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TRANSPORTATION OF CHILDREN POLICY

In normal circumstances parents have responsibility for transporting their children to competitions, training etc. There may be occasions when this is not possible and transport may be provided by a staff member, this should only happen when there are no other alternatives and must not be a regular, approved practice.

As part of British Gymnastics Safeguarding and Protecting Children Policy, adults must not be alone with a gymnast under the age of 18 years in a car. In the event of an emergency or in completely unforeseen circumstances, the following conditions will apply to a coach providing transport to a small group:

- parental consent must be sought
- staff member to never travel alone with a gymnast (another gymnast or adult must be present)
- the gymnasts should always travel in the back of the car with booster seats if required
- the driver must ensure there are central pick-up and drop-off points to ensure they are not alone with a child
- the driver should also provide parents with full details of any planned breaks in the journey and departure and arrival times
- the Club Manager / Welfare Officer should be informed of the circumstances by way of a Staff Concern form.

Failure to comply with this guidance will be considered as a serious breach of the BG Health, Safety and Welfare and Safeguarding and Protecting Children Policies.

Where events involve an over-night stay, it is vital to have a designated trained person who is not involved in the delivery of the training (NB: Please note this is only applicable if the club is responsible for the provision of overnight accommodation). This person's role will depend on the scale of the event, but in addition to the responsibility for responding to concerns, tasks could include supervision and co-ordination of accommodation, holding pre-event welfare briefings, and daily de-briefs whilst monitoring compliance with codes of conduct.

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