

Gymnastics Display

DISPLAY WEEK 11-16 NOVEMBER 2019

In past years, the Gymnastics Display has been held on a Sunday, why has it been changed?

In 2018, we had an overwhelming number of gymnasts wanting to take part in the Display. To be able to involve the maximum number of gymnasts in the Display, and associated spectators, we have decided to move the Display during the week at the normal class day and time. In addition to this, in 2018 we found that weekend sporting and family commitments also prevented some gymnasts from attending the Display. We hope that by providing the display opportunity during a gymnasts' normal class time will allow for maximum participation and inclusion.

In past years, display t-shirts with the BALC logo have been available to order, why has this changed?

To be more inclusive, we have made the decision for gymnasts to be able to wear a shirt of a particular colour (colour dependent on the day of their gymnastics class) that they already own, can borrow or can find cheaply at a store like Big W, Kmart or Target. This allows the t-shirt to be a very minimal or zero cost. In 2017 and 2018, we had to place the t-shirt order so far in advance of the Display, that it meant that many gymnasts missed out, especially if they commenced gymnastics at BALC after the t-shirt order had been finalised.

What do I, the parent or carer, need to do between now and the Display to ensure my child is in the Display?

Gymnasts will be practicing for the Display in their normal weekly gymnastics classes. We will assume that all gymnasts enrolled in gymnastics classes in Term 4 will be participating in the 2019 Display, so no permission forms are required. We ask that parents and carers ensure that their gymnast has a coloured shirt ready for the Display in Week 6 of Term 4. (These shirt colours are listed on the front of this letter.) You are welcome to invite family and friends to spectate during your child's Display class time. No spectator tickets are required.

What if my child does not want to participate in the display?

If leading up to Week 6 of Term 4, your child expresses that they wish to not participate in the Display, we encourage them to continue practicing their routine during class time. If on the day, they choose not to participate in their class' Display routine, they will be able to either be a coach helper or be a supportive gymnast spectator. We encourage all gymnasts to still attend during Week 6 of Term 4, even if they do not want to do the Display routine. This will give them the opportunity to watch their peers, help their coach and see the other gymnasts; some who may be older and doing higher level skills.

Will I be able to take photos during the Display?

Due to our Child Protection Policy, photos will not be able to be taken during the Display. We ask that parents and carers refrain from taking photos during the Display and instead, take the opportunity to take a photo of their own child with their Display participation certificate after the Display. We thank you for your understanding in this Child Safety matter.