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Safeguarding training – Gymnastics SA coaches and volunteers

Dear Club and Provincial Leadership,

Gymnastics South Africa is excited to launch its online learner management system. One of the first courses available is the online Gymnastics Safeguarding training for coaches and volunteers who work with children and vulnerable adults. From 2021, this **training will be a compulsory requirement** for all coaches, team managers, event Safeguarding officers and all other members or volunteers of the gymnastics fraternity who interact with children and vulnerable adults on a regular basis.

Safeguarding is a term used to denote measures taken to protect the health, safety, well-being and human rights of individuals, which allow people, especially children and vulnerable adults, to live free from harassment, abuse and exploitation.

The training will take 3-4 hours and consists of 6 Modules that covers:

1. An understanding of the concept safeguarding and why it is important in gymnastics.
2. Identifying different types of harassment, abuse, or poor practice
3. Recognising the signs of abuse or poor practice and responding appropriately to concerns
4. Dealing sensitively and effectively with issues that arise
5. Explaining the legal responsibilities related to safeguarding children and protected adults

The training is inter-active and each participant is able to work through the training at their own pace. Each module must be completed in sequence. At the end of the training the participant will receive their certificate. This certificate will be a requirement to be able to coach in 2021. Coaches and volunteers who did their Safeguarding training in their Province prior to Lockdown are not required to do this training.

How to access the training:

The cost for current **Gymnastics SA members is discounted from R330 to R95** with a valid discount code.

The Gymnastics SA national office will email each club a list of discounted codes that have been allocated to each coach to receive the discount for the course. These codes can only be utilised once and thus cannot be shared. Should you not receive a discount code for a coach at your club, please simply respond to the email received requesting a code for the coach with their name and SAGF ID number and this will be provided to you.

Each member wanting to undertake the training must do the following:

1. Go to <https://education.sagf.co.za/>
2. Register on the site – please ensure that each member lists their SAGF ID Number as this allows the national office to automatically capture your education on the management system
3. When you first register you will receive an email sending you a one time login which will ask you to set your password
4. Login with your profile and new password
5. Click on the “Training Catalogue” icon
6. Choose to purchase the Gymnastics South Africa – Safeguarding Coaches & Volunteers Training
7. Click to Purchase, Click to go to your cart, enter the discount code in the space provided and apply the code which will reduce the price to R95
8. Proceed to check out and pay via debit or credit card (unfortunately no cash or eft purchases are possible)
9. Once your purchase is completed, you will be able to proceed with the training.
10. Once completed you will receive a certificate of completion for the course.

We urge all coaches and volunteers to utilise this time over the holiday period to undertake the course. In 2021 the additional Safeguarding Officers training for all Safeguarding Officers will be available.

Should you require any assistance with discount codes, please contact Monnique on admin@sagf.co.za

Should you require any assistance with the Education Site, please contact Sbu on sbu@sagf.co.za

Please note that both Monnique and Sbu will be available until 15 December 2020 to assist with queries.

We wish you all the best for this very important training.

Kind regards



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