

RoboNation Youth Protection – Event-Day Reminders for On-site Chaperones

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Purpose:

This summary provides the essential safety requirements for chaperones during official RoboNation event hours. It does not replace the full Youth Protection Policy but contains the key rules you must follow to protect youth participants and comply with RoboNation standards.

1 Your Role as a Chaperone

You are directly responsible for the supervision and safety of your assigned youth at all times during all official event hours.

- Remain physically present and actively engaged; youth must never be left unsupervised.
- Know your team's schedule and location at all times.
- Be ready to respond quickly to emergencies or behavior concerns.

2 Supervision Standards

- **Three-Person Rule:** No one-on-one interaction between a non-related adult and a youth. Always have another adult or youth present.
- **Chaperone Ratios:**
 - 5 or fewer youth: minimum 1 adult (2 strongly recommended)
 - 6–16 youth: minimum 2 adults
 - Across your organization's teams, maintain at least 1 adult per 10 youth overall.
- **Unique Chaperones:** Each team must have at least 1 unique primary chaperone who can serve as a secondary chaperone for another team from the same organization.

3 Prohibited Conduct

The following are strictly prohibited during official event hours:

- Inappropriate language, gestures, or jokes (including sexual, discriminatory, or bullying content)
- Physical punishment or rough handling
- Bullying, harassment, or hazing
- Any sexual contact or behavior toward youth
- Private one-on-one digital communication with youth without a parent/adult copied
- Encouraging youth to keep secrets

4 Appropriate Interaction Examples

Acceptable forms of positive, non-intrusive interaction include:

- Side hugs, handshakes, high-fives, pats on the back
- Positive verbal praise
- Activities in visible, open areas

5 Incident Reporting

If you see or suspect abuse, misconduct, or a policy violation:

1. Ensure immediate safety of the youth.
2. Report directly to a RoboNation staff member immediately. Reports should be made the same day as the incident occurs, using the event's designated reporting form whenever possible.
3. Contact local law enforcement or child protection agencies for any suspicion, disclosure, or observed incident of child sexual abuse or neglect, as required by law.

Remember: Your actions directly impact the safety, comfort, and trust of every youth at this event. Thank you for helping us keep RoboNation events safe and supportive.