



## **HSI CODE OF ETHICS FOR CHILDREN IN SPORT**

### **GUIDELINES FOR ALL LEADERS AUTHORISED TO TRAVEL WITH CHILDREN**



HSI recognises the extra responsibility taken on by Officials, Selectors, Coaches and authorised volunteers (collectively referred to as “Leaders” in this Guideline) when they travel with children to training events and competitions. This responsibility is even more onerous when overnight stays are involved.

**Cars used to transport team members / juniors / children:** Leaders who use their own vehicles to transport team members must ensure that they have adequate insurance cover and be careful not to carry more than the permitted number of passengers.

- Avoid being alone with one team member (e.g. travelling to a venue or consulting/ advising in closed off room – if necessary leave the door open and be in earshot of others).
- Avoid unnecessary physical contact outside normal training. “Certain types of coaching may require a “hands on approach” i.e. it may be necessary to support a child in order to physically demonstrate a particular technique. This should only occur when necessary and in an open and appropriate way with the knowledge, permission and full understanding of the child concerned and his/her parents/guardians”.
- Remember casual comment can be open to misconstruction.

**At residential events the following rules should apply:**

- Adults should not enter a team member’s / participant’s room/tent without first knocking.
- All group socialisation should take place in communal areas (i.e. not boys in girls’ rooms and vice versa).
- Alcoholic drink, smoking or other illegal substances are forbidden to team members / participants
- The behaviour of the group should at all times be such that the good name of the organisation is upheld
- There should be at least one adult of each gender with a mixed party.
- Lights out times should be enforced.
- Team Members / participants should be under reasonable supervision at all times and should never be allowed to leave the accommodation or sports area without prior permission.

**Injury(s):** Make a brief record of injury and action taken.

**Behavioural Problems:** Make a brief record of the problem/action/outcome.

Familiarise yourself with the disciplinary procedures for HSI as provided in the National Rules. Submit report on return home.

Leaders asked to travel with the group in a supervisory capacity must sign up for each trip. Parents of children on the team should not be asked to accept group responsibilities.



Parents: Must sign an agreement that their children will abide by the rules set down by HSI.

Team members / participants: Must sign a behaviour agreement.

## **HORSE SPORT IRELAND**

### ***TRAVEL CODE OF CONDUCT***

EVENT: \_\_\_\_\_ VENUE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**1. COACHES/SELECTORS/ MANAGERS**

I hereby agree to abide by the guidelines and regulations contained in the organisation's Rules and Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Role \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Role \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**2. AUTHORISED VOLUNTEER**

I hereby agree to abide by the guidelines and regulations contained in the organisation's Rules and Code of Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. PARENT/GUARDIAN OF MEMBER TRAVELLING**

I have read and accept the conditions and rules set down by the organisation for team members / participants travelling to competitions and training events.

Parents/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**4. TEAM MEMBER/ PARTICIPANT TRAVELLING**

I have read and accept the conditions and rules set down by the organisation for members travelling to competitions and training events and I agree to abide by those rules.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Photographs may be taken for publicity purposes in the web and print media- if you have an issue with this please sign below-**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Print name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_