



Skagit Valley YMCA Aquatics

Swim Team



Team Travel Policy

PURPOSE

Team Travel is defined as overnight travel to a swim meet or other team activity that is planned and supervised by the club or LSC.

USA Swimming Required Policies

- Club travel policies must be signed and agreed to by all athletes, parents, coaches and other adults traveling with the club. (305.5.D)
- Team managers and chaperones must be members of USA Swimming and have successfully passed a USA Swimming-administered criminal background check. (305.5.B)
- 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). (305.5.A)
- 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).

Skagit Valley YMCA Aquatics Team Policies

- While on team sponsored trips (swim meets, training trip, or other team function) all swimmers, coaches, and chaperones represent the Skagit Valley YMCA Aquatics Swim Team. Your behavior should represent out team standards and policies.
- All swimmers, coaches, and chaperones traveling with the team will attend all team functions and adhere to the scheduled functions. Coaches will establish an itinerary for the trip, which all members must follow; it is essential you are prompt and on time.
- Swimmers must always remain with the team during travel trips. Without the permission of a chaperone or coach, swimmers are not to leave the pool, hotel, or any place at which the team gathered.
- Team areas, including hotel rooms and team vehicles, must be kept clean. Belongings should be kept together, and all trash deposited immediately while at the pool. Damage to hotel rooms, pool area, or team vehicles will be there responsibility of those involved and possibly result in disciplinary action.
- Swimmers cannot enter the hotel rooms occupied by swimmers of the, opposite sex. Male swimmers are not allowed in female swimmer' hotel rooms, nor are female swimmers permitted in male swimmers' rooms. Coaches and swimmers are also not to enter into each other's hotel room.
- All swimmers are expected to strictly adhere to the curfew established by the coaching staff. Adhering to curfew includes turning off all electronics (phones, TV, tablets, computers, etc.) and going to sleep.
- Swimmers are expected to travel with and stay with the team on team travel trips. Any exceptions to this policy must be approved by the Head Coach or their designee prior to the trip.



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- If it is determined that there is a need for additional chaperones, outside of the immediate SVYA coaching staff, all chaperones must be non-athlete members of USA Swimming and also have passed a background screening offered through USA Swimming. Besides being a non-athlete member of USA Swimming and having passes a background screen offered through USA Swimming.
 - Violation of these rules will result in disciplinary action, including the possibility of being sent home from the meet at the expense of the swimmer's family.

A signed copy of the SVYA Athlete's Code of Conduct and a Liability Release and Indemnification form for Minor Travel must be signed and turned in prior to the departure date for every travel meet.