

State Team Age and Accommodation Policy

Policy status:

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1. BACKGROUND and PURPOSE:

This policy recognises that Gymnastics is a sport which involves very young children who may be selected as part of a Victorian Team. This policy applies the Member Protection Policy with particular reference to gymnasts.

2. KEY POLICY PRINCIPLES:

Gymnastics Victoria is committed to providing the highest level of service to its members. This includes protecting members, promoting positive behaviours and attitudes, and protecting the health, safety and wellbeing of members.

By introducing policy and procedures regarding the minimum age of Victorian Team Members, this policy reiterates GVs commitment to its members. Gymnastics Victoria recognises that a parent/guardian or primary care giver is the best person to care for a child under the age of 10 as part of a State team.

Minimum Age

- Gymnastics Victoria does not permit gymnasts to participate in competitions until at least 5 years of age.
- The minimum age to be a member of a State Team is 6.
- Gymnasts between 6-9 years old must be accompanied by their parent/guardian who will be responsible for the gymnast when not training or in competition as organised by the Team Manager or Head Coach

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- Unless express permission is provided by a parent or guardian, gymnasts aged 10 must be accompanied by their parent/guardian who will be responsible for the gymnast when not training or in competition with times
- Parent/Guardian accompanying a child must sign the code of conduct and complete all team forms and successfully completed a Working With Children Check
- Gymnasts over the age of 10 (including those with special needs requiring a carer) can seek approval from the GV CEO to be accompanied by a parent or guardian

Accommodation

- For Gymnasts under the Age of 13 accommodation must be group accommodation of 3 or more children unless otherwise approved by the Gymnastics Victoria CEO or where a gymnast is accompanied by a parent or guardian
- Except for parent/guardians or another person approved in writing by a parent/guardian adults are not permitted to sleep or accommodate in the same room as gymnasts under the age of 18
- Gymnasts of a different gender are not permitted to sleep in the same room
- Gymnasts of a different gender are not permitted to share an apartment in apartment style accommodation unless there is a third room occupied by a supervising adult
- Adults of a different gender must have separate rooms

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Responsibilities

- All GV personnel including Team Management, Chaperones, Officials and any other person appointed by Gymnastics Victoria has an ongoing duty of care for any and all gymnasts part of any Victorian State team for the duration of any Championships
- Where accommodated a minimum of 1 adult over the age of 18 is required for each Gymnastics Victoria Team for every 5 gymnasts.

Adults can include team management, coaches, officials or other parents of underage gymnasts staying with the team.



3. DEFINITIONS:

No definitions

4. COVERAGE:

Relevant to Gymnasts, State Team Managers, coaches and Officials

5. APPLICATION and RESPONSIBILITIES:

Applied by the CEO and Events & Marketing Team

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