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RE: AGF Insurance: Siblings attending parent and tot classes

Notes:

Insurance is an important issue in the sport of Gymnastics and the Alberta Gymnastics Federation (AGF) is continually researching and monitoring the conditions, provincially and nationally.

Recently it has been brought to the attention of the Federation that member clubs are allowing parents participating in parent and tot classes to bring a sibling (infant) of the registered participant to class. The sibling is usually in a baby sling or similar type device. This is a safety issue, potentially interfering with the training of the child, not to mention the risk to the infant sibling. Classes should be a parent/child experience with the parent's undivided attention.

Please be advised that this is not a gymnastics activity and therefore **NOT** sanctioned by the AGF. The parent is required to be actively supervising and assisting their child throughout the circuits.

Member clubs should also be advised that children in strollers or car seats on the sidelines or in the viewing area are considered to be unattended and as such pose a great risk to the organization. Liability with respect to injury suffered by a minor is very strict, and very difficult to defend against. Providing any form of childcare or supervision for these children by the club whether it be expressed or implied is an unsanctioned AGF activity and therefore **NOT** covered by the AGF insurance policy.

AGF and Toole Peet evaluated this issue from many perspectives and both agree the safety implications in a gymnastics class is paramount.

Please contact the AGF office for additional information or concerns.

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