

2024-25 Season Travel Policy

Purpose: To inform families of the changes this season for team travel and set guidelines.

Teams Traveling during the 2024-25 Season: 14's, 15's, 16's, 17's, 18's

Team Registered and Fee Paid:

Who: Club Staff

Typically late September or October

****Do not book travel until you receive confirmation that the tournament has been registered for and paid.**

Hotel Blocks:

Who: Coaches and Players/Families

All tournaments this season are USAV stay and play tournaments which require all teams booking a minimum of 5 rooms (equal to 15 nights) at partner hotels. Hotel blocks usually open up the day of tournament registration but in some cases will open at a later date. Once a hotel block is confirmed coaches and families will have 7 to 10 days to reserve their rooms.

**Prime will make every effort to get hotel locations as close to the venue as possible. In some cases there will be more than one hotel to choose from based on availability.*

Travel to/from the Tournament:

Who: Coaches and Players/Families

Players and families are able to book whatever mode of transportation works best for them. Once a team has met the above requirements and are accepted to the tournament, they will be sent travel parameters. These will include required arrival and departure times. Typically the arrival time is by 5pm the night before day 1 of the tournament and departure time is no earlier than 5pm on the final day of the tournament.

Transportation during the Tournament:

Who: Coaches and Players/Families

Everyone attending the tournament is required to provide their own transportation for the duration of the tournament. This includes to/from the playing venue and any team activities while not playing. Ride sharing is encouraged but not coordinated by coaches or club staff.

Meals during the Tournament:

Who: Coaches and Players/Families

Everyone is responsible for their own meals for the duration of the tournament.

Exception: If a team fundraises for a team dinner(s) those will be organized by the coach and/or team parent

Activities during non-play time:**Who: Players/Families**

Team activities and sightseeing is encouraged during travel tournaments. Players/Families are encouraged to plan activities outside of playing time. Any costs associated are not included in club dues.

Exception: If a team fundraises for team activities that will be arranged by the coach and/or team parent.

*Note: If team activities are planned all players must be invited and encouraged to participate. Check SportsEngine for information on activities.

Is travel mandatory?

Yes! Travel to out of state tournaments is required for all players. Failure to attend will result in lost playing time at the next tournament.

Why isn't travel included in dues?

With rising costs for all things including travel we are trying to bring down the total cost.

Families can use points and rewards to book travel. Removing the requirement for players to room together allows families to save on hotel costs. Club dues include all coaches travel and you will not be invoiced for any additional travel expenses.

Does Prime cover food costs?

Food costs are not covered. Teams are encouraged to plan team meals each day but each player will be responsible for their own food.

Where can players/families stay?

Players and families are highly encouraged to stay in one of the blocked rooms booked through the tournament. Booking rooms outside of approved hotels will jeopardize the acceptance of the team in the tournament by not meeting the entrance requirements. All tournaments Prime attends are stay-and-play which requires each team to book accommodations using tournament hotel partners. Partner hotels are giving discounted pricing for tournament participants.

What if a parent is not traveling with their player?

Players without chaperones are encouraged to pair up with another player and family traveling. If your player is traveling alone or with another family, Prime will need written permission with details of the travel plan. Reach out to support@primevolleyballacademy.com to get the proper paperwork filled out.

If a player is unable to travel with another family please reach out to your coach. No player will be denied travel because they do not have a parent attending.

Can players stay in the same room as other players?

In some cases a team may want to arrange for players to stay in rooms together. If a parent would like to arrange this please let Prime staff know so the appropriate number of rooms can be blocked. Financial responsibility will be on the families to reserve these rooms and collect money from each participating player/family.

Can players stay with their parents?

Players are allowed to stay in the same room as their parents.

What should I budget for a travel tournament (transportation, food, activities, souvenirs, hotel, etc)

We estimate between \$700 - \$900 per travel tournament.

For any additional questions contact support@primevolleyballacademy.com.