



## **SUPERIOR NORTH VOLLEYBALL CLUB**

### **Travel Policy and Parent/Guardian Driver Policy**

Superior North Volleyball Club (SNVC) recognizes the importance of travel for competitive volleyball and expects respectable and mature behaviour from our participants both home and away. SNVC also understands the additional risk of misconduct during overnight travel.

#### **General**

1. The SNVC Travel Policy must be signed and agreed to by all athletes, parents, and coaches travelling with the Club.
2. Travel to and from any local games or practices will be the responsibility of each parent or legal guardian.
3. SNVC Insurance Policy (Sports Plus Insurance) does not cover travel to and from practices, scrimmages, games, and tournaments therefore is the responsibility of each parent or legal guardian. No coaches, shall be responsible for transporting team members to and from events.
4. SNVC Insurance Policy (Sports Plus Insurance) does not cover medical insurance for travel or tournaments outside of Canada. It is the responsibility of the athlete's parent or legal guardian to arrange for their own medical coverage/travel insurance.
5. SNVC will provide travel to athletes and coaches to certain events, i.e. Ontario Championships, Nationals. In other instances, travel to and from events, i.e. Manitoba, USA or within an 8 hour driving distance, will be the responsibility of each parent or legal guardian. Decisions for travel to events will be presented and approved by the Board.
6. If an athlete requires special accommodations or needs, it is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian to ensure this information is provided to the coach and team manager.
7. All SNVC members are responsible for following up to date, US travel requirements regarding COVID-19.

#### **Parent/Guardian Drivers**

In accordance with the SNVC Travel Policy, it is the responsibility of the driver to ensure the following conditions are met.

8. All passengers must wear seat belts and not exceed the seat capacity of the vehicle.
9. The vehicle must be in safe operating condition.
10. The vehicle must be operated in a safe, legal manner, and operated consistently with any driver, licence or insurance restrictions.
11. There will be no smoking or vaping or use of alcohol and drugs in the vehicle.
12. The driver agrees not to use any hand-held devices (i.e. cell phones, iPods, etc.) while operating the vehicle.
13. All drivers must have a valid driver's licence and have the necessary third-party liability insurance to be able to transport members of the team.
14. Drivers are required to have all emergency contact information for each passenger, as well as the Club emergency contact information.
15. Provide to your Team Manager the following:
  - a. Driver's name;
  - b. Make and model of vehicle;
  - c. Team members who will be travelling with you.

## Transportation Services

16. At times, the Club may choose to hire transportation services for out of town travel. The fees for this service would be broken down into each individual athlete's travel fees.
17. Parents, athlete siblings, coach spouses, or other passengers may ride with the team on a chartered bus if seats are available and approved by the Board. Additional passengers will pay for the cost of a seat.

## Accommodation and Venue

SNVC will provide reasonable advance notice and details prior to team travel. The travel notice will also include designated team hotels for overnight stays as well as a SNVC contact person (Team Manager).

18. Safety comes first for all participants, nobody goes alone to any destination.
19. Athletes 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 Head Coach.
20. Athletes are not permitted in a coach's room alone, only as a team.
21. Rooms are assigned by coaches. Athletes are not allowed to switch with each other. In some instances, teams may choose to have athletes stay with parents in their hotel rooms.
22. Curfews are set by the coaches and must be strictly adhered to by all athletes.
23. Athletes are to abide by all team rules and codes of conduct generally in effect.
24. Use of any illegal or controlled substance (alcohol, drugs, tobacco, vape) will not be tolerated in any form whatsoever. Such use will be cause for immediate dismissal from the team.
25. All accommodations will be planned and approved by the Board in consultation with coach, athlete and parent preferences. All members must book according to these plans once approval has been made. Any changes to accommodation plans must be approved by the Board.
26. Parent room blocks at the hotel will be provided when possible and as soon as available.
27. Regardless of gender, a coach shall not share a hotel room or other sleeping arrangement with an athlete (unless the coach is the parent, guardian, sibling, or spouse of that particular athlete).
28. There will be no male athletes in female athlete's rooms and no female athletes in male athlete's rooms.
29. Athletes will be respectful to all teammates, parents, coaches, officials, spectators, and opposing team coaches, athletes, and parents.
30. Athletes are to behave respectfully and responsibly at the hotel and venue. Respect the property of others and do not willfully cause damage. Coaches will outline expectations about 'lights out', team meals, and team meetings throughout the travel and athlete participation is mandatory.
31. SNVC athletes will go the extra step to ensure we are doing our part to continue to be able to participate in events like this in the future.
  - a. Clean up after yourselves (i.e. after eating, clean up after yourself and throw away any trash).
  - b. Place your belongings in your backpack and neatly line backpacks up behind the team benches during a game.
  - c. Show gratitude and say thank you to officials, the opposing team and coaches, venue staff, your own teammates, coaches, parents and spectators.
32. All SNVC members, including but not limited to athletes, coaches and parents, shall abide by all policies, guidelines and codes of conduct set forth by the tournament venue and the Ontario Volleyball Association (OVA). OVA Code of Conduct can be found [HERE](#).

***Failing to comply with any of the above policies will result in disciplinary action at the Coach's and Board's discretion. This may include an athlete to sit out for a game(s), a suspension from the team, or even complete removal from the team and Club.***

## Travel Policy and Parent/Guardian Driver Policy Agreement

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the principles of the Code of Conduct and Travel Policy and Parent/Guardian Driver Policy, requirements, guidelines, and policies as set by Superior North Volleyball Club including but not limited to the safe operation of the automobile, and to drive in accordance with the Motor Vehicle Act and applicable Highway Traffic Acts and laws, i.e. Ontario Highway Traffic Act.

By signing below, I acknowledge that Superior North Volleyball Club does not insure athletes travelling with parents/guardians or volunteers to and from any practice, scrimmage or event in or out of town.

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**Name of Parent/Guardian and/or  
Volunteer** (please print)

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Signature of Parent/Guardian and/or  
Volunteer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Name of Child/Athlete**  
(please print)

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Signature of Child/Athlete  
Volunteer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**Name of Head Coach**  
(please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Head Coach

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date