



# Supervision Policy

## Summary

To provide all coaches and athletes with a safe and supported training, competition, and social environment.

## Policy review

Durham Dragons Athletics board members will review and approve this policy on an annual basis.

## General

1. **There will always be one coach, associate, or designated chaperone of the same sex as athletes training, competing, or travelling.**
2. **Athletes will be accommodated in rooms of 2-4 with the same sex of teammates, unless staying with parents or guardians.**
3. **All U12 and younger athletes will always be accompanied/supervised by a parent/guardian at all overnight competitions.**

## Coaches will

1. **Observe the 'two deep' rule, ensuring there are always two coaches or one coach and one associate\*** present at practices and meets to manage the number of athletes practicing and/or competing.

*Note: \*An associate is defined as any active club member who is in good standing with the club, has cleared a criminal reference check and completed the following training modules: Respect in Sport and NCCP 'Safe Sport'. (The associate is accountable for completing the aforementioned requirements and will be reimbursed by Durham Dragons Athletics for associated costs.)*

2. **Observe the 'open, observable and interruptible' rule, ensuring any one-to-one contact with athletes is done in an environment that is open to others, observable by others and can be interrupted by others.**



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## 3. Refrain from:

- Transporting vulnerable individuals (athletes under 18) without another adult present. (Note: Exemptions can be made if requests are submitted and approved by the SafeSport Committee, for example: athlete's parents are unable to consistently bring them to practice and coach can/is willing to transport them to/from.)
- Assuming legal guardianship of vulnerable individuals (athletes under 18). (Exemptions include but are not limited to Durham Dragons Athletics approved training camps or team building/social events).
- Sharing overnight accommodations with any athlete(s), regardless of age.

## Parents and legal guardians will

1. **Ensure that, if their child/dependent is not in the athlete competition area and/or competing, they are always supervised while traveling and/or competing in meets with the Durham Dragons.**
2. **Refrain from asking coaches to:**
  - Transport their minor child/dependent. (Exemptions can be made if requests are submitted and approved by the SafeSport Committee, for example: athlete's parents are unable to consistently bring them to practice and coach can/is willing to transport them to/from.)
  - Assume legal guardianship for their minor child/dependent. (Note: Exemption - Durham Dragon approved training camps or team building/social events).
  - Share overnight accommodations with their minor child/dependent.

## All athletes will

1. **Refrain from asking coaches to provide transport** (Exemptions include emergency situations and if the transportation request is made approved by the SafeSport Committee.)
2. **Refrain from asking coaches to share overnight accommodation.**