



Team Travel Policy Acknowledgement

Fox Chapel Killer Whales Swimming

Event Name: _____

PURPOSE

Athletes are most vulnerable to misconduct during travel, particularly overnight stays. This includes a high risk of athlete-to-athlete misconduct. During travel, athletes are often away from their families and support networks, and the setting – new changing areas, locker rooms, workout facilities, automobiles, and hotel rooms – is less structured and less familiar.

WHAT IS TEAM TRAVEL?

Team Travel is defined as overnight travel to a swim meet or other team activity that is planned and supervised by the Fox Chapel Killer Whales (FCKW) club team, or Allegheny Mountain Swimming (LSC). All team members, team staff, and parents of minors are provided with a written copy of this document before any FCKW team travel event.

Section 1 - USA Swimming Safe Sport Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (“MAAPP”)

Required by USA Swimming Member Clubs and Recognized by Fox Chapel Killer Whales

All applicable adults participating in or associated with this team travel acknowledge that they are subject to the provisions of the USA Swimming Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (“MAAPP”), and that they understand that compliance with the MAAPP policy is a condition of participation in the conduct of the team travel and competition.

Section 2 - FCKW Travel Policies

1. During team travel, when doing room checks, attending team meetings, and/or other activities, two-deep leadership and open and observable environments should be maintained.
2. Athletes should not ride in a coach’s vehicle without another adult present who is the same gender as the athlete, unless prior parental permission is obtained.



3. During overnight team travel, if athletes are paired with other athletes, they must be of the same gender and of a similar age. Where athletes are ages 13 and over, chaperones and/or team managers would ideally stay in nearby rooms. When athletes are ages 12 and under, chaperones and/or team managers may stay with athletes. Where chaperones/team managers are staying in a room with athletes, they should be the same gender as the athlete, and written consent should be given by the athlete's parents (or legal guardian).
4. When only one athlete and one coach travel to a competition, at the competition, the coach and athlete should attempt to establish a "buddy" club to associate with during the competition and when away from the venue.
5. To ensure the propriety of the athletes and to protect the staff, there will be no male athletes in female athletes' rooms and no female athletes in male athletes' rooms (unless the other athlete is a sibling or spouse of that particular athlete).
6. A copy of the [Killer Whales Swimmer Code of Conduct](#) must be signed by the athlete and his/her parent or legal guardian. **(Acknowledged at time of Registration)**
7. Team or LSC officials should obtain a signed Liability Release and/or Indemnification Form for each athlete. **(Acknowledged at time of Registration)**
8. Team or LSC officials should carry a signed Medical Consent or Authorization to Treat Form for each athlete. **(Acknowledged at time of Registration)**
9. Curfews shall be established by the team or LSC staff each day of the trip.
10. 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.
11. The directions and decisions of coaches/chaperones are final.
12. 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.
13. When visiting public places such as shopping malls, movie theatres, etc., swimmers will stay in groups of no less than three persons. Athletes ages 12 and under will be accompanied by a chaperone.



14. The Head Coach or his/her designee shall make a written report of the travel policy or code of conduct violations to the appropriate club or LSC leadership and the parent or legal guardian of any affected minor athlete.

Section 3 - FCKW Travel Behavior Policies

All team members, team staff, and parents of minors are apprised in writing of this Code of Conduct and the USA Swimming Code of Conduct. A signature on this document constitutes unconditional agreement to comply with the stipulations of both documents.

1. Team members will display proper respect and sportsmanship toward coaches, officials, administrators, teammates, fellow competitors, and the public at all times.
2. Team members and staff will refrain from any inappropriate behavior that would detract from a positive image of the team or be detrimental to its performance objectives.
3. The possession or use of alcohol or tobacco products by any athlete is prohibited.
4. The possession, use, or sale/distribution of any controlled or illegal substance or any form of weapon is strictly forbidden.
5. No “deck changes” are permitted. Athletes are expected to use the available change facilities.
6. Team members are reminded that when competing in meets, traveling on trips, and attending other meet-related functions, they are representing both themselves and the Killer Whales. Athlete behavior must positively reflect the high standards of the club (or LSC).

Section 4 - Disciplinary Action Plan

Failure to comply with [MAAPP](#), [FCKW Travel Policy](#), [FCKW Swimmer Code of Conduct](#), and/or the FCKW Travel Behavior Policies as set forth in this document may result in disciplinary action. Such discipline may include, but may not be limited to:

1. Swimmer may be scratched from the meet.
2. Swimmer may be sent home immediately from practice or meet at his own expense and if there is extra expense it will be the swimmer's responsibility.



3. Swimmer may be suspended from the team until the swimmer and parents have had a conference with the Head Coach(es). This is automatic with violations of General Conduct rules 3, 4, 5, and (or) 6.
4. Violation of General Conduct Code Rules 2,3,4,5,6, and (or) 7 on team trips will result in the swimmer being suspended from ALL team trips for the remainder of the swim year and/or a specific period determined by the Head Program Coach

Section 5 - Acknowledgement and Signature

I hereby agree to abide by the USA Swimming Safe Sport [MAAPP](#), [FCKW Team Travel Policy](#), and the [FCKW Swimmer Code of Conduct](#). Should I or my swimmer violate any provision of these policies, I will be subject to disciplinary action as outlined in this policy.

I also authorize said minor athlete to travel with the Fox Chapel Killer Whales to the following event for the specified dates:

Event Name: _____

Event Date(s): _____

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____