

Recommended Minimum Supervision Ratios

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The Child Protection in Sport Unit (part of the NSPCC) suggests that the following guidelines are considered as MINIMUM requirements:

CHILDREN UNDER 8 YEARS OLD:

One adult to eight participants (with a minimum of two adults)

- This is based on the government's guidance for the provision of out of school care for children under eight years old. (*Out of School Care: Guidance to the National Standards, OFSTED 2001*)

CHILDREN OVER 8 YEARS OLD:

One adult to ten participants (with a minimum of two adults)

PARENTS AND CARERS

Although the CPSU encourages parents/carers to accompany children to activities, they do NOT recommend those planning or providing activities include parents/carers in supervision calculations, unless the parents/carers are acting in a formal volunteering or other capacity during the activity. In these circumstances, this should mean that those parents/carers MEET ALL APPROPRIATE REQUIREMENTS in terms of:

1. appropriate checks;
2. clarity about their role;
3. who has overall responsibility for the group;
4. what is acceptable practice.

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