

GUIDANCE ON ADULT TO CHILD RATIOS

Netball Scotland recommends an adult to child ratio of 1:10

All activities should be planned to involve at least two adults

One adult must be a suitably trained and PVG checked coach qualified to a minimum level for that activity see [Netball Scotland Coaching pathway](#) for details

To manage a larger group of children while meeting the adult to child ratios, additional adults who do not hold coaching qualifications can support the session as a 'helper' provided they are suitably inducted by the club and have a satisfactory PVG.

As a general guide, the following factors should also be taken into consideration when deciding how many adults are required to safely supervise children; depending on the specific factors for each session there maybe a requirement of an adult to child ratio that is lower than one recommended ratio noted above:

THE CHILDREN

- The number of children involved in the activity
- The age, maturity and experience of the children
- Age range of the whole group and the group's general maturity
- Athletes experience relating to the nature of activity
- General behaviour history of individuals and the group as a whole
- Whether any of the group has a learning or physical disability or special requirements or educational or additional needs

THE ADULTS - COACHES/LEADERS/SUPERVISORS

- Age and maturity of coaches/leaders/supervisors
- The level of qualification and experience of the coaches/leaders/supervisors
- Coaches/leaders/supervisor's experience, qualifications and ability

THE FACILITY

- Facility – e.g. layout, space available, first aid cover etc
- Duration and nature of event/journey/activity
- The particular hazards associated with the activity
- The particular hazards associated with the environment
- The programme of activities