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CHILD AND YOUTH PROGRAM YOUTH SPORTS SELF-CARE POLICY STATEMENT

Per OPNAVINST 1700.9E, this self-care policy applies to all parents (or their authorized designee) of children involved in Fleet Activities Yokosuka Child and Youth Program (CYP) Youth Sports and Fitness (Youth Sports) Programs.

The following are minimum standards. Despite the fact that a child meets the age requirements listed below, the primary responsibility for ensuring that a child can accomplish activities with little or no supervision rests with each child's parents (or their authorized designee).

Children ages 3-5: A parent (or authorized designee) is required to accompany the child and be present at all times while the child is participating in the Start Smart Program. This program, under the guidance of Youth Sports personnel, is a parent-child activity aimed at developing the child's motor skills and confidence.

Children ages 6-9: A parent (or authorized designee), certified babysitter 16 years of age or older, or an adult listed as an emergency contact on the Youth Sports registration paperwork is required to accompany the child to and from any Youth Sports activity and sign in the child on the sign-in sheet. Once the child is officially signed in, the responsible party may leave the area until pick up. The responsible party is required to sign the child out of the Youth Sports activity.

Children 10 years of age and older: A child may participate in, and transit to and from, Youth Sports activities unaccompanied.

Medical conditions, environment, developmental progress, maturity and behavior are factors for parents and/or CYP administrators to evaluate in determining if a child is able to participate in Youth Sports activities with little or no supervision. If, based on these factors and regardless of the minimum standards listed above, CYP administrators determine that parental presence is in the best interest of the child, then the parent will be given notice that their presence is required. Improperly supervised children may be prohibited from participating in Youth Sports events or programs. Repeated or particularly egregious violations of this policy may provide a basis for referral to Family Advocacy and/or revocation of command sponsorship for the family.


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