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## The FISH Team Travel Policy

USA Swimming is requiring every USA Swimming Club to establish and maintain a travel policy according to their guidelines. We are working closely with USA Swimming to adhere to these requirements to assure a safe and healthy travel environment when taking our athletes on travel trips. Coaches and chaperones who interact with our athletes are in the unique position of great trust. This trust is to be used to provide the safest, healthiest child-centered sports environment possible.

- a. Our travel policy must be signed and agreed to by all athletes, parents, coaches and other adults traveling with the club.
- b. Team managers and 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 arrangement with an athlete (unless the coach is the parent, guardian, sibling, or spouse of that particular athlete).
- d. During overnight team travel, athletes rooming together shall be of the same gender, and preferably similar age. Chaperones and coaches should stay in nearby rooms. When athletes are age 12 and Under, same-gender chaperones may room with the athletes; in this case, written consent should be given by the athlete's parent or legal guardian.
- e. There will be no male athletes in female athletes' rooms, and no female athletes in male athletes' rooms.
- f. A copy of the Club Code of Conduct must be signed by the athlete and his/her parent or legal guardian.
- g. Team officials should obtain a signed Liability Release and/or Indemnification Form for each athlete.

- h. Team officials should carry a signed Medical Consent or Authorization to Treat Form for each athlete.
- i. Curfews shall be established by the team staff each day of the trip.
- j. The directions & decisions of coaches/team manager are final.
- k. 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.
- l. When visiting public places such as shopping malls, movie theatres, etc. swimmers will stay in groups of no less than three persons. 12 & Under athletes will be accompanied by a coach or chaperone.

**Financial**

- Swimmers are responsible for all their incidental expenditures.
- Swimmers are responsible for any damages or thievery they cause at the hotel.

**General**

- Athletes must meet trip eligibility requirements as determined by the Head Coach.
- Parent(s) are responsible for getting swimmer(s) to stated departure point and pick up at arrival point on time.

Swimmer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Chaperone's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Coach's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_