



Stay To Play Expectations

What is Stay to Play?

Stay-to-Play (STP) means that in order to participate in the tournament or event, teams and athletes must stay in one of the official hotels set up in the official tournament housing block. All reservations must be made through the designated reservation portal and must appear on the official rooming list and final compliance report. Stay-to-Play are usually National Qualifiers, but Las Vegas Classic is one that is also Stay-to-Play.

Most Stay to Play events have a 12 night minimum - meaning we **MUST** book a total of 12 nights to be accepted to the tournament. Even if we are PAID for the tournament, we can be DROPPED if we don't fulfill our housing requirements.

More information about Stay to Play: <https://www.teamtravelsource.com/2022/09/15/what-you-should-know-about-stp/>

Need to Knows:

- RISE will book the room blocks, but not the hotels for each family - each family is responsible to go book their own room
- Depending on the tournament, room blocks are usually available between 3-14 days (average is 5-7)
- RISE prefers that everyone stay at the same hotel - but we understand that there are various situations that can affect this. We just ask that all RISE players be present for all team events (bonding, meals, etc.) regardless of if they are staying at the hotel.
 - If you are staying with family or seeing family while traveling - Yay! However, we still expect that the player is not missing team events to see family.
- Often times, you can still put in a rewards number
- You may have heard of **EXTREMELY** rare situations that hotels book up and they allow teams to stay elsewhere - this is **EXTREMELY** rare - we do not depend on this. Should this happen, the tournament will contact us directly, however, they usually have dropped us from the tournament by this time if we have not fulfilled housing requirements
- Due to tournaments being registered and paid for prior to tryouts (STP tournaments open and fill well before October), if we are dropped from a tournament due to not fulfilling the housing requirements, the club is not given a refund - therefore we are unable to provide refunds to families or substitute for an alternative tournament
- Housing opens before tryouts, therefore we want to book as soon as possible. Waiting means we run the risk of one or more of the following: the most expensive hotels are left, the team is split up, the stay is split up (1 night at one hotel and 2 nights at another), or staying at an undesirable hotel/location

Options to Fulfill Requirements

Below are some ways that we have seen teams fulfill requirements:

- Each family is assigned a qualifier to book the STP
 - Example: You have 3 STP Tournaments this season
 - Smith, Miller, Jones, Brown - book housing for STP Tournament #1
 - Stevenson, Roberts, Johnson, Davis - book housing for STP Tournament #2
 - Wilson, Thomas, Newton, Williams - book housing for STP Tournament #3
- Everyone books at least 1 night at STP - **Not recommended**
- Everyone books at the STP
- Our coaches stay in STP (1-2 Rooms)

National Qualifiers especially, but all tournaments are relationship based. RISE asks that no parent emails on behalf of the club to ask for special exceptions. The club is made aware of this, although the tournament director may sound accommodating, they call us with great frustration and it can affect RISE's relationship with that tournament.

We understand the financial commitment that comes along with club volleyball in general and Stay-to-Play on top of that. Our goal is only to make sure we are putting your families in the best area to feel comfortable and be successful when we travel.