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A School Built on Success

I would like to welcome you to the **Carmarthenshire School of Gymnastics** and thank you for giving your gymnast the opportunity to be introduced to gymnastics or to further your already developed interest. I hope that both they will, and you will, enjoy your time with us. I would like to advise you of the following vital information, which is imperative for the effectiveness of the organisation.

Over forty six years ago founder Sharon Evans started Gymnastics classes for one hour a week every Saturday morning in Carmarthen. Classes became popular and the participants 'wanted more!' Over the years Sharon has led Carmarthenshire School of Gymnastics from strength to strength, enabling the children of Carmarthenshire to train for longer, and the club to acquire professional gymnastics equipment to train to compete on **F.I.G** approved equipment [Federation of International Gymnastics).

As well as planting the seed for numerous Carmarthenshire gymnasts to further develop and move on to achieving their aspirations the club has developed many people to become coaches and judges. Most young coaches have made the transition from gymnast to coach at the club.

In 2006, **CSoG** created a Development Centre in Cefneithin Hall to allow Development Squad gymnasts to train more often, and a Preparatory Squad, General Development Squad to evolve. This progressed further, with the success of the squad gymnasts at local and national competitions to the Grand Opening by HRH Princess Ann in January 2010 of The Gymnastics Centre within Carmarthen Leisure Centre allowing more participation of the children of Carmarthenshire and since 1st March 2014 has even further progressed with the opening of the new state of the art Gymnastics Centre in Crosshands.

This success story for **Carmarthenshire School of Gymnastics** has been due to the demand of the public evident from the success stories of local gymnasts achieving their aspirations.

CSoG now has a fully comprehensive Development program throughout Carmarthenshire and can boast being the best 2018, 2019,2020,2021 and 2023 Tumbling Club in Wales. Every year since 2020 Welsh Tumbling RCC Inter-Regional Finals Championship, a grand total of 12 gymnasts have been selected to represent Wales in the British Tumbling RCC Inter-Regional Finals Championship, 2022 Rose Burson was a British Bronze Medallist, 2023 Florence Williams a Bronze Medallist and Nel McWilliams a Silver Medallist and this last year, 2024 young 9yrs old Griff Mackintosh-Jones a Silver Medallist.

Since 2018 when Jade Evans won the World Silver Medal in the 2018 World Age Group Tumbling Championship in St Petersburg, Russia she inspired so many of our gymnasts to becoming Elite Pathway gymnasts to now having eight gymnasts compete in British Tumbling Championships namely female gymnasts Mared Rees, Millie Preece, Tia Powell, Florence Williams, Shannon Ross, Jade Evans and Lauren Watts with Luca Burgess-Williams as our male gymnast.

This last competition year, **CSoG** could proudly boast six of our own gymnasts represent **TEAM WALES** in the 16th Internation Loule Tumbling Cup Championship, Portugal with Luca as part of the Male Welsh Team coming home as Bronze Team Medallist and bringing home his very own individual Silver Medal around his neck.

Sharon Evans
Head Coach & Managing Director



TERM FEES

The cost for a TEN week one hour Pre-School. General Gymnastics Class is £87.50 per term paid at the beginning of every term. (£8.75 per session)

The cost for a TEN week Pre-School, General Gymnastics or Trampoline of more than one hour session over a variety of classes are as follows.

- Pre-School, General Gymnastics or Trampoline 2hrs / £150.00 per term/ £7.50 per hr
- Pre-School, General Gymnastics or Trampoline 3hrs / £180.00 per term/ £6.00 per hr
- Pre-School, General Gymnastics or Trampoline 4hrs / £210.00per term/ £5,25per hr
- Pre-School, General Gymnastics or Trampoline 5hrs / £225.00 per term/£4.50 per hr

Methods of payment

Online Payment via LoveAdmin

Bank Transfer details:

Bank Name: -HSBC / CSoG Business Account

Sort Code: 40-16-23 Account Number: 81604511

Reference: Gymnast's Name/ Winter Term 2024

If after the first week a gymnast/trampolinist does not settle, please speak with Sharon for a "Settling in Plan" to be prepared. If after the agreed settling in period any gymnast that should not want to continue, please see Sharon to discuss a refund of the Enrolment Fee. Any gymnast deciding to leave later in the course will not automatically qualify for a refund. All requests for refund will be assessed on an individual basis.

RE-ENROLMENT

A fast-path enrolment is offered to existing customers to ensure a future place for the next forthcoming term. Enrolment forms will be distributed to the gymnasts/trampolinists at the end of each term.

INSURANCE

All gymnasts/ trampolinists must be affiliated to the governing body of gymnastics, Welsh Gymnastics Ltd and British Gymnastics Limited.

The affiliation fee is dependent on age of the gymnast/trampolinist for the period 1st October 2023-30th September 2024 which includes Personal Accident Insurance. This affiliation charge in the first place must be paid to CSoG and then to access the BG/WG Website to register as a new gymnast to affiliate for membership...

For the organisation to obtain Public Liability Insurance, all gymnasts/ trampolinists must be affiliated to Welsh Gymnastics and British Gymnastics and have their own Personal Accident Insurance cover.

All the coaches have their own personal Public Liability Insurance to cover themselves whilst training the gymnasts.

HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE GYMNAST

Please ensure Gymnasts/Trampolinists have been to the toilet prior to attending class to prevent any risk of an accident if a gymnast should have to leave the gymnasium.

