

Irish Table Tennis Association Ltd

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Transport Policy

From time to time clubs and coaches will wish to make arrangements to transport young players to events. Clubs have no control over private arrangements between individual parents, but if any transport is arranged by a club or a coach, it is important that sensible steps are taken to ensure the safety of the young people involved.

For any transport organised by a club or a coach the following should be adhered to:

- All drivers should ensure that there is proper insurance cover on their car, that they drive with care and obey all the rules of the road, and that the passengers are properly secured with seatbelts or booster seats.
- Cars should not carry more than the permitted number of passengers.
- All volunteer drivers must agree to vetting checks and attend safeguarding training. It is the responsibility of the club to ensure that this happens.
- Drivers should avoid being alone with one young player, and, as far as possible, put passengers in the back seat. Parental permission to carry the players should be sought. Travel arrangements should be clear to both players and parents. Any arrangements on timing and pick-up and set-down points should be agreed between the driver and the parents. Parents should be happy with the arrangements and consult with their children about the clarity of those arrangements.
- The driver should have details of points of contact.
- If especially in an emergency, a driver has to transport a single player, the arrangement should be agreed with the parent in advance, providing that contact can be made.
- For regular trips, the drivers should be rotated.
- There should be supervision in the rear of mini-buses and coaches.
- Parents should ensure that they co-operate with any arrangements that have been made, especially in the timing of pick-up and set-down.

Further information and advice can be found on the Child Protection in Sport website www.thecpsu.org.uk under Resources.