

LONE STAR REGION VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION TEAM TRAVEL POLICY (PARENT COPY)

ATHLETES ARE MOST VULNERABLE TO MISCONDUCT DURING TRAVEL, PARTICULARLY OVERNIGHT STAYS. THIS INCLUDES A HIGH RISK OF MISCONDUCT. DURING TRAVEL, ATHLETES ARE OFTEN AWAY FROM THEIR FAMILIES AND SUPPORT NETWORKS, AND THE SETTING - NEW FACILITIES, GYMS, TRANSPORTATION, AND HOTEL ROOMS - IS LESS STRUCTURED AND LESS FAMILIAR.

SOME TRAVEL INVOLVES ONLY LOCAL TRAVEL TO AND FROM LOCAL PRACTICES AND EVENTS, WHILE OTHERS INVOLVE OVERNIGHT STAYS. DIFFERENT POLICIES SHALL APPLY TO THESE TYPES OF TRAVEL. LOCAL TRAVEL

- IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PARENTS TO ENSURE THE PERSON TRANSPORTING THE MINOR PLAYER MAINTAINS THE PROPER SAFETY AND LEGAL REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE, AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE, VEHICLE IN SAFE WORKING ORDER, AND COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE STATE LAWS.
- THE EMPLOYEES, COACHES, AND/OR TEAM PARENTS OF A CLUB OR ONE OF ITS TEAMS, WHO ARE ALSO NOT ACTING AS A PARENT, SHALL NOT DRIVE ALONE WITH AN UNRELATED PLAYER.

TEAM TRAVEL

PARENTS/GUARDIANS ARE EXPECTED TO ADHERE TO THE CLUB'S TEAM TRAVEL POLICIES AND ARE EXPECTED TO SUPPORT THE COACHES' RULES FULLY.

- REGARDLESS OF GENDER, A COACH SHALL NOT SHARE A HOTEL ROOM OR OTHER SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS WITH A MINOR PLAYER (UNLESS THE COACH IS THE PARENT OR RELATIVE OF THE PLAYER).
- AT NO TIME WILL ONLY ONE ADULT BE PRESENT IN A ROOM WITH MINOR PLAYERS, REGARDLESS OF GENDER.
- INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS BETWEEN A COACH AND A PLAYER MAY NOT OCCUR IN HOTEL SLEEPING ROOMS AND MUST BE HELD IN PUBLIC SETTINGS.
- THE TEAM WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ACCOMMODATE REASONABLE PARENTAL REQUESTS WHEN A CHILD IS AWAY FROM HOME WITHOUT A PARENT.
- NO COACH SHALL AT ANY TIME BE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS OR ALCOHOL WHILE PERFORMING THEIR COACHING DUTIES.
- BEFORE ANY TRIP, THE CLUB AND/OR COACHES WILL ENDEAVOR TO MAKE PLAYERS AND PARENTS AWARE OF ALL EXPECTATIONS AND RULES IN ADVANCE.
- IF DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST A PLAYER IS REQUIRED WHILE THE PLAYER IS TRAVELING WITHOUT HIS/HER PARENTS, THEN, EXCEPT WHERE IMMEDIATE ACTION IS NECESSARY, PARENTS WILL BE NOTIFIED BEFORE ANY ACTION IS TAKEN, OR IMMEDIATELY AFTER.
- **NO RETURN FLIGHTS CAN BE BOOKED BEFORE 6:00 PM,** ON THE LAST DAY OF TOURNAMENT PLAY, WITHOUT SPECIAL PERMISSION FROM THE TRAVEL COORDINATOR AND OR COACH.
- **EACH FAMILY MUST PROVIDE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS TO THE TEAM PARENT OR COACH,** TO ALL OUT-OF-TOWN TOURNAMENTS, AT LEAST TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE SCHEDULED EVENT.
- IF A MINOR WILL BE TRAVELING ALONE, YOU MUST ALSO COMMUNICATE WITH WHOM THEY WILL BE TRAVELING AND STAYING.
- **EACH TEAM WILL HAVE A CURFEW & CELL PHONE POLICY** THEY MUST ADHERE TO.
- USAV TOURNAMENTS ARE STAY AND PLAY EVENTS, SO **TEXAS TORNADOS IS REQUIRED TO STAY IN THEIR ASSIGNED HOTEL** TO SATISFY THE PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS.

