

**DISABLED WINTERSPORT AUSTRALIA
GUIDE AGE POLICY**

POLICY NAME	DWA Adaptive Snowsport Guide Age Policy
DATE OF ISSUE	15 July 2019
POLICY COVERAGE	This policy applies to all Disabled Wintersport Australia (DWA) members, volunteers and staff guiding on DWA's programs and services.
DATE OF REVIEW	This policy will be reviewed at least annually and more often should legislative requirements other material changes to circumstances require.

1. SCOPE

1.1. This policy applies to all Disabled Wintersport Australia (DWA) volunteers and staff guiding on-snow with members on DWA's programs and services.

2. PURPOSE

2.1. To set an appropriate age at which a volunteer can participate in DWA Guide Training to be assessed on their ability to be involved as a DWA guide. This is to ensure the safety of both guides and members on DWA programs and services.

3. DEFINITIONS

3.1. An **Adaptive Snowsport Guide** - Also referred to as a 'Guide'; being a volunteer who has successfully completed at least the minimum training certification to be a 'guide'. That being the Level 1 Guide Training certification(s) as per the DWA Guide Training Pathway.

3.2. A **Participant** is any person who is receiving services from a DWA Staff Member or Adaptive Snowsport Guide.

3.3. A **Child** means a person involved in the activities of DWA and under the age of 18 years unless otherwise stated under the law applicable to the child;

4. AGE LIMITS

4.1. Age 18 and over

Can participate in Level 1 Guide Training where they will be assessed on their ability to be an on-snow guide. Depending on skill and experience they can go onto do complete Level 2 & Level 3 Guide Training certifications.

4.2. Age 14-17

A child age 14-17 can participate in Level 1 Guide Training where they will be assessed on their ability to be an on-snow guide. Depending on skill and experience they can go onto do complete Level 2 & Level 3 Guide Training certifications. When guiding on snow for DWA program or service, they must be guiding with another guide who is at least 18 years of age. They cannot guide alone.

4.3. Under Age 14

Children are not able to participate in Level 1 Guide Training until they are at least 14 years old.

A Child under the age of 14 years old is allowed to participate in a session as a bystander, provided they are with a responsible guardian;

The peer/buddy program is available for younger skiers/riders (U18) wishing to engage with DWA without becoming a guide.

This involves becoming an Associate Member, having written parental/guardian consent, and being appropriately supervised on snow - skiing/riding well within their skill level.