



## **Jets Aquatic Club Athlete Travel Policy**

Purpose: Athletes are most vulnerable to misconduct during travel, particularly overnight stays. This includes a high risk of athlete-to-athlete misconduct. During travel, athletes are often away from their families and support networks, and the setting – new changing areas, locker rooms, workout facilities, automobiles and hotel rooms – is less structured and less familiar.

Team Travel is defined as overnight travel to a swim meet or other team activity that is planned and supervised by the club.

### **Section 1 - USA Swimming Required Policies**

- a. Regardless of gender, a coach shall not share a hotel room or other sleeping arrangement with an athlete (unless the coach is the parent, guardian, sibling, or spouse of that particular athlete). (305.5.A)
- b. When only one athlete and one coach travel to a competition or USA Swimming event, the athlete must have his/her parents' (or legal guardian's) written permission in advance to travel alone with the coach. (305.5C)

### **Section 2 - Recommended Policies Adopted by Jets Aquatic Club**

- a. Athletes should not ride in a coach's vehicle without another adult present, , unless prior parental permission is obtained from Jets Aquatic Club Board of Directors (BOD).
- b. When only one athlete and one coach travel to a competition or USA Swimming event, the coach and athlete should attempt to establish a “buddy” club to associate with during the competition and when away from the venue.
- c. The athlete and his/her parent or legal guardian must sign a copy of the Club Code of Conduct.
- d. A signed Liability Release and/or Indemnification Form for each athlete must be turned into the Director of Operations and copies will be provided to BOD.
- e. The coach should carry a signed Medical Consent or Authorization to Treat Form for each athlete.