

These guidelines are for WARA volunteers/personnel/members to highlight areas of possible risk and to keep children safe. WARA has developed these guidelines as part of its ongoing commitment to child safe practices. They are tailored to the needs and in the context of the sport of Rogaining.

Maintain appropriate boundaries

Volunteers/personnel in positions of authority should maintain clear:

Physical boundaries

- Only use physical contact that is appropriate for the development of a particular skill or to participate in a rogaïne and has the permission of the member.
- Always work within sight of others

Emotional boundaries

- Use positive feedback on performance, not negative feedback about the person
- Be encouraging and avoid put-downs

Social boundaries

- Do not socialise with children via social media

Sexual boundaries

- Do not have sexual relationships with children you are training/coaching/mentoring
- Do not touch members in ways likely to make them feel uncomfortable

Minimise physical contact

Generally, physical contact with members/participants/members should be to:

- Develop rogaining skills
- Treat an injury
- Prevent or respond to an injury
- Attach and remove wrist bands.

All physical contact by volunteers/personnel/members should fulfil the following criteria:

- Physical contact should be appropriate for the development of a rogaining skill/s or to participate in a rogaïne eg attaching & removing a wrist band
- Permission from the member/participant should always be sought
- Rogainers or participants should be congratulated or comforted in public not in an isolated setting

Avoid being alone with a child

To protect yourself and the child from risk:

- Do not isolate yourself and a child and avoid being alone with a particular child.
- If a child approaches you and wants to talk to you privately about a matter, do so in an open area and in sight of other adults (e.g. other volunteers, officials or parents/guardians)
- Try to have at least one adult with you when transporting children in a patrol vehicle and when in the First Aid tent.