

TRAVEL POLICY

WEST VIRGINIA SWIMMING, Inc.

Protection of athletes is a top priority for WV Swimming. Athletes may periodically travel on behalf of WVS, both for competitive and non-competitive, events. When athlete members travel on behalf of WVS, the following policy shall apply:

1. The WVS travel policy must be signed and agreed to by all athletes, parents, coaches and other adults traveling with the LSC. (USA Swimming Rules 305.5.D); the Travel Policy Form is on the WVS website.
2. Team managers and chaperones must be members of USA Swimming and have successfully passed a USA Swimming administered criminal background check. (USA Swimming Rules 305.5.B)
3. 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). (USA Swimming Rules 305.5.A)
4. 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. (USA Swimming Rules 305.5C)
5. During team travel, when doing room checks, attending team meetings and/or other activities, two-deep leadership and open and observable environments should be maintained.
6. Athletes should not ride in a coach's vehicle without another adult present who is the same gender as the athlete, unless prior parental permission is obtained.
7. During overnight team travel, if athletes are paired with other athletes they shall be of the same gender and should be a similar age. Where athletes are age 13 & Over, chaperones and/or team managers would ideally stay in nearby rooms. When athletes are age 12 & Under, chaperones and/or team managers may stay with athletes. Where chaperones/team managers are staying in a room with athletes, they should be the same gender as the athlete and written consent should be given by athlete's parents (or legal guardian).
8. To ensure the propriety of the athletes and to protect the staff, there will be no male athletes in female athlete's rooms and no female athletes in male athlete's rooms (unless the other athlete is a sibling or spouse of that particular athlete).
9. A copy of the Club Code of Conduct must be signed by the athlete and his/her parent or legal guardian.
10. 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 chaperone.

Athlete Name (Print)

Athlete Signature

Date

Parent Name (Print)

Parent Signature

Date

Witness Name (Print)

Witness Signature

Date

Coach Name (Print)

Coach Signature

Date