

GYMNASTICS IN AUSTRALIA EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Child Safe Commitment Statement

Gymnastics in Australia is committed to the safety, wellbeing, and empowerment of all children accessing our programs and services including indigenous children, those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and children and adults with disability.

Gymnastics Australia and all our Association Members have a zero tolerance approach to any form of child abuse. We support the rights of children and we will act immediately to ensure an environment is maintained where children and all participants feel safe, respected, valued and empowered at all times.

In 2018 the Gymnastics Australia President and Presidents of our eight Association Members co-signed an historic Child Safe Commitment Statement, pledging to retain a prioritised focus on ensuring gymnastics remained a child safe environment.

Following the release of the comprehensively reviewed Member Protection Policy and Child Safe Policy in 2019, the Gymnastics Australia CEO and Executive Directors of all our Association Members are now also co-signing this Commitment Statement to further strengthen the focus on the welfare and well being of all children participating in Gymnastics.

As the leaders responsible for Gymnastics around the country, we will work together to ensure a child safety culture and a safe and inclusive environment for all children participating in gymnastics clubs throughout Australia. Our commitment encompasses the rights and wellbeing of our personnel, members, contractors and volunteers and requires their active participation in building and maintaining a secure environment for all participants. We also acknowledge that these groups and individuals provide a valuable contribution to the positive experiences of children involved in our sport.

We will support all Affiliated Clubs to implement policies and procedures, from human resource management to reporting processes, with conscious action and proactive behaviours to protect the safety and welfare of children and ensure all members feel confident to report inappropriate behaviour. We recognise that Affiliated Clubs, administrators, volunteers, parents and participants must understand the important responsibilities they each have in relation to child safety and we are committed to educating our community in this regard. Together we pledge to provide an environment where children feel safe, respected, valued and encouraged to reach their full potential.

The Executive Directors of Gymnastics in Australia, hereby sign this Child Safe Commitment Statement on the 19th March 2019.




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