



## Travel Policy

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The purpose of this Travel Policy is to establish consistent expectations for travel to tournaments, games, and events, ensuring the safety, well-being, and professionalism of all club members.

By participating in club travel, all members agree to uphold this policy. The goal is to create a safe, respectful, and memorable experience for everyone.

### **General Guidelines (All Participants)**

- **Respect & Representation**  
All individuals must represent the club with integrity, sportsmanship, and respect—on and off the court.
- **Compliance with Laws & Rules**  
All local laws, venue rules, and tournament regulations must be followed at all times.
- **No Substance Use**  
The use of alcohol, tobacco, vaping products, or illegal substances is strictly prohibited during club travel.
- **Social Media Conduct**  
All social media activity during travel must align with the club's Social Media Policy.

### **Athletes**

- **Respect & Representation**  
Athletes must represent the club with integrity, sportsmanship, and respect - on and off the court.
- **Curfew & Supervision**  
Athletes must adhere to curfews set by coaches and remain under adult supervision at all times.
- **Rooming Assignments**  
Athletes may be assigned roommates by coaches. Any concerns must be raised privately and respectfully. Otherwise, athletes are to remain under the room assignment and supervision of their parents/guardians or chaperone.

- **Electronics Use**

Devices may be used during downtime but must not interfere with team activities, rest, or focus.

## **Coaches**

- **Duty of Care**

Coaches are responsible for the supervision, safety, and conduct of athletes during official tournament hours only. This includes all scheduled matches, warm-ups, team meetings, and any club-sanctioned activities taking place at the tournament venue. Outside of tournament time, parents or designated guardians assume responsibility for their athletes.

- **Communication**

Coaches must maintain open communication with parents and club leadership regarding schedules, emergencies, or concerns.

- **Professional Conduct**

Coaches must avoid inappropriate language, behavior, or interactions with athletes and parents.

- **Emergency Protocols**

Coaches must be familiar with emergency contacts, medical needs, and travel insurance details.

## **Parents**

- **Supportive Presence**

Parents attending events must support athletes and coaches respectfully and avoid interfering with coaching decisions. Our preference is that families do not communicate with athletes during a match. Please save your feedback and comments for your child until after the match or tournament.

The team may require parents and families to help with minor officiating duties (e.g. scorekeeping, line judging). The team would appreciate the assistance of parents so that athletes can perform their duties as a team member and not have to be separated from the team for these duties during a match.

- **Transportation & Lodging**

Parents must ensure timely arrival/departure and coordinate with club-approved accommodations when traveling independently.

- **Medical & Consent Forms**

Parents must complete all required forms before travel and notify coaches of any medical conditions or special needs.

- **Financial Responsibility**

Parents are responsible for travel costs unless otherwise covered by the club.

- **Duty of Care**

Outside of official tournament time, including game warm-up and game time, parents or designated guardians are expected to and will assume responsibility for athletes in their care.

### **Violations & Consequences**

- Minor: Verbal warning or team meeting
- Moderate: Temporary suspension from club activities.
- Severe: Immediate removal from the trip or club, at the cost of the athlete's family.