

# Vegas United Volleyball Club

## Travel Policy



### Travel Policy for Vegas United Volleyball Club

Vegas United Volleyball Club (hereinafter VUVC) has some teams that travel regularly to play in tournaments, has some teams where travel is limited to a few events per season, and some teams where there is no travel other than local travel to and from our own area. VUVC prohibits all types of physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, bullying, threats, harassment and hazing, all as described in the USA Volleyball SafeSport Handbook and within VUVC personnel and player code of ethics. VUVC has established policies to guide our travel, minimize one-on-one interactions and reduce the risk of abuse or misconduct. Adherence to these travel guidelines will increase player safety and improve the player's experience while keeping travel a fun and enjoyable experience.

We distinguish between travel to training, practice and local tournaments ("local travel") and team travel involving an overnight stay ("team travel").

#### **Local Travel**

Local travel occurs when VUVC does not sponsor, coordinate or arrange for travel.

- Players and/or their parents/guardians are responsible for making all arrangements for local travel. The team and its coaches, managers or administrators should avoid responsibility for arranging or coordinating local travel. It is the responsibility of the parents/guardians to ensure the person transporting the minor player maintains the proper safety and legal requirements, including but not limited to: a valid driver's license, automobile liability insurance, a vehicle in safe working order, and compliance with applicable state laws.
- The employees, coaches and/or volunteers of VUVC or one of its teams, who are not also acting as a parent, should not drive alone with an unrelated minor player without first obtaining parental consent.

#### **Team Travel**

Team travel is travel that occurs when VUVC or one of its teams or designees sponsors, coordinates or arranges for travel so that our team can compete locally, regionally or nationally. Team travel may include overnight travel. Coaches, staff, volunteers and chaperones may travel with the players because of the greater distances.

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- When possible, VUVC will provide reasonable advance notice before team travel. Travel notice will also include designated team hotels for overnight stays as well as a contact person within VUVC or the team. This individual will be the point of contact to confirm your intention to travel and to help with travel details.
- Regardless of gender, a coach shall not share a hotel room or other sleeping arrangements with a minor player (unless the coach is the parent, guardian or sibling of the player).
- The coach or his/her designee will establish a curfew by when all players must be in their hotel rooms or in a supervised location.
- Coaches must be mindful of VUVC Personnel Code of Ethics when conducting individual meetings between a coach and a player.
- Family members who wish to stay in the team hotel are permitted and encouraged to do so.
- The team will make every effort to accommodate reasonable parental requests when a child is away from home without a parent. If any special arrangements are necessary for your child, please contact the team personnel who can either make or assist with making those arrangements.
- No coach or chaperone shall at any time be under the influence of drugs or alcohol while performing their coaching and/or chaperoning duties.
- Prior to any travel, coaches will endeavor to make players and parents aware of all expectations and rules. Coaches will also support chaperones and/or participate in the monitoring of the players for adherence to curfew restrictions and other travel rules.
- Players are expected to remain with the team at all times during the trip. Players are not to leave the competition venue, the hotel, restaurant or any other place at which the team has gathered without the permission/knowledge of the coach or chaperone.

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- When visiting public places such as shopping malls, movie theatres, etc., players will stay in group sizes to be determined by coach but no fewer than two. Athletes 12 and under will be accompanied by a chaperone.
- If disciplinary action against a player is required while the player is traveling without his/her parents, then except where immediate action is necessary, parents will be notified before any action is taken, or immediately after.
- Safety Policies
  - Additional guidelines to be established as needed by the coaches
  - Respect the privacy of each other
  - Athletes must wear seatbelts and remain seated in vehicles
- Behavior Policies
  - Be quiet and respect the rights of teammates and others in the hotel
  - Be prompt and on time
  - Respect travel vehicles
  - Use appropriate behavior in public facilities, including language
  - Coaches/chaperones will establish two different curfews – “in own rooms” and “lights out”
  - Athletes must stay in assigned hotel room
  - Needs and well-being of the team come first
- Financial
  - No incidental charges to room (such as pay per view movies or room service)
  - Players are responsible for all incidental charges
  - Players are responsible for any damages or thievery at hotel
  - Players must participate in contracted group meals
- General
  - All athletes must participate in all tournaments and be available for each competition day of every event
  - Any athlete that wishes to depart playing venue following competition with another parent/guardian, must have permission in writing from parent and approval from VUVC director prior to tournament date
  - Parent(s) responsible for getting player(s) to stated departure point in

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- time for on-time departure
- o Parent(s) responsible for picking up player(s) at stated pick-up point at time of return

Received and agreed to by:

Athlete's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_