- Please ensure Gymnasts/Trampolinists wear a leotard, shorts, and t-shirt, leggings or tracksuit bottoms with elastic at the ankles [no wide leg bottom tracksuits]. No socks, bare foot only. [Trampolinists are allowed socks on the Trampoline bed]

- Please ensure Gymnasts/Trampolinists have hair tied back securely, neatly, and tidily
- It is Parents/Legal Guardians who are responsible for the gymnast/trampolinists whilst in the changing rooms and corridors. Please always ensure discipline, avoid any running or misbehaviour
- Please do not interrupt training sessions. If you wish to speak to a coach, or Class Manager please make prior arrangements for a meeting of please E-Mail admin@csogvmnastics.co.uk Please refer to the new Operational Policy Covid-19
- Please accompany the gymnast/trampolinist to the gymnasium at the beginning of the session. Classes could be cancelled at short notice due to events out of our control and contact to all gymnasts in not always possible. Information regarding class cancellation due to weather conditions or the like which must be decided upon at short notice will be posted at the earliest possible occasion on the Carmarthenshire School of Gymnastics Facebook page, and where Class Managers will send a group WhatsApp message to all parents/legal guardians.
- Please ensure prompt collection of the gymnast/trampolinist from the gymnasium. Your child/children will not be permitted to leave the gymnasium unattended to waiting cars in the car park unless prior authorisation given to the Head Coach. If you will not be collecting your child, please inform the gymnast's/trampolinist's coach or Class manager who will do so.
- All correspondence is read to avoid parents queuing up at the start/end of the training session to ask questions, or to avoid breakdown in communication. We do have a Facebook page for parents, which is updated with vital information, class information, in addition to letters that will be given out to keep parents informed of events or changes to sessions.
- The club adheres to the British Gymnastics 'No Jewellery Policy,' which condones the wearing of any watches or jewellery, including body piercings, during a gymnastics / trampolining session.

The Club's Child Protection & Welfare Officers

Fiona [Fee] Shields 07562341265 / wfocsogwelfareofficer2022@gmail.com

If you have a welfare concern:

- If your concern is regarding a specific incident, please make a note of the date and time it occurred and report it as soon as possible. Please also make a note of the key facts relating to the incident
- If you have a general concern, please make a note of the main points of your concern and report them to Fiona.
- If you are not sure about whether to report a concern or not, we advise that you do report it, it is important that the club is aware of your concerns even if you are unsure about them. The club's employees are bound by their codes of conduct to treat all reports with the utmost discretion and confidentiality.
- If for any reason you do not wish to raise your concern with Anna, please contact the Managing Director - Sharon Evans - 07588221117 admin@csogymnastics.co.uk

If you need to contact the Welfare Officer:

You can raise your concerns in person by phoning Fiona [Fee] Shields. on 07562341265 and making a mutual meeting time and place

You can e-mail your concern via... wfocsogwelfareofficer2022@gmail.com

- You can discuss the concern by phone if you are not comfortable doing so in person.



- You can write a letter highlighting your concerns, sealing it in a clearly labelled envelop, and handing it to Anna or Sharon as and when you see them, or arrange to meet them.
- You can send a letter anonymously highlighting your concerns however, please be aware that it is much more difficult to address the problem if we cannot contact the person to whom has noticed it.

Please note we have a Complaints and Grievance Procedure which can be found in your **LoveAdmin** Registration page.

ACCIDENT BOOK

All accidents must be recorded in the Accident Book and reported to the Child Protection & Welfare Officers of the club.

CHILD PROTECTION

All coaches have regular DBS enhanced checks. Gymnastics is a "hands on sport" and to ensure safety we have to support the gymnast until able to perform the element unaided. If the gymnast should feel uneasy at any time, please ensure that you speak to me, the Managing Director, the child's Class Manager, or Anna Beynon the Child Protection & Welfare Officer for the organisation.

RISK ASSESSMENT AND APPARATUS CHECK LIST

CSoG must risk assess regularly to ensure the Health Safety and Welfare of the gymnast/trampolinist. A copy of these checks is recorded and maintained. Could all please be aware of these following risks.

Carmarthen Gymnasts - Could all parents of gymnasts please be made aware that both male and female members of the public do share the changing rooms to use the showers and Carmarthenshire County Council are unable to prevent the use to the public during gymnastics classes. At times water is visible on the floor in the changing rooms therefore please consider the risk and accompany the gymnast into the changing rooms or come ready changed.

All venues

Car parking during busy periods can be a problem in all venues. Could all parents visiting the Gymnastics Centre in Crosshands, please park in the main car park. Could we please ask you to refrain from driving up to the exceedingly small and narrow area by the Gymnastics Centre entrance, where cars turning around can be dangerous. Please be vigilant as to where you park your park and please do not block accesses to the gymnast's entrance or exits or shop entrances.

TEACHING TECHNIQUES

All gymnasts/trampolinists are taught by using safe progressions. The gymnasts/trampolinists are trained in preparation to pass B.A.G.A. Proficiency Awards. Presentation of Awards is normally arranged at the end of the Winter Term and Summer Term. This will enable the parent/legal guardian to monitor progress of the gymnast/trampolinist. A gymnast/trampolinist will not necessarily pass an award at the end of every twelve week term because as the gymnast/trampolinist progresses upwards towards the more advanced Awards the elements obviously get more difficult and take longer to achieve and longer to perform unaided and to achieve perfection.

The aim is that the gymnasts/trampolinists could gain experience through enjoyment and achieve perfection in their techniques without feeling under pressure.

WORKING TOGETHER POLICY

We operate a working together policy between parents and the organisation. If any parent has any issues or concerns, please arrange a private appointment to discuss with the Managing Director, or Class Manager.

Also, if one should not be content with anything then please advise us of your recommendations or suggestions for the organisation to consider and adopt to continuously improve.

CONTACT

If anyone should require any further information, please contact Sharon on 01269 845384 [Evenings] or email admin@csogymnastics.co.uk