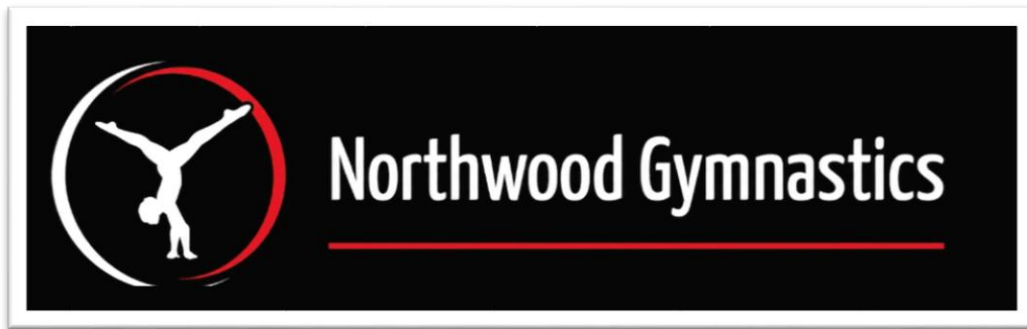




Independent Gymnastics Association (IGA) clubs (Northwood Gymnastics) maintain strict social media and photography guidelines for parents to protect children's safety and comply with nationwide safeguarding standards. The core requirements expected of parents at IGA-affiliated clubs include

1. Photography & Video Restrictions

No Recording During Regular Classes: Parents are prohibited from taking photos or videos during normal training sessions, warm-ups, or cool-downs. This ensures the privacy of other gymnasts who may be in the background and might have restricted media permissions.

2. Controlled Event Photography

Photography is usually permitted during designated club displays, competitions, and events under strict conditions.

3. Posting and Sharing Rules

No Unconsented Tagging or Uploads: Parents must never upload photos or videos to platforms like Facebook, Instagram, or TikTok that feature children other than their own.

Protecting Staff Privacy: Photos or videos containing club coaches, volunteers, or officials cannot be uploaded online without their express permission.

Copyright Restrictions: Copying and uploading professional photographs taken by official event photographers without purchasing or obtaining rights is strictly prohibited.

4. Communication Boundaries

No Direct Social Messaging: Parents should not "friend" or follow club coaches on personal social media platforms, nor should they communicate with coaches via private instant messaging or WhatsApp. All communication should go through official club emails or office channels.

5. Digital Conduct & Grievances

No Public Venting: According to the IGA Code of Conduct, parents must not post negative, disparaging, or embarrassing remarks about the club, its coaches, officials, or opposing clubs online.

Appropriate Channels: Any complaints, concerns, or safeguarding worries must be raised privately through the club's appointed Club Welfare Officer (CWO) rather than discussed on public timelines or forum groups