TEXAS TORNADOS TEAM TRAVEL POLICY (CLUB COPY)

TO ALL PLAYERS, PARENTS, COACHES, AND OTHER ADULTS TRAVELING WITH A TEAM. PLEASE SIGN AND ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF AND ACCEPT OUR TEAM TRAVEL POLICY RULES.

TEXAS TORNADOS HAS TEAMS THAT TRAVEL REGULARLY TO PLAY IN TOURNAMENTS, OTHERS WITH LIMITED TRAVEL TO A FEW EVENTS PER SEASON, AND SOME THAT ONLY TRAVEL LOCALLY TO AND FROM OUR AREA. TEXAS TORNADOS PROHIBITS ALL TYPES OF PHYSICAL ABUSE, SEXUAL ABUSE, EMOTIONAL ABUSE, BULLYING, RACISM, THREATS, HARASSMENT, AND HAZING, ALL AS DESCRIBED IN THE USA VOLLEYBALL SAFESPORT HANDBOOK. TEXAS TORNADOS HAS ESTABLISHED POLICIES TO GUIDE OUR TRAVEL, MINIMIZE ONE-ON-ONE INTERACTIONS, AND REDUCE THE RISK OF ABUSE OR MISCONDUCT. ADHERENCE TO THESE TRAVEL GUIDELINES WILL INCREASE PLAYER SAFETY AND IMPROVE THE PLAYER'S EXPERIENCE WHILE KEEPING TRAVEL A FUN EXPERIENCE. WE DISTINGUISH BETWEEN TRAVEL TO TRAINING, PRACTICE, AND LOCAL TOURNAMENTS ("LOCAL TRAVEL") AND TEAM TRAVEL INVOLVING AN OVERNIGHT STAY ("TEAM TRAVEL").

LOCAL TRAVEL

LOCAL TRAVEL OCCURS WHEN TEXAS TORNADOS DOES NOT SPONSOR, COORDINATE, OR ARRANGE FOR TRAVEL TO PRACTICES OR TOURNAMENTS.

- PLAYERS AND/OR THEIR PARENTS/GUARDIANS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING ALL ARRANGEMENTS FOR LOCAL TRAVEL. THE TEAM AND ITS COACHES, MANAGERS, OR ADMINISTRATORS SHOULD AVOID RESPONSIBILITY FOR ARRANGING OR COORDINATING LOCAL TRAVEL. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PARENTS/GUARDIANS TO ENSURE THE PERSON TRANSPORTING THE MINOR PLAYER MAINTAINS THE PROPER SAFETY AND LEGAL REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE, AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE, A VEHICLE IN SAFE WORKING ORDER, AND COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE STATE LAWS.
- THE EMPLOYEES, COACHES, AND/OR TEAM PARENTS OF TEXAS TORNADOS OR ONE OF ITS TEAMS, WHO ARE ALSO NOT ACTING AS A PARENT, SHOULD NOT DRIVE ALONE WITH AN UNRELATED MINOR PLAYER.

TEAM TRAVEL

TEAM TRAVEL IS OVERNIGHT TRAVEL THAT OCCURS WHEN TEXAS TORNADOS COORDINATES OR ARRANGES FOR TRAVEL SO THAT THE TEAM CAN COMPETE LOCALLY, REGIONALLY, OR NATIONALLY. BECAUSE OF THE GREAT DISTANCES, COACHES, STAFF, VOLUNTEERS, AND TEAM PARENTS WILL OFTEN TRAVEL WITH THE PLAYERS OR COORDINATE SHUTTLES, UBER, OR LYFT RIDES.

