



# Supervising Children at Cricket Sessions

## Egerton Park Cricket Club



It is a basic requirement of all sessions and matches involving children that a minimum of two responsible adults will be present in all circumstances.

### Qualified coach ratios required for coaching sessions

The ECB Community Coach Education department has produced appropriate ratios based on the number of qualified coaches required to run different technical disciplines within the game. The ratios of qualified coaches to children are as follows:

- Net Coaching: 1 coach : 8 children
- Group Coaching: 1 coach : 24 children
- Hard Ball Coaching: 1 coach : 16 children

These coaching ratios are very different to the child supervision ratios, which are required at all sessions regardless of where these are held or which activities the children are doing.

Details of supervision ratios are shown below:

### Supervision ratios

Supervision ratios relate to managing groups of children and ensuring sufficient adults are present to deal with any issue or incident that may arise. For single sex groups, there must be at least one same gender member of staff. For mixed groups there must be at least one male and one female supervising adult.

### **There must always be a minimum of two adults present**

The supervision ratios that must be adhered to as a minimum for clubs looking after groups of children are as follow:

- Aged 8 and under – 1 adult : 8 children
- Aged 9 and over – 1 adult : 10 children

### Drinks breaks

As part of our responsibilities in supervising children, it is vital all players drink appropriate amounts of water to avoid any possible risks of dehydration during matches and practice sessions

Coaches, teachers, managers, umpires and all involved are encouraged to:

- Ensure regular intervals for drinks are arranged, particularly in matches of more than 20 overs per innings, or in hot weather
- Plan drinks breaks in practice sessions and matches every 20-40 minutes on warm sunny days. (This may sound excessive but on hot days players can need up to two or three litres each to stay fully hydrated)
- Avoid waiting for children to say they are thirsty before planning a drinks break as thirst is an indication of dehydration : children tend to dehydrate more quickly than adults.

## Facilities and venues used for children's cricket.

All clubs must ensure they have undertaken an adequate risk assessment on all facilities and venues used for any club activities, regardless of ownership of that facility or venue. This does not include away match venues for leagues but should include, where possible, facilities and venues that will be used on tours.