

USA Swimming (Reference USAS MAAPP 2.0)/TYDE Competitive Team Travel Policy

Getting to travel as a team is one of the many exciting privileges of swimming with the TYDE Swim Team. This is where friendships are made, team bonding occurs and fun memories are forged, but along with this privilege comes responsibility. If you choose for your child to participate in a team trip with TYDE, he or she will be required to abide by the TYDE travel policy as outlined below. Because we are traveling as a team, individual wants sometimes need to take a back seat to the needs of the team as a whole. Do not expect things to be just as they are when you are traveling with your family. The ability to adapt to unforeseen circumstances is key to a successful team trip. The coaching staff is in charge of the trip and swimmers must understand this rule.

I. Transportation

- a. During In-Program Travel, observable and interruptible environments must be maintained.
- b. An Adult Participant must not transport a Minor Athlete one-on-one during In-Program Travel and must always transport at least two Minor Athletes or another Adult Participant, except:
 - i. In emergency circumstances;
 - ii. When a Dual Relationship exists;
 - iii. When the Close-In-Age Exception applies; and/or
 - iv. The Minor Athlete's parent/legal guardian has provided, at least annually, written consent for the Adult Participant to transport the Minor Athlete one-on-one, which can be withdrawn at any time.
- c. Adult Participants, including team managers and chaperones, who travel with the Organization must be USA Swimming non-athlete members of USA Swimming.
- d. It is recommended that Adult Participants who are parents/legal guardians of Minor Athletes should pick up their Minor Athlete first and drop off their Minor Athlete last in any shared or carpool travel arrangement.

II. Lodging

- a. An Adult Participant must not share a hotel room, sleeping arrangement or overnight lodging location with an Athlete.
- b. During In-Program Travel, all In-Program Contact in a hotel room, sleeping arrangement or overnight lodging location between an Adult Participant and a Minor Athlete must be observable and interruptible.
- c. During In-Program Travel, when doing room checks, two-deep leadership (two Adult Participants should be present) and observable and interruptible environments must be maintained.
- d. The following exceptions apply to II(a), (b) and (c):
 - i. When a Dual Relationship exists, the Adult Participant is not a coach, and the Minor Athlete's parent/legal guardian has provided advance, written consent for the lodging arrangement; and/or
 - ii. When the Close-In-Age Exception applies and the Minor Athlete's parent/legal guardian has provided advance, written consent for the lodging arrangement.
- e. Minor Athletes should be paired to share a hotel room, sleeping arrangement or overnight lodging location with other Minor Athletes of the same competition category and of similar age.

Violations may result in but are not limited to:

- Being scratched from events
- Being sent home by bus at parent's/guardian's expense
- Not being allowed to travel with their team
- Being suspended from the team
- Dismissal from the team

The decisions of the coaching staff will prevail in any disciplinary action and the coaches can make and enforce necessary interpretations of the TYDE Code of Conduct at any time.