

Guidance Note - International Travel Ratios



Girl Guiding in Australia is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all Guides, Volunteers and Employees.

It is important to consider the supervision ratios of adults to Youth Members when planning any Guiding activity.

Adult to Youth Member ratios vary according to the ages of the girls, the activity being undertaken, and the results of any risk assessment undertaken for the activity. The following rules are to be applied to the supervision of Girl Guides when travelling internationally.

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Ages 12 – 14 years (for New Zealand only)	1:8 Minimum 3 adults including 1 qualified Leader
Ages 14 – 17 years (dependant on each event)	1:10 Minimum 2 adults including 1 qualified Leader

Additional Information

1. Males may be used to fulfil ratio requirements subject to:
 - the contingent having at least two females
 - the supervising adult of youth members must always be female
 - meeting the event/host Country guidelines
2. In the event of only one qualified leader being available to accompany a contingent, consideration will be given to approving the contingent to travel, after:
 - Options of attracting another volunteer adult have been exhausted
 - Consideration of the number, ages and experience of the members
 - Consideration of the destinations and the event

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- A full risk assessment
- Any other impacting factors
- Consultation and consent of both parents or guardians of the youth member/s

Approval of only one qualified contingent leader is at the discretion of Girl Guides Australia following a review of the criteria listed in point 2.