

NWG Open Viewing Policy

This Open Viewing Policy explains how parents, carers, and spectators may observe sessions while ensuring a safe, focused, and positive environment for all gymnasts. This policy aligns with British Gymnastics guidance and should be read in conjunction with our other club policies.

1. Policy Statement

- We welcome parents and carers to observe sessions in line with this policy.
- Open viewing is managed to support gymnast welfare, concentration, and safety.
- The coaching team must be able to deliver sessions without distraction.

2. Designated Viewing Areas

- Viewing is permitted only from designated parent viewing areas.
- Parents, carers, and spectators must not enter the gym floor unless expressly authorised by a member of staff.
- Siblings and additional spectators must remain supervised at all times.

3. Conduct During Viewing

- Viewers must remain respectful and considerate at all times.
- Coaching, instruction, or feedback must not be given by parents, carers, or spectators during sessions.
- Any concerns regarding a session should be raised with club staff at an appropriate time outside of the session.

4. Photography & Filming

- Photography and filming during sessions are not permitted, in line with our Photography & Filming Policy.
- Mobile phones and other devices must not be used to record or photograph gymnasts.

5. Safety & Welfare

- Viewing arrangements must not compromise safety, safeguarding, or emergency procedures.

- In the event of an emergency or safeguarding concern, staff instructions must be followed immediately.

6. Temporary Restrictions

- The club reserves the right to restrict or suspend open viewing for specific sessions or periods where necessary to support learning, safety, or operational requirements.
- Any temporary changes to viewing arrangements will be communicated where reasonably practicable.

7. Breach of Policy

- Failure to comply with this Open Viewing Policy may result in viewing privileges being restricted or removed.

8. Monitoring & Review

- This policy will be reviewed regularly to ensure it remains effective and aligned with British Gymnastics guidance and best practice.
- Updates may be made to reflect operational needs or safeguarding requirements.