



RIO CLUB POLICY

TRAVEL MEETS COMPETITIVE TEAM

TRAVEL MEET EXPENSES

Our club travels to various meets that are outside the Phoenix metro area and most often out of state. The travel costs of each trip are divided evenly by the number of athletes attending the trip. Before each travel meet an estimated cost of the travel expenses will be calculated and 50% of those costs will be billed to your "Sales" account before the trip occurs as a down payment.

At the conclusion of the meet the actual expenses will be calculated and the remaining balance of your share of expenses will be billed to your "Sales" account. A break down of expenses can be requested at the club office for your review.

The following is a list of expenses you should expect to pay for any travel meet:

1. One share (per athlete) of your hotel room expenses
2. One share of rental van/car expenses (including fuel)
3. One share of the coach(es) travel expenses (flight, hotel, per diem)

Note: purchase of airline tickets will be the responsibility of each family to book on their own ticket after the team flight information has been released.

Note: Travel plans different from the team itinerary must be approved by the coaching staff. All costs will be split equally among all traveling athletes regardless if you choose to arrive after the team's arrival or leave before the team departure from the meet.

Coaches and Chaperones will not be permitted to share a hotel room with one single athlete. There must be at least two athletes, under signed parental consent, in order for a coach to share a room with an athlete other than their own child. In most cases the team will strive to have coaches stay in their own separate hotel room.

Chaperones are not permitted to stay with athletes 13 years and older. 12 & younger swimmers will have a chaperone assigned in their hotel room at the coaches discretion.

Sectional level meets and higher will have one coach attend per 8 athletes. Sub-sectional level travel meets will have one coach per 8 athletes and a chaperone invited with the next 8. Chaperones and coaches will be added in the said order at the ratio of 8 to 1.

SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sectional qualifiers must attend a minimum of one sectional meet per year unless conflicting with a higher level meet (i.e. Jr. or Sr. Nationals).

Hotel rooms will be booked at a maximum of three athletes per room to allow comfortable sleeping and living space. Due to misbehavior, if any swimmer is required by the coach to stay in separate a hotel room, that athlete will be expected pay their entire share of their original hotel room and the cost of their new hotel room. Parents will be called before this decision is made. If problems continue the athlete will be sent home at the expense of the athlete.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (Jr./Sr.)

Athletes attending a national level meet will be required to pay their own travel costs according to the "Travel Meet Expenses" policy. However, every year some monies may be budgeted to help offset the travel costs of these high level swim meets. These athletes must be 19 years of age or younger, must have trained with RIO for at least 2 years (total) and must represent RIO at the meet to receive any financial assistance.

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OLYMPIC TRIALS

Athletes attending the Olympic Trials will be required to pay their own travel costs according to the "Travel Meet Expenses" policy. However, every four years some monies may be budgeted to help offset the travel costs of this high level swim meet. These athletes must be 19 years of age or younger, must have trained with RIO for at least 2 years (total) and must represent RIO at the meet to receive any financial assistance.