**Barracuda Swim Club Travel Policy**

Barracuda Swim Club (BSC) chooses to make the safety of its swimmers a priority.

With this in mind, the team has adopted the following policy for team travel. Team travel is defined as overnight travel to a swim meet or other team activity that is planned and supervised by the club.

1. All athletes and their parents (or legal guardians) shall read, understand, and agree to abide by the team’s Code of Conduct and travel policies.
2. Team managers and chaperones must be members of USA Swimming and

have successfully passed a USA Swimming-administered criminal background check.

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).

4. There may be circumstances when it is necessary for a coach or chaperone to provide transportation for an athlete either individually or in a group. Parents may decline to allow such transportation by informing the Head Coach of their wishes.

5. A parent (or legal guardian) shall complete and sign a Permission Slip and Waiver Form prior to a athlete participating in team travel.

6. All athletes must complete and sign the team’s Code of Conduct prior to participating in team travel.

7. The BSC Board and/or coaching staff may, when appropriate, modify the following Permission Slip, Waiver, and Code of Conduct in the best interests of the team.

8. Except as allowed in #4, two-deep leadership and/or open and observable environments during adult-athlete interactions should be maintained.

**Barracuda Swim Club**

**PERMISSION SLIP AND WAIVER**

I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to travel with the Barracuda Swim Club to PLACE on DATES. I realize that there are risks involved in both traveling and participating in events/activities during the trip, and I hold harmless the Barracuda Swim Club, its coaches, chaperones, and agents, for any and all accidents and/or incidents which might occur. Furthermore, I give permission to the coaches, chaperones, and agents of the Barracuda Swim Club to act on my behalf in cases where a decision relating to the welfare of the above-named individual is necessary. I also give permission for my child to ride in a vehicle driven by a coach or chaperone, either alone or in a group situation. I have reviewed the expectations presented by the coaching staff, and agree to support them. Furthermore, I understand that if my child is dismissed during the trip and sent home, I will reimburse the club for the cost of such transportation.

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(Parent or Legal Guardian) (Signature) (Date)

Prescription medications currently being taken:

Pre-existing medical conditions (asthma, etc):

Please list insurance information (Carrier, policy number):

Emergency contact information: Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone number:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**CODE OF CONDUCT**

**General Expectations**

1. The swimmers, at all times, represent themselves and the Barracuda Swim Club in the very best manner as exhibited by their performances, attitudes, and behaviors.

2. Care will be taken to make responsible choices during the trip.

3. Team members are responsible for being where they need to be when they need to be there. Tardiness shows disrespect for teammates and the coaching staff.

4. There will be an “In room” curfew and a “Lights out” curfew determined by the coaching staff. “In room” means in your own room, winding down and preparing for bed. “Lights out” means quiet, TV off, and going to sleep.

5. Athletes will follow announced guidelines concerning appropriate venues when socializing with members of the opposite sex.

6. The use of alcohol, illicit drugs, tobacco, and fireworks is strictly prohibited.

7. Unless approved by a coach, all transportation and meals will be done as a team.

8. Upon check-out, rooms shall be clean and neat. It is not the maid’s job to clean up your messes.

9. As a group, we will be highly visible. Be respectful of other hotel guests and establishment patrons.

10. No one is to go off property unless approved in advance by the coaching staff.

11. Failure to meet expectations will result in disciplinary actions by the coaching staff. Such disciplinary actions may include sending a swimmer home at his/her parent’s expense.

**Statement of Agreement**

As a member of the Barracuda Swim Club, I recognize my responsibility to represent my team in the best possible manner. I understand the expectations that the coaching staff has for me and intend to abide by them. I understand that failure to do so may result in disciplinary actions, including, but not limited to dismissal and being sent home at my parents’ expense.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Athlete’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_