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## PARTICIPANT RATIOS

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There are several factors to consider when making recommendations with regards to the ratio of Participants to Coach / Teacher in Gymnastics and Trampolining activities.

These factors include:

1. Age
2. Stage of development
3. Level & type of activity
4. The experience of both the Participants & Coach / Teacher
5. Type of facility
6. Type of equipment available

**HOWEVER**, the Coach / Teacher in charge must always make an assessment (for example a risk assessment) of each situation & must determine a ratio of Participants to Coach / Teacher that is reasonable, safe & effective.

**YOU SHOULD ALWAYS HAVE AT LEAST TWO RESPONSIBLE ADULTS IN THE CLASS AREA.**

It is a condition of our Insurance that the IGA Coaching qualification requirements or an equivalent are complied with as follows:

Clubs must have at least one designated Coach to a minimum Level 2 qualification responsible for detailing and setting out all gymnastics activities. All other coaches must be to a minimum Level 2 qualified. All Level 1 Assistant Coaches must be supervised by a Coach qualified to a minimum of Level 2. All Coaches must be qualified to the level of performance of the participants in the specific discipline of The Sport.

**Pre-School**

**Independent child classes:**

*A ratio of 1:8 is recommended. This can be increased proportionally to the number of qualified assistant coaches, i.e. 8 participants per additional directly supervised assistant coach*

**Classes with the Parent, Guardian or Career:**

*A maximum ratio of 1:20 is recommended when a responsible adult is with the participant.*

**Gymnastics**

A maximum of 8 Participants to any apparatus/station/trampoline.

When more than one apparatus/station/trampoline will be supervised, the coach in charge must carefully assess the following:

1. Participants
  - a. Age
  - b. Stage of development
  - c. Experience
  - d. Varying ability
  - e. Number of participants
  - f. Discipline
2. Coach / Teacher
  - a. Their own qualifications and experience

- b. Their ability to observe, advise, support & respond to the difficulties of anyone in the gymnastics area.
- c. The level and type of activity and suitability of the apparatus arrangements.

A maximum Coach to Participant supervision ratio of 1:16 shall not be exceeded at any time; Each assistant Coach may supervise up to 8 Participants in addition to the lead Coach group of 16 (e.g. a total of 24 participants for a lead coach and assistant Coach).

### Trampolining

All trampolining activities must be supervised by a suitably qualified Coach / Teacher. It is the requirement of the Coach in charge to ensure that trained spotters of suitable size to the Participant, must be in place at each trampoline.

A maximum of 8 Participants to any trampoline, with a maximum of 1 individual Person / Participant on the trampoline at any time. When more than one apparatus/station/trampoline will be supervised, the coach in charge must carefully assess the following:

1. Participants
  - a. Age
  - b. Stage of development
  - c. Experience
  - d. Varying ability
  - e. Number of participants
  - f. Discipline
2. Coach / Teacher
  - a. Their own qualifications and experience
  - b. Their ability to observe, advise, support & respond to the difficulties of anyone in the gymnastics area.
  - c. The level and type of activity and suitability of the apparatus arrangements.

All instructors must hold a current recognised trampolining qualification for the level and skill set they are coaching. A maximum Coach to Participant supervision ratio of 1:16 shall not be exceeded at any time; Each assistant Coach may supervise up to 8 Participants in addition to the lead Coach group of 16 (e.g. a total of 24 participants for a lead coach and assistant Coach).

It is a further condition of our insurance that in respect of Trampolining:

Operation of trampolines must be carried out in accordance with British Gymnastics Guidelines.

Non-Slip socks or trampoline shoes should be worn.

### Inflatables and Leisure Play

In respect of Inflatable & Leisure Play Equipment, any inflatable device is:

1. Fully secured to the ground during use
2. Fully supervised by an adult at all times
3. All equipment is maintained and use in accordance with Manufacturers' recommendations
4. All persons shall remove their footwear prior to use
5. No food or drink shall be allowed on the equipment

6. The equipment will at all times be maintained and operated in accordance with Health & Safety Guidance note PM 76 / Entertainment Sheet No & - inflatable bouncing devices
7. Any inflatable device on licensed premises is operated in a fenced off, glass free area
8. Any inflatable device is deflated and securely stored when not in use / unsupervised
9. Where adult use is permitted, adults & children are not permitted to participate on the same equipment at the same time

#### Soft Play Centre Condition

These are conditions of the insurance that you must meet as Your part of this contract. If you do not meet these conditions, we may need to reject a claim payment or a claim payment may be reduced.

##### Play centre conditions

1. No food or drink shall be allowed on equipment
2. All persons shall remove their footwear prior to use
3. All inflatable equipment must be supervised by you, the hirer or an appointed person who must be over 18 years of age, at all times
4. No person(s) shall be permitted to partake whilst under the influence of alcohol, drugs and or any other intoxicating substance
5. You must have an employee that is first aid qualified on the premises when open for business.
6. Equipment and premises inspections must be undertaken daily and a copy of those records are kept by you;
7. You must undertake an Independent Annual Inspection by RoSPA. Where the inspection indicates the need for maintenance the work identified must be carried out as soon as practicably possible. All work identified as necessary and details of remedial action (including dates) should be fully documented
8. There is an area for children under 3 years of age which is suitably segregated from older children
9. All equipment must be operated in accordance with manufacturers' recommendations
10. All employees must undertake a disclosure barring service check and you must retain a copy for your records
11. You must have a fully documented daily clearing procedure in place including immediate cleaning