

ADULT TO CHILD RATIOS

Risk Assessment

The following ratios are **recommended guidelines only** – risk assessment should be carried out for each occasion and should consider:

- Age of athletes (and supervisors), age range of the whole group and their general maturity
- Gender mix
- Athletes experience relating to the nature of activity
- Educational / physical needs / disabilities
- General behaviour history
- Facility – e.g. pool layout, depth, lifeguard cover
- Duration and nature of event / journey / activity
- Staff experience, qualifications and ability

Recommended Ratios – Guidelines

Club Sessions

As a general guide, the following MAXIMUM ratios are recommended:

<u>Teacher/Coach Qualification</u>	<u>Max ratio</u>
Level 1: Inexperienced *	4:1
Level 1: Experienced *	6:1
Level 2: Adult & Child	12:1
Level 2: Non-Swimmers & Beginners	12:1
Level 2: Improving Swimmers (swim at least 10m)	20:1
Level 2: Mixed Ability Groups	20:1
Level 2: Competent Swimmers	20:1
Level 2: Competitive Swimmers	30:1
Level 2: Synchronised Swimmers	20:1
Level 2: Water Polo	20:1
Level 2: Diving – Beginners and Improvers	12:1
Level 2: Diving - Competitive Divers	15:1
Level 2: Swimmers with Disabilities	8:1

*Please note: * A level 1 teacher/coach should be supervised by a level 2 teacher/coach at all times*