

CASCADE SWIM CLUB
Team and Local Travel Policy

Team travel is travel to a competition or other team activity that the organization plans and supervises. Local travel consists of travel to training, practice and competition that occurs locally and does not include coordinated overnight stay(s). Safety, proper judgment and responsible behavior is expected at all times of travel as covered under this policy, team rules and code of conduct. Additional rules and policies may be established for designated team travel events. Being a member of any team trip is both a privilege and a responsibility, failure to comply with rules and policies may result in disciplinary action.

USA Swimming Required Policies:

USA-S Rulebook

305.6 TRAVEL

- .1 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.
- .2 Team managers and chaperones must be members of USA Swimming and have successfully passed a USA Swimming-required criminal background check.
- .3 When only one athlete and one coach travel to a competition, the athlete must have his/her parent's (or legal guardian's) written permission in advance to travel alone with the coach.
- .4 Clubs and LSCs shall develop their own travel policies. USA Swimming will provide a model club travel policy as an example. Club travel policies must be signed and agreed to by all athletes, parents, coaches and other adults traveling with the club.

MAAPP

Travel: Local and Team

I. Local Travel

Local travel consists of travel to training, practice and competition that occurs locally and does not include coordinated overnight stay(s).

Applicable Adults must not ride in a vehicle alone with an unrelated minor athlete, absent emergency circumstances, and must always have at least two minor athletes or another adult in the vehicle, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the minor athlete's legal guardian.

[Recommended]

Legal guardians must pick up their minor athlete first and drop off their minor athlete last in any shared or carpool travel arrangement.

II. Team Travel

Team travel is travel to a competition or other team activity that the organization plans and supervises.

- a. During team travel, when doing room checks two-deep leadership (two Applicable Adults should be present) and observable and interruptible environments must be maintained.

When only one Applicable Adult and one minor athlete travel to a competition, the minor athlete's legal guardian must provide written permission in advance and for each competition for the minor athlete to travel alone with said Applicable Adult.

Team Managers and Chaperones who travel with the club or LSC must be USA Swimming members in good standing.

- b. Unrelated non-athlete Applicable Adults must not share a hotel room, other sleeping arrangement or overnight lodging location with an athlete.

Minor athletes should be paired to share hotel rooms or other sleeping arrangements with other minor athletes of the same gender and of similar age. When a minor athlete and an adult athlete share a hotel room or other sleeping arrangement, the minor athlete's legal guardian must provide written permission in advance and for each instance for the minor to share a hotel room or other sleeping arrangement with said adult athlete.

- c. Meetings during team travel must be conducted consistent with the One-on-One Interactions section of MAAPP (i.e., any such meeting must be observable and interruptible). Meetings must not be conducted in an individual's hotel room or other overnight sleeping location.

Additional TEAM TRAVEL Policies:

- a. Swimmers are expected to travel and remain with the team at all times during the trip.
- b. Team travelers will display proper respect and sportsmanship toward coaches, officials, teammates, fellow competitors and the general public at all times.
- c. Team travelers will refrain from any inappropriate behavior that would detract from a positive image of the team or be detrimental to our performance objectives.
- d. Team travelers will follow team travel agenda including abiding to curfews, room checks and lights out, as scheduled, and be punctual for all team functions including meetings, practices, meals, meet sessions, etc.
- e. During overnight team travel, if athletes are paired with other athletes they shall be of the same gender. Athletes 13&over may stay in rooms without chaperones provided chaperones or coaches are staying in nearby rooms. Athletes ages 12&under will stay with chaperones and consent shall be given by athlete's parents or legal guardians.
- f. At no times will male and female athletes be in the same room together unless a coach or chaperone is in the room or has approved the situation.
- g. Usage of cell phones, laptops and other electronic devices may be restricted at times.
- h. Team travelers who break team rules during the trip may be sent home at their expense.
- i. The directions and decisions of coaches and chaperones are final.