

‘Safeguarding in Your Gymnastics Club’

A webinar for Club Leaders and Child Protection Officers

Protecting children is everyone’s responsibility. Children and young people depend upon the adults around them to keep them safe. The impact on children of abuse can leave long lasting and devastating effects.

Gymnastics Clubs, and the trusted adults (all staff and volunteers) within them, have a unique opportunity to make a difference to vulnerable children. Key to this is knowing how to recognise and respond to a child at risk. Risk to a child can come from the home they live in as well from people in a position of trust within a Club or sports setting. Clubs must ensure they are skilled at identifying abuse and neglect, and have safe people working with children who are supported by robust safeguarding child protection policies and effective codes of conduct. Gymnastics Clubs, and the trusted adults (all staff and volunteers) within them, have a unique opportunity to make a difference to vulnerable children.

Safeguarding Children who are leading national experts in Child Protection will be delivering this webinar to Gymnastics Clubs on behalf of Gymnastics New Zealand. Join us to learn more about what you can do within your Club to respond and protect children and young people from abuse and neglect.

Webinar Details

Date: Live Tuesday 10 March, 10.30am – 2.00pm (inc 30 min lunch break), the webinar will remain available to those who have registered to attend until 31 March. This is to enable anyone who has registered but is not able to attend the live session, to listen to it at a time that suits.

Cost: \$45 (inc GST) per person for the first person from each Club, \$15 per person for each additional club member

Who is this webinar aimed at: Those who have leadership responsibility for Child Protection and Wellbeing in your club. This includes:

- Committee/Board members
- Centre Manager
- Lead coaches
- Anyone who is identified as the club’s Child Protection Officer

We actively encourage clubs to register at least 2 people.

Pre-requisite: In order to register for this course you will need to have completed a basic Child Protection workshop. We recommend Safeguarding Children’s [Child Protection in Sport eLearning course](#), however an equivalent course or workshop is acceptable. Proof of attendance will be required.

This webinar will cover:

- a) Who and how children are abused
- b) Children's Act legislation requirements
- c) Best practice
- d) What makes an effective Safeguarding and Child protection policy
- e) Codes of conduct and safe working practices
- f) Safer recruitment
- g) How to embed a culture of safeguarding and child protection within your clubs.

Additional Resources:

At the end of this webinar, each Club that registers will also receive the following resources designed by Safeguarding Children. These are designed to further support you with embedding good safeguarding practices.

- 'Child Protection Policy Development & Audit Tool'
- 'A Guide to Creating a Safeguarding Code of Conduct'

To register:

1. Follow the link here to register via Google Form – <https://forms.gle/UMqdoxaUiM1zLwhK8>
2. Once registered you will be asked to submit proof of attendance (at a minimum proof of registration) on a basic Child Protection workshop (either Safeguarding Children's eLearning module (link above) or another. Submit evidence to helpdesk@gymnasticsnz.com
3. When we have received this you will receive a link from Safeguarding Children – this gives you access to the Webinar. Safeguarding Children will send a reminder before the webinar takes place.
4. After the webinar your club will be sent its copies of the two resources and will be invoiced for those who registered.
5. If you want further support following this training contact your Relationship Manager.

For more information please contact your Regional Relationship Manager.