GUIDE ON RATIOS for YOUTH CLUBS

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WHY DO WE NEED RATIOS?

The ratios are the minimum number of adults required to supervise, care for and work directly with the young people in the service. The adult : young person ratios must be maintained at all times in any service.

REVISED CHILD PROTECTION/GOOD PRACTICE RATIOS, 2015 (NYCI)

Number of Members	Number of Leaders	Number of Adults	Total Number of Adults
0-25	2	2	2
26-50	3	4	7
51-70	4	5	9
71-100	5	8	13
101-149	7	12	19
150-200	9	17	26

EXAMPLE OF MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS BETWEEN BRACKETS

If you have 30 members in the club you need to add 1 Leader or 1 Parent/Guardian to the rota. You do this when ensuring that there is adequate supervision on club nights.

Make sure to discuss this with your club support worker.

EXPLANATION OF LEADERS/ADULTS

Leader = Someone over the age of 18, who has completed the Volunteer Induction Training, Child Protection Training and is Reference Screened, and Garda Vetted. The figure in red indicates the number of trained leaders that need to be present depending on your total membership.

Number of Adults = This is to satisfy the NYCI ratios and can be made up of parents or other adults over 18 years of age – who are not leaders. Most clubs use a parents' rota to satisfy this requirement. If the same person is present for more than 3 sessions during the season, they should become trained and vetted.