



Travelling With Age Grade Players

Traveling to and from venues is an integral and enjoyable part of playing Rugby. As part of our commitment to safeguard all involved in Newbridge Rugby Club, especially our age grade players, it is essential that suitable policies and procedures are in place.

Organisers should ensure all arrangements are in place and communicated to all involved before the event. Ensure all arrangements are suitable for the journey to be undertaken. Parents should be informed of the mode of transport.

Travelling By Car:

- Vehicles must be roadworthy and appropriate and the driver to understand that he/she is responsible for the age grade players in the car during the trip.
- Drivers should have a full driver's license and be fully insured.
- All passengers must use seat belts and booster seats (where necessary) for the duration of the journey.
- One passenger per seat at all times.
- Ensure parental consent is obtained prior to journeys being undertaken.
- All journeys to take place under the supervision of the team management.

Bus / Coach Hire:

- Always deal with a reputable company.
- Prior to the trip, parents should be informed if this form of transport will be used and consent obtained for their child to travel this way. (This can be done seasonally using parental consent form in IRFU Safeguarding Policy, Appendix 2).
- All passengers must use seat belts and booster seats (where necessary) for the duration of the journey.
- All drivers are responsible for the safety of the passengers and must

be aware of their legal responsibilities.

- Club members or parents should be asked to be involved if this mode of transport is used.
- One passenger per seat at all times.
- Parents should be informed of the time of departures as well as estimated time of arrival.

Air Travel:

- Group to travel together at all times and not to be split up.
- Players and their parents to be informed of legal requirements and behaviour appropriate for air travel.
- Players should be assisted and guided through security and passport control when required.
- Adult player ratio to be sufficient to assist and deal with emergency situations.
- Adults should ensure all players are on board and in their seats before occupying their own seats.
- Ensure players know position of the nearest adult in group and as well as emergency exits.
- In the event of delays or cancellation the management and adults will be responsible for the well being of players.

Sea Travel:

- Ensure all players know what freedom/liberties they will have while at sea.
- No player to be allowed on deck without supervision.
- All players to be under supervision at all times.
- Discuss emergency arrangements with players prior to departure.
- Discipline to be maintained at all times.
- Assist and guide all players through security and passport control, if required.
- Ensure players have enough to keep them busy and avoid boredom.