**Athlone Tennis Club**

**Policy for travel to away matches/ competitions**

1. The written permission of parents/guardians allowing a child to take part in an away match/ competition should be obtained, as well as details of any medical or special needs and permission to treat a child where necessary.
2. Young players should always be under reasonable supervision and should never leave the venue or go unsupervised without prior permission. (*Contradiction here?)*
3. There will be at least one supervising adult for every 6 children at away matches.
4. There will be at least one adult of each gender with mixed groups.
5. All adults who travel to away matches in a supervisory capacify will be carefully chosen, using Athlone Tennis Club’s recruitment and selection procedures (*Can we say this?*).
6. One adult will be appointed as Team Manager for the away match and will have overall responsibility for the conduct of all members of the team (including adult coaches/ supervisors).
7. Coaches/ supervisors will be accountable to the Team Manager in relation to all non- performance related matters. Any accident and/or incident reports should be completed by the Team Manager.
8. Young persons will be reminded of their obligation to observe ATC’s Code of Conduct.
9. Alcoholic drink, smoking and illegal substances / activities are forbidden to participants. Supervising adults should act as role models in this respect.

**Transporting Young People**

Athlone Tennis Club recognises and greatly appreciates the goodwill of volunteers and parents who ensure that children are transported to and from events by private car. In accordance with the recommendations of Sport Ireland, the following measures are designed to reduce any associated risk.

1. Parents/ guardians and young people will be informed as to who will be transporting the young person, their contact details, and the purpose and duration of the journey, They will be asked for their consent to these arrangements.
2. Where possible:
* There will be more than one child in each car.
* Drivers will be alternated.
* Which child is dropped off last will be alternated.
1. A person other than the planned driver should talk to the young person about transport arrangements to check they are comfortable with the proposed arrangements. (*Is this duplication of 1 above?* *Is it necessary*?)
2. The driver must ensure that they have insurance to carry others.
3. Drivers should be vetted through the National Vetting Bureau if driving regularly.
4. Parents and coaches/ supervisors will be encouraged to use “Travel Tracker”, a feature of the Sport Ireland Safe Sport App. This allows a parent/ guardian to know the location of the young person while they are travelling.
5. Booster seats will be used in accordance with the legal requirement that all children in cars, vans and other goods vehicles are carried using an appropriate child restraint until either they have reached the age of 12 years or are 150 cm in height.
6. The club does not have responsibility where parents/ guardians make personal transport arrangements between themselves,