



Supervision of Children

Sharks Ski Club will use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that there are sufficient adults present to adequately supervise all participants and manage any incident that may arise by ensuring that the following guidelines are met:

- a minimum of three coaches, with one qualified at level 3 or above, will be needed to run a session.
- there must be a minimum of two responsible adults present for each session. This ensures basic cover in the event of something impacting on the availability of one of the adults during the activity.
- a session can be supervised by people other than coaches, although coaches can count towards the number of responsible adults.
- for mixed gender groups of children there should be at least one male and one female responsible adult present. This can be someone other than the coach and may include Ski slope volunteers.
- children's groups will never include someone aged 18 years and over, other than coaches. The exceptions to this will be:
 - for any young member when they reach the age of 18, who will be able to stay within their group until the end of the school year, after which they will be allocated to an appropriate adult group; or
 - the participants in a children's group may be extended to include under 21s, but only with the express approval of the Head Coach or a Senior Coach (Level Three or above).
- if the club offers "race training", this Race Training will be offered to members (including children) who are considered by the Head Coach or a Senior Coach (Level Three or above) to have sufficient race type experience (i.e. skiing at speed through gates and/or racing). Race Training will sometimes use a single course of gates/poles, with both an adult group and a children's group training on the same course. In these circumstances each group will be advised which instructor is coaching their group and the parent/guardian of any child invited to



participate will be required to consent to their child training on the same course as the adult group.

- the following minimum guidelines for supervision ratios of coaches / instructors to children:
 - 4 to 8 years, ratio of 1:6
 - 9 to 12 years, ratio of 1:8
 - 13 to 18 years, ratio of 1:10
 - 13 to 21 years, ratio of 1:10

Supervision ratios are not the same as coaching ratios.

- parents or carers may count towards the supervision ratio if they have:
 - formally volunteered for the role of supervisor.
 - the appropriate checks have been carried out.
 - their role has been explained to them.
 - they understand what acceptable practice is and know who has overall responsibility for the group.
- any responsible adult must be a minimum of 18 years old.

Whilst it is accepted that 16-year-olds can do their Level 1 qualification, they are not 'adults' in child safeguarding terms and therefore must not count in the supervision ratios.