

RUSH / 2025-2026 Season Travel Event Policy

2025–2026 Travel Event Attendance Policy

Rush Volleyball Club LLC

As a member of Rush Volleyball Club LLC, each athlete and their family commits to full participation in all scheduled premier 3-day or 4-day travel events throughout the 2025–2026 club season. These events are essential to team performance, athlete development, and recruitment exposure.

1. Mandatory Attendance

Attendance at all designated premier travel events (3-day or 4-day tournaments) is mandatory. These events are planned well in advance and published on the team's official schedule. Players are expected to prioritize team obligations and commit fully to all competition dates.

2. Financial Penalty for Unexcused Absence

If an athlete fails to attend a scheduled premier 3-day or 4-day travel event without an approved exception, a penalty fee of \$1,500 will be assessed to the athlete's account. Each penalty will be assessed per event missed.

This fee is intended to cover the cost of:

- Recruiting and securing a suitable replacement player
- Additional administrative, travel, or staffing burdens placed on the club

This fee is payable regardless of whether a replacement player is ultimately found or used.

3. Acceptable Exceptions (With Documentation)

Rush Volleyball Club recognizes that exceptional, unavoidable circumstances may arise. The \$1,500 penalty fee may be waived only under the following conditions, and only with proper documentation:

- **Medical Emergency:** Serious illness or injury to the athlete or an immediate family member. A doctor's note or medical documentation is required.
- **Family Bereavement:** Death or critical illness in the immediate family. Verification must be provided.
- **Unavoidable School Obligation:** Mandatory school-related conflict such as standardized testing or a school-sponsored event. Advance notice and school-issued documentation are required.

3. Acceptable Exceptions (With Documentation) Continued:

- **Natural Disaster/Force Majeure:** Travel prevented due to extreme weather events, natural disasters, or other uncontrollable external circumstances.

Each exception will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the Club Director. Final determination of whether the penalty will be waived rests solely with Rush Volleyball Club administration.

4. Commitment Acknowledgment

By signing below, the athlete and parent/guardian affirm their understanding and agreement to this policy. We acknowledge that:

- Attendance at all scheduled premier travel events is a core expectation of club membership.
- Failure to attend without approved exception will result in a \$1,500 penalty.
- We will communicate any potential conflicts as far in advance as possible, and provide all required documentation for any exception requests.

Signature Section:

Player Name (Print): _____

Player Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____