

Paseo Aquatics Chaperone Code of Conduct

1. Chaperones will be Non-Athlete Members of USA Swimming, will have completed the Athlete Protection Training (APT), will have read and understood the MAAPP 2.0 Policy with a signed Consent and Acknowledgement Form and will have completed the required background check offered by USA Swimming. The Chaperone will be classified as an Adult Participant. In the balance of this Code of Conduct the Chaperone will be called Adult Participant.
2. Adult Participant will agree to have read, abide by and uphold the mandatory policies outlined in the USA Swimming documentation on Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy 2.0 version.
3. In addition, Adult Participant will work with the Head Coach and/or other Coaches traveling with the team to implement the recommended USA Swimming best practices.

Specifically:

- Two-deep Leadership will be implemented throughout the team trip: One coach member and at least one Adult Participant shall be present at all sanctioned club activities as part of this team travel whenever at least one athlete is present. This practice includes, but is not limited to: doing room checks, attending team meetings and/or other activities.
- Open and Observable Environment: An open and observable environment should be maintained for all interactions between Adult Participants, Coaches and Athletes. Private, or one-on-one situations, should be avoided unless they are open and observable. Common sense should be used to move a meeting to an open and observable location if the meeting inadvertently begins in private.
- Athletes should not ride in a coach's vehicle without another Adult Participant who is the same gender as the athlete, unless prior parental permission is obtained.
- Hotel rooms will be such that
 - i. Athletes will be paired with other athletes of the same gender and similar age.
 - ii. Adult Participants and/or coaches will ideally stay in nearby rooms.
 - iii. 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).
- Communications between Adult Participants and athletes should not include any topic or language that is sexual or inappropriate in nature.
- Adult Participant should respect the privacy of athletes in situations such as changing of clothes, showering, etc. Adult Participants should protect their own privacy in similar situations.

- Relationships of a peer-to-peer nature with any athletes should be avoided. For example, Adult Participant should avoid sharing their own personal problems with athletes.
 - Swimmers are expected to remain with the team at all times during the trip. Swimmers are not to leave the competition venue, the hotel, a restaurant, or any other place at which the team has gathered without the permission/knowledge of the coach or Adult Participant.
 - 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 an Adult Participant.
4. A 1:10 ratio (one Adult Participant to every 10 athletes) will be implemented.
 5. Athlete transportation (this consists of driving rental vehicles purchased through Paseo Aquatics. A valid driver's license and proof of car insurance is required.)
 - From host city airport to hotel
 - To and From competition pool
 - To and From meals
 - To and From any needed shopping (snacks & water)
 - Any driving unrelated to the Travel Meet must be cleared by the Head Coach
 - Any parking or speeding tickets incurred while driving as an Adult Participant will be the Adult Participant's responsibility.
 6. Athlete Meals: planning and providing opportunities for the athletes to eat within a reasonable amount of time for each meal.
 7. It will be the responsibility of the Adult Participant(s) in consultation with the Head Coach / Travel Coach(es) to implement a bedtime curfew and instruct athletes of wake up times.
 8. To enforce the Code of Conduct signed by the athletes.
 9. To aid in any medical treatment if necessary (injury or illness).
 10. To give any assistance the coaches may need.
 11. Paseo Aquatics attire for travel days are preferred, but not required. Will be provided by Paseo Aquatics.
 12. Adult Participant will refrain from any illegal or inappropriate behavior that would detract from a positive image of Paseo Aquatics.