



## USAV JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

### Team Travel Policy for Portland Volleyball Club

Portland Volleyball Club 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. Portland Volleyball Club prohibits all types of physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, bullying, threats, harassment and hazing, all as described in the USA Volleyball SafeSport Handbook. Portland Volleyball Club 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 Portland Volleyball Club does not sponsor, coordinate or arrange for travel.

- Players and/or their parents/guardians are responsible for making all arrangements for local travel, including food and transportation. The team and its coaches 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 Portland Volleyball Club or one of its teams, who are not also acting as a parent, should not drive alone with an unrelated minor player.

#### Team Travel

Team travel is overnight travel that occurs when Portland Volleyball Club sponsors, coordinates or arranges for travel so that our team can compete locally, regionally or nationally. Because of the greater distances, coaches, staff, volunteers and chaperones will often travel with the players.

- When possible, Portland Volleyball Club 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 Portland Volleyball Club or the team. This individual will be the point of contact for questions regarding 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 designee will establish a curfew by when all players must be in their hotel rooms or in a supervised location, which will include regular monitoring. At no time should only one adult be present in a room with minor players, regardless of gender.
- Team personnel shall ask hotels to block adult pay per view channels.
- Individual meetings between a coach and a player may not occur in hotel sleeping rooms and must be held in public settings or with additional adults present, with at least one of those adults being the same gender as the 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. Roommate requests are not considered a reasonable request.
- No coach or chaperone shall at any time be under the influence of drugs or alcohol while performing their coaching and/or chaperoning duties.
- Team travel may involve carpools and caravans. However, in all cases involving travel, parents have the right to transport their minor player.
- 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 players for adherence to curfew restrictions and other travel rules.
- If disciplinary action against a player is required while the player is traveling without their parents, then except where immediate action is necessary, parents will be notified before any action is taken, or immediately after.

#### Additional Safety Policies

- 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.
- When visiting public places such as shopping malls, movie theaters, etc., players will stay in groups of no fewer than three persons. Players 12 and under will be accompanied by a chaperone.
- When traveling by automobile, players must wear seatbelts and remain seated in vehicles.
- Additional guidelines for safety may be established as needed by the coaches and/or the Club.

#### Behavior Policies

- Team members are reminded that when competing in tournaments, traveling on trips and attending other club-related functions, they are representing both themselves and Portland Volleyball Club. Athlete behavior must positively reflect the high standards of the Club.
- Players shall respect the rights of teammates and others in the hotel, including noise level.
- Players shall not entertain guests of the opposite gender in hotel room while traveling with the Club.
- Players shall not be in possession of or under the influence of illegal drugs, recreational marijuana, alcohol, or tobacco products while traveling with the Club.
- Players may not change room assignments without permission.
- Cell phone guidelines may be established as needed.
- Computer usage guidelines may be established as needed, including the use of social media.
- Players shall respect travel vehicles and drivers.
- Players shall use appropriate language and behavior in public places.
- Players also agree to uphold all principles of the PVC Player Code of Conduct.

#### Financial Policies

- No room service without permission from coach and/or chaperone.
- Players are responsible for all incidental charges incurred to their room.
- Players are responsible for any damages or thievery at hotel.
- Players must participate in group meals.

*I acknowledge receipt of and agree to abide by the Team Travel Policy for Portland Volleyball Club:*

Participant Name (*print*) \_\_\_\_\_ Team: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_