

# TEAM TRAVEL GUIDELINES

**PURPOSE:** Address travel situations which present a unique scenario in which one-on-one interactions may be more likely to take place.

**WHO (Collectively “Applicable Adults”):**

- Adult members of Covered Organization (USOC/NGB) who have regular contact with minor athletes (e.g., coaches, officials, adult athletes, etc.).
- Adults authorized by the USOC/NGB to have regular contact with minor athletes (e.g., volunteers, chaperones, medical personnel, adult athletes, etc.).
- Adults authorized by the USOC/NGB to have authority over minor athletes (e.g., coaches, officials, volunteers, chaperones, medical personnel, adult athletes, etc.).
- USOC/NGB staff and board members.

## RULES TO KNOW

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### COMPETITION TRAVEL

Legal guardian consent is required for any travel involving an Applicable Adult and one minor athlete.

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### HOTEL ROOMS

An unrelated Applicable Adult and minor athlete may not share a hotel room without prior written legal guardian consent.

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### MEETINGS

Meetings during travel must be observable and interruptible.

## SAFESPORT BEST PRACTICES

- Collect consent forms before any overnight travel. This will ensure if any one-on-one interactions take place, prior written consent has already been provided.
- Require minor athletes to have a fellow minor athlete as a partner with whom they stay connected during travel, particularly team/competition travel that includes overnight stays (“buddy system”).
- Monitor hotel rooms in pairs during overnight travel.
- Provide itineraries to legal guardians of minor athletes prior to travel and include in the schedule designated periods for communication between minor athletes and their legal guardians.
- Always require a minimum of two Applicable Adults be responsible for minor athletes during overnight travel.