

Chaperone Role Profile

For every overnight international and domestic trip whereby, members are providing the role of Locus Parentis (taking responsibility for the individuals attending) a chaperone MUST be in attendance.

As soon as a trip is agreed, or a minimum of 4 weeks prior to the trip, please submit your safe trip approval form to safeguarding@welshgymnastics.org so that it can be reviewed and approved. If a chaperone is not allocated this may result in authorisation not being approved. We recognise that some competitions are arranged with little notice, and we will endeavour to do everything to ensure approval can be given, however, it could be that the short notice results in the trip being declined.

What is a chaperone?

The purpose of the chaperone is to ensure the gymnasts general care and wellbeing, with a view to securing their health, comfort and welfare.

Having a chaperone allows for all other staff in attendance, including coaches and managers, to fulfil their role and provides the safeguard of a second adult.

The individual fulfilling the Chaperone position plays a vital role in ensuring that a safe and positive team environment is created for the gymnasts in attendance. The Chaperone is a key trusted contact for all gymnasts and must ensure that the gymnasts health, safety and wellbeing remains a priority.

Requirements

- Be a current member of Welsh Gymnastics.
- Hold a current enhanced DBS check for working with children and young people.
- Be a minimum of 21 years old.
- Not be at the event as a gymnast, coach, judge or hold any other significant role which may hinder their ability to chaperone.
- This person must be able to perform the role without any obvious conflicts of interest e.g. being a coach or in a relationship with a coach attending the trip.
- Hold an up-to-date recognised and approved safeguarding certificate.
- Understand the core safeguarding principles (for example the NSPCC Safeguarding and Protecting Children workshop and Time to Listen training).
- Provide a character reference.



- Understand, and agree to comply with Welsh Gymnastics Safeguarding Policy and Codes of Conduct.
- Have good people skills; be warm and approachable, a good communicator and able to maintain a rapport with young people whilst maintaining discipline.
- Be prepared to appropriately challenge others if there is a concern that performance and welfare considerations are not aligned, or the Codes of Conduct are breached; the safety & wellbeing of the gymnast is our primary responsibility.

Ratio

For young people over the age of 12 there must be one chaperone for every 16 young people. For young people under the age of 12 there must be one chaperone for every 8 young people.