



Mounted Games Association of Ireland

Guidelines for Children Travelling To IMGA competitions

Most MGA activities will involve transportation to events by parents. When parents are not available, a designated adult must be appointed to undertake responsibility for that child. The Team Coach and Children's Officer must be informed prior to travel. (This also applies to children under 18, who may be travelling as supporters.) When travelling with our young riders, responsible adults must take into account the following:

- Avoid being alone with one participant
- Do not carry more than the permitted number of passengers
- Ensure adequate insurance cover

Away Trips/ Overnight Stays

- Athletes must sign MGA Codes of Conduct
- Rooming arrangements – adults other than the parents of an athlete, should not share rooms/tents with children, children share rooms/tents with those of generally same age and gender
- If Tenting, children are required to pitch tents in proximity to their parents or designated responsible adult
- Athletes under 18 are forbidden to partake in alcoholic drink, smoking or other illegal substances
- Lights out times should be enforced
- Young adults should be under reasonable (parent/ designated responsible adult) supervision at all times & should never leave the venue or go unsupervised without prior permission
- Any concerns regarding the safety and welfare of any child or young adult must be reported to the appointed Children's Officer immediately (A Children's Officer will be appointed to all travelling groups.)

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