

Planning and Running Safe Tours for Children Webinar (07.03.24) – Q&A

This document provides answers to questions posed in the webinar that were not specifically answered through the content of the webinar or answered within the chat function on the day. Please remember we are providing advice from a Safeguarding perspective. Clubs should always ensure that they are abiding with other Regulations, for example expectations in association with Age Grade or Player Welfare requirements.

Do you need qualified coaches on tour?

- Required, standard, and best practice coaching requirements are outlined in Age Grade [Codes of Practice](#). Clubs will need to risk assess their personnel going on tour, including their qualifications and experience against the activities being undertaken.

If there is no fixture on the tour is it a tour?

- Rugby activity needs to be taking place to meet the World Rugby definition of a Tour. However, as discussed, in the Age Grade game, we take a wider approach when considering good practice from a safeguarding perspective.
- Please refer to the definitions and terms within the new guidance which outlines the difference between trips, incoming and outgoing tours, and overnight stays.
- We would suggest speaking with your Constituent Body (CB) for their requirements and to seek advice regarding planning such as risk assessments.

Are we insured to play rugby when an event is cancelled? For example pitches are not good but can we play touch on the beach etc?

- For all insurance queries, please contact [Howden](#) who advise clubs on all insurance matters specifically for tours.

Where do day trips fit into the Guidance?

- The guidance is written as a whole to be applicable where relevant to trips, tours, and overnight stays.

Can we share recording with others in tour party?

- Yes, the webinar is available publicly on [YouTube](#).

If all parents are attending the whole of tour - then do the ratios change?

- Appropriate ratios are required throughout the tour. Parents who are solely responsible for their child during an activity, do not make up part of the ratios, as they are not in a staff/volunteer position for supervising other children within the activity.

If trip already arranged do we now need to go back and get written permission from parents even if they are travelling? ie - single parent families?

- Parents need to provide consent if children will be participating in club-arranged activities. As with playing rugby, the consent of one person with parental responsibility should be sought. It will be for that parent to ensure that they seek any additional consents needed that pertain to their individual family circumstances.
- If parents are travelling overseas with you, then they will be responsible for ensuring that they are travelling with the written consent of anyone with parental responsibility. If you

are travelling without parents, the club must make sure that you have these written consents yourselves.

Do you need consent from both parents if parents are separated?

- Consent from one parent is sufficient in most circumstances. However, it would be preferable for the consenting parent to ensure that all those with parental responsibility are in agreement. Thus, the onus is on parents to discuss this between themselves and decide who will provide consent.
- If there are parental disagreements regarding a child attending a tour, please seek the advice of the RFU Safeguarding Team. There are sometimes Orders in place that can have an impact on parental consent issues.

Just to check, no consent required if you're travelling within England?

- If this is in relation to travelling without parents, then regardless of whether it is out of England or within, parental consent is required.
- If you are asking regarding Club consent to tour – please check with your CB to ascertain local arrangements.

Can over 18s share accommodation with U18s if they are in the same team?

- Yes – this is what would occur within sixth-form trips. However, if there is the ability to separate so all 17-year-olds sharing, and all 18-year-olds sharing, then this should be considered.

So leaving the CB to attend a festival in another CB does not require tour forms?

- Please refer to your CB as to their requirements.

If parents are patrolling in pairs outside accommodation between 2200-0000, do they need a DBS too or not covered as regulated activity as its not 2am – 6am?

- Please refer to the DBS Requirements section of the new guidance, which details this. Staff/volunteers who do not meet the requirement for Regulated Activity may require an Enhanced DBS check without Children's Barred List.
- Please email dbseapp@rfu.com for any eligibility questions.