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## **YMCA of Greater Brandywine Travel Swim Meet Guidelines**

The YMCA understands that participating in regional and national swimming events gives athletes an opportunity to compete at a higher level, while representing themselves, their family and the YMCA of Greater Brandywine. These events also give parents and guardians the opportunity to volunteer. As a condition of participating, all individuals, athletes, coaches and volunteers, must abide by the following expectations:

1. At no time shall a YMCA staff and/or volunteer drive, rent or lease any 12-15 passenger vans for transporting athletes to an event.
2. All occupants of motor vehicles must wear seatbelts.
3. Athletes shall not be alone with any coach or non-guardian adult
4. A parent or a designated guardian is required to travel with each athlete and is responsible for them during non-swimming times.
5. Coaches may not share hotel rooms with any athletes unless that coach is a parent, guardian or sibling of that athlete.
6. For overnight stays, if athletes are paired with other athletes, they must be of the same gender and similar age. Athletes 12 years and younger must have an adult of the same gender staying in the room.
7. During overnight stays, female/males over the age of 12 that are paired in rooms will not be permitted in the opposite sexes rooms without a parent or designated guardian present.
8. Team members, coaches and chaperones are required to attend all team functions, including meetings, practices, meals and meet sessions unless otherwise excused by the head coach.
9. Athletes are expected to remain with the team at all times during the trip. Swimmers may not leave the competition venue, hotel, restaurant or any place the team has gathered without the permission of the head coach.
10. All coaches shall carry emergency information and signed medical consent or Authorization to Treat for each athlete at all times.
11. The YMCA of Greater Brandywine is not responsible for damage or theft caused by athletes, coaches or parents/guardians. Any and all payments related to restitution (including, but not limited to penalties, fees and fines) are the responsibility of the individual.
12. The possession or use of alcohol, tobacco or any controlled or illegal substance is prohibited.
13. All athletes, coaches and parents/guardians are expected to adhere to the YMCA Core Values and Member Code of Conduct at all times.
14. Failure to comply with these expectations may result in disciplinary action, including but not limited to
  - a. Dismissal from the event/trip and immediate return home at the athlete's expense
  - b. Disqualification from one or more events, or all events of the competition
  - c. Disqualification from future team travel
  - d. Financial penalties resulting from damage or theft
  - e. Dismissal from team

**My signature below indicates my understanding of the above expectations for team travel.**

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Athlete's Printed name

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Branch

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Signature

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Printed Name

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date