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## TRANSPORTATION OF CHILDREN POLICY

In normal circumstances parents have responsibility for transporting their children to training sessions, competition and other events organised by the club. On rare and unavoidable occasions this may not be possible and transport may have to be provided by a member of staff. This should only happen when there are NO other alternatives and must not be a regular approved practice.

In line with and 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 member or small group.

- Parental consent must be sought and given
- A coach / staff member must not travel alone with a gymnast (another gymnast or adult must be present)
- The gymnast should always travel in the back of the car with a booster seat if required
- The driver must ensure a central pick-up and drop-off point to ensure they are not alone with a child
- The driver should always provide parents with full details of any planned breaks in the journey and departure and arrival times
- A Club Director / Welfare office should be informed of the circumstances and a written statement of staff concern should be completed.

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

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