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## 1. Introduction

We are an *equal opportunities organisation*. This means that we will make good faith efforts to comply with the spirit and letter of the equality laws.

We will promote a good and harmonious working environment in which our members will be treated with dignity and respect, and we will not discriminate unlawfully against or harass any person on the grounds of-

<b>Sex</b>	<b>Pregnancy or maternity</b>	<b>Gender reassignment</b>
<b>Marital or Civil partnership status</b>	<b>Religious or similar philosophical belief</b>	<b>Political opinion</b>
<b>Racial group</b>	<b>Sexual orientation</b>	<b>Disability</b>
<b>Age</b>		

We will also endeavour to ensure that our selection and our engagement policies and practices do not unreasonably exclude or disadvantage those of our participants and members who have disabilities. To this end we will comply with the duty to make reasonable adjustments that is imposed on us in relation to such persons. We note that a failure to comply with that duty would be an act of unlawful discrimination.

## 2. Members' Rights

Our members have a right to participate in a good and harmonious environment that is free from discrimination and harassment and to complain about such behaviour should it occur.

We have established an internal grievance procedure to deal with such complaints and we would encourage aggrieved members to use it. All complaints will be dealt with seriously, promptly and confidentially.

Our internal grievance procedure does not replace the right of aggrieved members to also pursue complaints to British Gymnastics. Those who wish to consider that option may obtain advice from the British Gymnastics Office (telephone: 08451297129).

Members who make complaints of discrimination and harassment, and others who give evidence or information in connection with such complaints, will not be victimised (i.e. they will not be discriminated against or harassed in retaliation for their actions). Victimisation is also discrimination contrary to the equality laws and this policy.

## 3. Members' Responsibilities

All our members must comply with this policy. They must treat each other with dignity and respect. They must not themselves commit any acts of unlawful discrimination or harassment against any other person, such as their co-workers, our job applicants or



our customers. Such behaviour will not be permitted or condoned. We will treat it as misconduct which may warrant dismissal from the organisation.

All our members should discourage discrimination and harassment by making it clear that they find such behaviour unacceptable and by supporting members who suffer such treatment. Any member who is aware of any incident of discrimination and harassment should alert the GNI Management Committee to enable us to deal with it.

#### **4. Organisation's responsibilities**

We will continually make good faith efforts to implement this policy. This responsibility will be carried out by the GNI Equality officer. We will-

- provide all members and clubs with a copy of this policy and explain it to them.
- ensure that all complaints of discrimination or harassment are dealt with promptly, seriously and confidentially and in accordance with our internal grievance procedure.
- set a good example by treating members with fairness, dignity and respect.
- be alert to unacceptable behaviour and will take appropriate action to stop it.
- monitor all incidents of discrimination and harassment and review the effectiveness of this policy periodically (Annually)