

BELLINGHAM BAY SWIM TEAM TRAVEL POLICY



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

Section 1 - USA Swimming Required Policies

- a. Club travel policies must be signed and agreed to by all athletes, parents, coaches and other adults traveling with the club. (305.5.D)
- b. Team managers and chaperones must be members of USA Swimming and have successfully passed a USA Swimming-administered criminal background check. (305.5.B)
- c. 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)
- d. 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. (305.5C)

Section 2 - BBST Policies

- a. Club travel policies must be signed and agreed to by all athletes, parents, coaches and other adults traveling with the club before they are allowed on the travel trip
- b. Chaperones must be members of USA Swimming and have successfully passed a USA Swimming-administered criminal background check.
- c. Regardless of gender, a coach shall not share a hotel room or other sleeping
- d. arrangement with an athlete (unless the coach is the parent, guardian, sibling, or spouse of that particular athlete).
- e. 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.
- f. During overnight travel, all athletes will be paired/grouped up with other athletes of the same gender and similar age
- g. During overnight travel, athletes will not be allowed into the rooms of athletes of the opposite gender without the door remaining open at all times
- h. Curfews shall be established by coaches/chaperones and will be enforced
- i. All athletes travelling with the team will attend all team functions including meetings, practices, meals, meet sessions, etc. unless otherwise excused or instructed by the head coach.
- j. Swimmers are expected to remain with the team at all times during the trip. Swimmers are not to leave the competition venue, the hotel, a restaurant, or any other place at which the team has gathered without the permission/knowledge of the coach or chaperone.
- k. When visiting public places such as shopping malls, movie theaters, etc. swimmers will stay in groups of no less than three persons.

- l. Athletes will refrain from any illegal behavior, or any behavior deemed inappropriate by the coaches/chaperones. Such behaviors include, but are not limited to:
- Inappropriate sexual conduct
 - Use/possession/sale of controlled/illegal substances
 - Inappropriate language/physical behavior/contact
- m. Athletes will remember that at all team travel events, athletes are representing BBST at all times, and will represent the team to the standard that has been set to them by the team/coaches

Failure to comply with this code of conduct on all team travel trips may result in disciplinary action, including but not limited to:

1. Dismissal from the trip and immediate return home
2. Disqualification from one or more events, or the entirety of competition
3. Disqualification from future team travel meets
4. Dismissal from the team
5. Proceedings for an LSC or USA Swimming National Board of Review