT SAFETY

- Watching your child(ren) and seeing their progress can be an enjoyable experience, however, some children (especially younger children) can be very easily distracted - which can be dangerous for them. With this in mind, we request that you do not wave or intentionally try and get their attention by knocking on the windows during a session

VIEWING GALLERY SAFETY & CLEANLINESS

- You (as a parent/carer) are responsibly for any siblings/other children that accompany you whilst visiting the Centre. They must be under your constant supervision at all times. Please ensure children do not knock on the windows, climb on the seating areas, or run around the building. All children must also be accompanied when using the toilets
- Please help us keep the gallery clean and tidy for other spectators by disposing of your rubbish in the bins provided
- Please report any issues in relation to spillages, cleanliness or breaks/damage to the SD Diner, or the Gym Office

SOUTH DURHAM DINER

- Only food purchased at the SD Diner, or from one of the vending machines within the Gymnastics Centre should be consumed on the viewing gallery – we thank you for supporting us with this!

South Durham Gymnastics & South Durham Gymnastics Club is happy to allow parents/carers to watch their child(ren) from the viewing gallery. However, if there are repeated incidents of not adhering to our **Viewing Policy** or **Codes of Conduct**, we will have no choice but to stop the individual(s) involved from watching their child's session/competition. In this situation, parents/carers will be invited in for a discussion with a member of the Management Team (and Welfare Officer if required) to resolve the situation. Repeated violations or a serious breach may result in a permanent ban.

All visitors to the viewing gallery are reminded that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If you see or hear something concerning, please report it immediately to a member of staff or the Welfare Team.

If you have any Welfare related concerns or questions, please email welfare@southdurhamgym.co.uk or contact 07795095407 / 01388 811877.

If you have any other questions or concerns regarding your child(ren), please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the team whilst in the gym. Alternatively, you can leave us your feedback in one of our suggestion boxes, drop us an email - gym@southdurhamgym.co.uk - or call us on 01388 811877.

Suggested Review Date: After significant changes, or biennially

Reviewed By:	**Rebecca Armstrong**
Date:	01/05/2025
Comments:	Slight addition added - reminded that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility
Next Suggested Review Date:	May 2027

Reviewed By:	**Rebecca Armstrong**
Date:	**29/09/2026**
Comments:	Since SDG & SGDC have gone independent, the policies have been combined.
Next Suggested Review Date:	September 2028

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