



WHO CAN BE MY AJ SUPERVISOR?

Group work is an essential part of the Adventurous Journey (AJ) section. Along with deciding upon an aim, all preparation and training must be completed as a group. Before beginning the planning and execution of the AJ, you should review the 13 Adventurous Journey Requirements as well as the details of the different AJ roles including: Participant, Award Assessor, Award Leader and Supervisor. These are found in the AJ checklists.

As a result of COVID, the Award has developed virtual options that still meet the desired outcomes of the AJ section. Only if no other options are available and with the approval of your Award Leader, you can access these options so your progress on your Award journey is not impeded.

One of the temporary changes to the AJ is that while the AJ must still be planned as a group, the actual Practice Journey or Qualifying Journey can be executed separately (not as an entire group) but on the same dates. Once the group sessions are completed and the checklists have been reviewed, you will be ready to complete the journey with your Supervisor. For safety, there must always be a Supervisor on Practice and Qualifying Journeys.

In this scenario (planning together and executing separately), group members can complete the required PJ/QJ with a Supervisor that could be a parent or family member. A family member may only act as your AJ Supervisor, accompanying you on your physical journey. This can only be done with the consent of your Award Leader.

The role of the Supervisor is to ensure the safety of the group. The Supervisor must be prepared to assess the participant's Practice Journey and their readiness to undertake the Qualifying Journey. The role is not to guide, this must be left to the participant. The Supervisor must not intervene in any decisions the participant makes, unless safety is at risk. The participant must be self-sufficient and take the lead. Should the Supervisor intervene in the execution of the AJ, the approval of the activity will be put in jeopardy.

Once the Practice Journey is complete (separate or as a group), the entire group must meet, debrief, and make any necessary adjustments to the Qualifying Journey taking into account each person's experience during the Practice Journey.

Once the Qualifying Journey is complete for the entire group, the group must prepare all the documentation required and prepare a report for their Award Assessor. The AJ Supervisor is not involved in the assessment of the group's AJ report.