

Adirondack Swimming LSC Travel Policies

Section 1 - USA Swimming Required Policies

Club and LSC travel policies must include these policies. These items are Code of Conduct stipulations in the USA Swimming Rulebook.

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

Section 2 – Adirondack Swimming LSC Policies

- a) During team travel, when doing room checks, attending team meetings and/or other activities, two-deep leadership is preferable and open and observable environments should be maintained.
- b) During overnight team travel, if athletes are paired with other athletes they shall be of the same gender and should be a similar age. Where athletes are age 13 & Over, chaperones and/or team managers would ideally stay in nearby rooms. When athletes are age 12 & Under, chaperones and/or team managers may stay with athletes. Where chaperones/team managers are staying in a room with athletes, written consent shall be given by athlete's parents (or legal guardian).
- c) To ensure the propriety of the athletes, 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) without an adult present.
- d) A copy of the Club Code of Conduct must be signed by the athlete and his/her parent or legal guardian.
- e) The LSC shall obtain a signed Liability Release and/or Indemnification Form for each athlete.
- f) Team or LSC representatives shall carry a signed Medical Consent or Authorization to Treat Form for each athlete.
- g) Curfews shall be established by the team or LSC staff each day of the trip.
- h) 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.
- i) The directions & decisions of coaches/chaperones are final.
- j) 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.
- k) When visiting public places such as shopping malls, movie theatres, etc., 12 & Under athletes will be accompanied by an adult.

By my signature, below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand these policies.

Signature of parent/legal guardian _____ Date _____

Signature of athlete _____ Date _____

or

Coach/Chaperone/Volunteer _____ Date _____