

PLAY GYMNASTICS MASCOT RULES

Gymnastics BC's Sammy mascot is an ambassador for PLAY Gymnastics at GBC, club and community events. A handler, who is responsible for controlling crowds, assisting the mascot and promoting interaction with the mascot, accompanies the mascot.

Roles of mascot and handler

Mascot

- Greet public in costume and in character at GBC events and represent the association at community events throughout the year.
- Physically capable of moving in the costume while maintaining the personality of the character.
- Seek out, engage and interact with the public.
- Maintain animated personality of the character while interacting with public.
- Careful handling of the mascot costume.
- Develop an interactive and engaging identity.

Handler

- Assist the mascot with the costume.
- Assist the mascot to meet and greet the public.
- Look after the mascot's physical and safety needs and escort them at all times.
- Seek out, engage and interact with the public.
- Manage the mascot's schedule and ensure that breaks are taken during the shift.
- Distribute promotional materials as necessary.

Rules

- Under absolutely no circumstance may the costumes (or pieces thereof) be used for personal or recreational use.
- Be a positive representative of recreational gymnastics, your club and Gymnastics BC.
- The mascot's identity is kept a secret at all times.
- Never break character. Children especially will see you as the "real" thing.
- Never dress, undress or remove the head in public.
- Never speak while in character.
- Excessive or risky stunts are prohibited.
- Do not allow anyone other than the assigned person to try on the costume.
- Do not use the costume to scare or intimidate anyone, especially children.
- Do not use lewd, obscene gestures or other activities not in good taste such as spitting or fighting.
- Drink plenty of water prior to getting into costume.
- Do not consume alcohol or illegal substances before or while in costume.
- Do not hold signs of any kind except those provided by or authorized by Gymnastics BC.
- Do not dress Sammy in any clothing or accessories that have not been provided to you by Gymnastics BC.
- Do not stay in costume for more than 30 minutes at a time to prevent heat exhaustion.
- Inappropriate photos or videos of the mascot shall not be taken nor are they permitted to appear on any social networking sites (i.e. Facebook, Twitter, etc.).