

APPENDICES

APPENDIX E **Ratio Checklist**

Suggested ratios: (*see Note 1*)

For events with Children 5 : 1

For events with Youth
(Less than 3 hours and a single site event) 8 : 1

For events with Youth
(Over 3 hours or multiple site event) 6 : 1

For overnight and outdoor activities with Youth 4 : 1 (*see Note 2*)

For events with Young Adults it is a lot about self determination. Young Adults are by law 'adults'. The Ratio of leaders to participants is about pastoral care, leadership, accountability and supervision. These needs are to be taken into account when nominating Young Adult Ministry leaders and planning.

NOTE 1

A leader should never operate solo. At least one other leader or adult should be present at all times. Ratios must also take into account leaders' competency, adequate planning, training and briefing.

NOTE 2

This is a useful guide. It was a Ministry of Education recommendation prior to 1990; post 1990 each school had to establish their own procedures. Some outdoor professionals will have their own code of conduct they require you to fulfil.

KEY

Children 0 – 11

Youth 12 - 18

Young Adult 18 +

Leader 'Designated' Adult over 18

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