- **NO RETURN FLIGHTS CAN BE BOOKED BEFORE 6:00 PM,** ON THE LAST DAY OF TOURNAMENT PLAY, WITHOUT SPECIAL PERMISSION FROM THE TRAVEL COORDINATOR AND OR COACH.
- **EACH FAMILY MUST PROVIDE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS TO THE TEAM PARENT OR COACH,** TO ALL OUT-OF-TOWN TOURNAMENTS, AT LEAST TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE SCHEDULED EVENT.
- IF A MINOR WILL BE TRAVELING ALONE, YOU MUST ALSO COMMUNICATE WITH WHOM THEY WILL BE TRAVELING AND STAYING.
- **TEXAS TORNADOS WILL PROVIDE REASONABLE ADVANCE NOTICE OF EXPECTATIONS BEFORE TEAM TRAVEL.** TRAVEL NOTICE WILL ALSO INCLUDE DESIGNATED TEAM HOTELS FOR OVERNIGHT STAYS, AS WELL AS A CONTACT PERSON WITHIN TEXAS TORNADOS OR THE TEAM'S PARENT LIASION. THIS INDIVIDUAL WILL BE THE POINT OF CONTACT TO CONFIRM YOUR INTENTION TO TRAVEL AND TO HELP WITH TRAVEL DETAILS.
- **REGARDLESS OF GENDER, A COACH SHALL NOT SHARE A HOTEL ROOM OR OTHER SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS WITH A MINOR PLAYER** (UNLESS THE COACH IS THE PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR SIBLING OF THE PLAYER, UNLESS THEY HAVE WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM THE GUARDIAN).
- **BEFORE ANY TRIP, COACHES WILL ENDEAVOR TO MAKE PLAYERS AND PARENTS AWARE OF ALL EXPECTATIONS AND RULES.**

- **THE COACH OR HIS/HER ASSISTANT OR TEAM PARENT WILL ESTABLISH A CURFEW** BY WHICH ALL PLAYERS MUST BE IN THEIR HOTEL ROOMS OR A SUPERVISED LOCATION. REGULAR MONITORING AND CURFEW CHECKS MAY BE MADE OF EACH ROOM BY AT LEAST TWO PROPERLY BACKGROUND-SCREENED ADULTS. AT NO TIME WILL ONLY ONE ADULT BE PRESENT IN A ROOM WITH MINOR PLAYERS, REGARDLESS OF GENDER. PLAYERS WHO BREAK CURFEW COULD BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE TOURNAMENT. COACHES WILL ALSO SUPPORT TEAM PARENTS AND/OR PARTICIPATE IN THE MONITORING OF THE PLAYERS FOR ADHERENCE TO CURFEW RESTRICTIONS AND OTHER TRAVEL RULES.
- **PLAYERS MAY NOT BE ON THEIR PHONES, TABLETS, OR COMPUTERS AFTER CURFEW**, TO ENSURE A GOOD NIGHT'S REST. TOURNAMENTS NEED TO BE TREATED AS A JOB AND NOT A VACATION.
- **INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS BETWEEN A COACH AND A PLAYER MAY NOT OCCUR IN HOTEL SLEEPING ROOMS**. THEY MUST BE HELD IN PUBLIC SETTINGS OR WITH ADDITIONAL ADULTS PRESENT, WITH AT LEAST ONE OF THOSE ADULTS BEING THE SAME GENDER AS THE PLAYER.
- **PARENTS/GUARDIANS MUST STAY IN THE SAME HOTEL ROOM AS THE PLAYER TO CHAPERONE THEIR CHILD AND ENFORCE TEAM RULES**.
- THE TEAM WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ACCOMMODATE REASONABLE PARENTAL REQUESTS WHEN A CHILD IS AWAY FROM HOME WITHOUT A PARENT. IF ANY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE NECESSARY FOR YOUR CHILD, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH THE TEAM PARENT, WHO CAN EITHER MAKE OR ASSIST WITH MAKING THOSE ARRANGEMENTS.
- NO COACH SHALL AT ANY TIME BE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS OR ALCOHOL WHILE PERFORMING THEIR COACHING DUTIES.
- IF DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST A PLAYER IS REQUIRED WHILE THE PLAYER IS TRAVELING WITHOUT HIS/HER PARENTS, THEN, EXCEPT WHERE IMMEDIATE ACTION IS NECESSARY, PARENTS WILL BE NOTIFIED BEFORE ANY ACTION IS TAKEN, OR IMMEDIATELY AFTER.

DATE: _____

TEAM: _____

PLAYERS' NAME

PLAYERS' SIGNATURE

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE