

Overview

This policy document relates to officials aged 17 and above who transport members under the age of 18 to training, events, competitions or courses etc. This policy does not apply to parent officials who transport their own child(ren).

Best Practice

It is not the responsibility of the coach to provide transport to members for training and events. Parent(s)/carer(s) are encouraged to take responsibility for the transport of their child(ren) and share journeys with other members where possible.

Acceptable Conduct

If coaches or officials aged 17 and above are required to transport a group of members, Cambridge Cangaroos require that at least two responsible adults be present in the vehicle. An individual coach or official may never transport a child on their own*.

If, in exceptional circumstances, another adult is not available, the following conditions must be satisfied for transporting more than one member:

- The driver must ensure that there are central pick-up and drop-off points, ensuring they are never alone with a child.
- The driver must provide parent(s)/carer(s) with full details of the destination, arrival and departure times and any planned breaks en route.
- Members must be seated in the back of the car with booster seats if required.
- The club welfare officer(s) should be made aware of the arrangements and written permission from parent(s)/carer(s) sought before transporting members.

*Emergencies

In unforeseen emergency circumstances, an official may transport a child on their own. Such circumstances are only warranted if failure to do so would put the child at risk of harm. Wherever possible the child's parent(s)/carer(s) and club welfare officer should be informed as soon as possible.

More Information

Can be found on page 53 of the British Gymnastics Safeguarding and Protecting Children Policy or from your welfare officer(s).