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1.0 Preamble

The safety and security of all Gymnastics BC members is of primary importance to Gymnastics BC and its full member clubs. The Gymnastics BC insurance policy provides coverage to participants taking part in gymnastics related activities in a full member club's facilities or other approved locations only. All Gymnastics BC full member clubs are required to adhere to the policies, procedures and guidelines as set out by Gymnastics BC.

Training by Gymnastics BC members at or in non-member clubs or locations is not subject to Gymnastics BC's policies, procedures and guidelines, nor is it covered by Gymnastics BC's insurance policy. As such, Gymnastics BC and its full member clubs cannot adequately ensure the safety and security of Gymnastics BC members in these circumstances.

1.1 Policy

Effective October 13, 2017

All competitive and interclub athletes participating in Gymnastics BC sanctioned events must meet the following eligibility requirements:

1. Be registered appropriately with a GBC full member club.
2. Conduct no part of their training on gymnastics apparatus in non-member clubs or locations without prior GBC approval.

GBC full member clubs shall not knowingly allow their registered athletes to conduct any part of their training on gymnastics apparatus in non-member clubs or locations without GBC approval.

1.2 Member Athletes Competing for their School

Registered athletes competing for their school may maintain their eligibility under the following circumstances:

1. High School gymnastics – GBC member athletes are allowed to train in full member clubs or at their high school.

Any athlete who trains at a non-member club or location as part of a high school program must receive GBC approval prior to being eligible to participate in GBC sanctioned events. The request for permission can be made in writing by the high school coach or directly by the member athlete but must be dealt with before training at a non-member club or location commences.

2. Post-secondary school gymnastics – GBC member athletes may train at and/or represent an NCAA or other recognized post-secondary gymnastics program and maintain their Gymnastics BC eligibility. GBC approval is not required in this situation.



1.1 Penalty

For any breach of this policy, the GBC full member club with which the athlete is registered will be fined \$2,500 per occurrence per registration season in which the policy breach occurs.

The offending athlete will be prohibited from participating in any Gymnastics BC sanctioned event or competition and will not be eligible for participation in Team BC events, competitions or funding opportunities for the duration of the competition season.

1.2 Communication of this Policy

It is strongly recommended that every Full Member Club provide their competitive and interclub athletes with a copy of this policy.

It is also strongly recommended that every Club working with a local high school program provide a copy of this policy to the school coach and Athletic Director.