

## **Travel Policy for Junior Slammers**

Junior Slammers has some teams that travel regularly to play tournaments, has some team where travel is limited to a few events per season and some team where is no travel other than local travel to and from our own area. Junior Slammers prohibits all types of physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, bullying, threats, harassment and hazing. All as described in the USA Volleyball SafeSport Handbook. .

Junior Slammers has established policies to guide our travel, minimized one-on-one interaction 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 Junior Slammers does not sponsor, coordinate or arrange for travel.

Players and/or their parent/guardian are responsible for making all arrangements for local travel. The team and its coaches, manager or administrator 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 Junior Slammers or one of its teams, who are not also acting as parent, should not drive alone with an unrelated minor player.

### **Team Travel**

Team travel is overnight travel that occurs when Junior Slammers or one of its teams or designees sponsor, coordinate or arrange for travel so that our team can compete locally, regionally or nationally. Because of the greater distance, coaches, staff, volunteer and chaperones will often travel with players.

- When possible Junior Slammers will provide reasonable advance notice before team travel. Travel notice will also include designated team hotels for overnight stays as well as contact person within Junior Slammers or the team. This

individual will be the point of contact to confirm you 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. Regular monitoring and curfew checks will be made to each room by at least two properly background screened adults. 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 meeting between a coach and player may not occur in hotel sleeping rooms and must be held in public setting or with additional adults present, with at least one of these adults be the same gender as the player.
- Family members who wish to stay in the team hotel room are permitted and encouraged to do so.
- The team will make every effort to accommodate reasonable parents request 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 be under the influence of drugs or alcohol while performing their coaching and/or chaperone duties.
- 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 expectation and rules. Coaches will also support chaperones and/or participate in the monitoring of the players for adherence to curfew restriction and other travel rules.
- If disciplinary action against a player is required while the player is traveling without his/her parents, then except where immediate action is necessary, parent will be notified before any action is taken, or immediately after.

Parent/Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_