

North Jeffco Swim Team Chaperone Policy

The Head Senior Coach and/or the Head Age Group Coach will determine which North Jeffco Swim Team (“NJST”) travel meets require chaperones. Chaperones, who must be a parent of an NJST swimmer attending the travel meet or an NJST coach, will be selected by the Head Senior Coach or the Head Age Group Coach in charge of organizing the travel meet (“Head Coach”). Interested parents will be required to submit an application to NJST expressing their interest in acting as a chaperone. Where multiple people express an interest in acting as chaperones for travel meets, the Head Coaches will make an effort to select different qualified individuals for different travel meets so as to allow as many interested parents as possible the opportunity to chaperone. In selecting chaperones, the Head Coach will consider and weigh the information provided in the chaperone applications and may also consider and weigh other information about the applicants that is known to the Head Coach.

After receiving notification of his or her selection as a chaperone and prior to departing on the trip, each chaperone will be required to sign a Chaperone Agreement which will set forth, among other things, the chaperones’ duties and important restrictions. In addition, each chaperone who has expressed a willingness to drive swimmers at the travel meet destination will be required to provide NJST with proof that he or she holds a valid driver’s license and current automobile insurance. If a chaperone fails to provide the above-required documentation within the time frame specified in the request for such documentation, the Head Coach may select another qualified parent to take that person’s chaperone spot. No person will be allowed to depart on the travel meet without having provided to NJST the above-required documentation.

The Head Coach will strive to achieve a ratio of at least one chaperone for every 10 chaperoned swimmers attending the travel meet. If both male and female chaperoned swimmers will be attending a travel meet, there will be a minimum of two chaperones, one female and one male (one of which may be the Head Coach) except as otherwise provided below. If all of the chaperoned swimmers attending a travel meet are of the opposite gender of the Head Coach, a chaperone of the same gender as the chaperoned swimmers will also attend the travel meet except as otherwise provided below. If, in a situation described in the previous two sentences, there is no same-gender coach and no same-gender parent of a traveling swimmer willing to chaperone, the Board of Directors of NJST may permit, in its discretion, one of the following two alternatives. The Board may allow the Head Coach to accept a parent of a non-traveling swimmer to act as chaperone for the travel meet. Alternatively, the Board may permit the Head Coach to be the single chaperone on the trip (even if some or all of the chaperoned swimmers are of the opposite gender) but *only* if the parents of all chaperoned swimmers of the opposite gender of the coach sign a written consent containing a release of liability for the benefit of NJST.

For travel meets involving swimmers who are 18 or older, the Head Coach will decide whether to require chaperones for such swimmers.

For travel meets involving 10&U swimmers, the Head Coach will decide whether to require the parents of such younger swimmers to attend the travel meet and stay with their swimmers or whether to have those swimmers under the care of a chaperone. If chaperones are required for the younger swimmers, the Head Coach will select one chaperone of the same gender for every four 10&U swimmers and that chaperone will stay in the same hotel room as those four swimmers. NJST coaches will never be considered, or act as, 10&U chaperones.

If the Head Coach requires parents of 10&U swimmers to attend the travel meet, the parents of a 10&U swimmer may make arrangements for the parent of another 10&U swimmer attending the travel meet to supervise their 10&U swimmer. In such situation, the parents of both families must notify the Head Coach of the arrangements that have been made. Any such arrangement will be strictly between the families involved. The parent acting as supervisor of another family’s 10&U swimmer will not be deemed to be a NJST chaperone.

The cost of the chaperones' airfare, lodging, and ground transportation (including rental car company offered automobile insurance if NJST directs the chaperone to purchase it) will be paid initially by NJST, with those costs later split among and billed to all of the chaperoned swimmers attending the travel meet; provided, however, that where chaperones are required for 10&U swimmers, the covered expenses of the 10&U chaperones will be split among the 10&U chaperoned swimmers and the covered expenses of the rest of the chaperones will be split among the chaperoned swimmers aged 11 and up. The costs of meals, as well as any extraneous expenses, of the chaperones will be the responsibility of each individual chaperone. Chaperones will travel on the same flight, and stay at the same hotel, as the chaperoned swimmers and coaches. Other than chaperones of younger swimmers (as set forth above), the Head Coach will strive to give each chaperone his or her own hotel room, except that chaperones who are married couples may be put in a single room together. NJST coaches, even if acting as chaperones, will never share a hotel room with any swimmer.

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