

STAR Aquatics Travel Policy

As a member club of USA Swimming, STAR Aquatics is required to provide a travel policy which must be signed and agreed to by all athletes, parents, coaches, and other adults traveling with a team. The following is a set of rules that make up the STAR Aquatics travel policy and by completing your registration with STAR Aquatics, both parents and swimmers agree to abide by these policies whenever you are participating in any type of travel with the team whether in a group or as an individual or family.

Safety-

1. Club travel policies must be signed and agreed to by all athletes, parents, coaches and other adults traveling with the club.
2. Team managers and chaperones must be members of USA Swimming and have successfully passed a USA Swimming-administered criminal background check. (305.5B)
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). (305.5C)
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. (305.5C)
5. A copy of the Team Expectations and Trip Rules must be signed by the swimmer and his/her parent or guardian.
6. Team or LSC officials should obtain a signed Liability Release and /or Indemnification Form for each athlete.
7. Team members and staff traveling with the team will attend all team functions including meetings, practices, meals, meet sessions, etc. unless otherwise excused or instructed by the head coach or his/her designee.
8. The directions & decisions of coaches/chaperones are final.
9. 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 chaperone.
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.
11. Coaches reserve the right to add rules and/or regulations if they perceive that they are needed.
12. All those traveling as a member of STAR Aquatics/USA Swimming member, must wear a seat belt and remain seated in vehicles at all times when in transit.

Behavior- All members of a trip are required to:

1. Be quiet and respect the rights of teammates and others in the hotel/dorm.
2. Be punctual.
3. Observe discretion when using mobile phone, or personal entertainment device. Swimmers will be allowed to use mobile phones only during the allotted times. Swimmers are not allowed to

use mobile phones during team activities. Coaches, chaperones, and trip guides will have mobile phones on their person in case of emergency.

4. Respect the travel vehicles.
5. Use appropriate behavior in public facilities.
6. Establish two different curfews- "In Room," and "Lights Out."
7. Stay in assigned room.
8. Put the needs and well being of the team first.

Financial-

1. No room service without permission.
2. Swimmers are responsible for all incidental charges.
3. Swimmers are responsible for any damages or thievery at the hotel/dorm.
4. All group members must participate in contracted group meals.
5. Trip Deposit is non-refundable.

General-

1. Parents/Guardians are responsible for getting their swimmer(s) to the stated departure/pickup point.

Swimmer: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____