

# GPAC-Sponsored Competitive Team Travel Policy

“Team Travel” is defined as travel to a competition or other team activity which GPAC plans and supervises.

In accordance with the USA Swimming Code of Conduct and the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy set forth by USA Swimming and the US Center for Safe Sport, the Greater Philadelphia Aquatic Club Travel Policy includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- When completing room checks, two deep leadership by two applicable adults must take place and an observable and interruptible environment must be adhered to at all times.
- Unrelated applicable adults may not share a room, other sleeping arrangement or similar lodging with a minor athlete.
- Team managers and chaperones must be members of USA Swimming and have successfully passed a USA Swimming-administered criminal background check.
- When only one athlete and one coach travel to a competition, the athlete must have his/her parents’ (or legal guardian’s) written permission in advance to travel alone with the coach. Written permission must be obtained prior to each meet.
- Minor athletes will room with other minor athletes of the same gender and similar age.
- Meetings must take place in an open, observable, and interruptible environment. Meetings cannot take place in any hotel room or other sleeping location. All meetings must have two applicable adult coaches or chaperones present at all times.
- Adult athletes cannot serve as chaperones for team travel meets in which they are also competing.
- Club travel policies must be signed and agreed to by all athletes, parents, coaches and other applicable adults traveling with the club.
- All athletes and parents will acknowledge agreement and understanding of the GPAC Competition Code of Conduct to include General Swim Meet Policies and Team Travel Policies
- I have read, understand, and agree to the policies herewith. I have also read and understand the Greater Philadelphia Aquatic Club Competition Code of Conduct and, by this signature, agree to abide by it.

Athlete \_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Signature Date

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Signature Date

Group \_\_\_\_\_