

# CATS Travel Policy

## Following requirements are effective for team travel with CATS Aquatics:

1. All athlete's behavior will be consistent with the CATS Code of Conduct. Athletes are responsible for all consequences associated with property damage, vandalism or theft.
2. **Swimmers, Chaperones & Managers must read, agree and sign before traveling with CATS Aquatic Team:**
  - a) Travel Policy (*this document*)
  - b) Code of Conduct (*includes USA Swimming Code of Conduct*)
  - c) Medical Information and Release
  - d) Waiver Form
3. Team Managers and chaperones are members of USA Swimming -and- have successfully passed a USA Swimming-administered background check.
4. During team travel, both 2-person leadership, as well as open & observable environments, shall be maintained.
5. **During overnight team travel:**
  - a. Regardless of gender, a coach shall not share a hotel room, or other lodging arrangement, with an athlete (*unless the coach is a parent, guardian, sibling or spouse of the athlete*).
  - b. If athletes are lodging with other athletes, they shall be of the same gender and similar age.
  - c. No male athletes will enter a female athlete's room, and no female athletes will enter a male athlete's room.
  - d. Curfews will be established each day. Team members are restricted to their room after curfew. Cell phones may be collected by curfew time.
6. **Following situations must have advance, written parental approval:**
  - a. An athlete traveling alone with a coach.
  - b. An athlete traveling with a coach, but without another adult who is the same gender as the athlete.
7. CATS Athletes and Staff will attend all team functions including meetings, practices, meals etc. unless otherwise excused or instructed by the Head Coach or his/her designee. Athletes & Staff will be on time & dressed appropriately.
8. CATS Athletes will be present with the team, at all times, during team travel.
9. Team Managers will have a signed CATS Aquatic Team Medical Information and Consent to Treat Form for each athlete.
10. All Coach decisions including rules, conduct & discipline are final.

Swimmer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_