

Touring Supervision Policy for Unaccompanied Children



The requirement, as previously stated in the tour arrangements, for each child going on tour to be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, has been superseded by the arrangements detailed below where an adult is 'nominated' in loco parentis to an unaccompanied child:

1. Each child attending the tour must have a nominated adult that is responsible for them for the duration of the tour.
2. It is the parent or legal guardian's responsibility to make a private arrangement between themselves and the nominated adult going on tour for the supervision of their child. The nominated adult who has agreed to supervise the unaccompanied child will take full responsibility for any decisions made pertaining to the child whilst on tour.
3. The Club will require a nominated adult to be Garda Vetted.
4. The nominated adult must inform the tour organising committee of the arrangements to ensure child supervision responsibilities are clear prior to going on tour.
5. It is the parent or legal guardian's responsibility to make any financial arrangements with the nominated adult in order to meet the cost of the tour as stated by the tour organising committee.
6. The tour organising committee will follow the IRFU Tour Guidelines best practice with respect to adults and children sharing a room;
 - Parents or legal guardians can only share a room with their own child;
 - An unaccompanied child can stay in a room on their own or can share with another child (sharing is the preferred option to ensure the child does not feel isolated). This will mean that a nominated adult will be responsible for two rooms on an overnight tour.
7. The tour organising committee will facilitate the room arrangements as required to meet the nominated adult's needs.
8. Proof must be provided to clearly demonstrate that both parties have understood their responsibilities and that they have come to a written agreement.