



SHUSWAP VOLLEYBALL CLUB

Travel Policy

Definitions

The following terms have these meanings in this Policy:

- a) "Athlete" means a player on a SVC volleyball team.
- b) "Family" means a group consisting of Parents or Legal Guardians and Athletes living together in a household.
- c) "Members" – All individuals employed by, or engaged in activities with, SVC including, but not limited to, athletes, coaches, coordinators, judges, officials, volunteers, managers, administrators, committee members, parents/guardians, founders.
- d) "Parent" means the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the Athlete.
- e) "SVC" means Shuswap Volleyball Club.

Application of this policy

Applies to all travel whether day trips or overnights to tournaments, matches, exhibitions/play days, practices, etc.

Transportation to and From Events

1. Athletes and Family are responsible for making all arrangements for transportation. SportsYou can be used to coordinate travel. It is the responsibility of the parent to ensure the person transporting the athlete maintains the proper safety and legal requirements (in loco parentis).
2. Coaches at SVC will not be responsible for transportation of athletes and must adhere to the rule of two if they are choosing to have athletes in their vehicle. This is not because we want athletes to be excluded on trips, but this policy is in line with best practice.

Overnight Trips (when staying in team booked hotels)

3. Hotels that are secured for events for each team, which includes:
 - a) Athlete rooms, on a basis of 4 athletes per room.
 - b) Coach rooms, on a basis of 2 coaches per room of the same gender.
 - c) Parents will be responsible for booking their own rooms (can share with other parents if they wish), but is strictly on the hotel availability (cannot guarantee space at the same hotel).
ALTERNATELY, parents are allowed to have their child stay in a room with them if they prefer and be excluded from team costs on that stay.
4. It is mandatory that athletes stay in team rooms from 14U and older.
5. Athletes will be assigned rooms by coaches/managers and there will be no switching allowed.
6. No fooling around or inappropriate behavior allowed as you represent SVC at all times.
7. Respect quiet time
8. Only SVC playing members are allowed in athlete rooms (no adults).
9. Respect and abide by the rules, expectations, timeframes, and curfew set out by coaches / team managers.
10. Member's Code of Conduct applies to travel, which could include suspension or termination from the club for activities that happen while travelling.
11. Members that cause any damage to their rooms or common areas within the hotel will be responsible for those costs. Teams that have caused damage (even if a single member is responsible) will not be allowed to compete until those costs have been reimbursed to SVC or paid to the hotel.

Rental Homes (when staying at Airbnb/VRBO, etc.)

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12. No rental / family homes can be used for SVC tournaments without written approval from SVC.
13. Rental homes / family homes for non VBC tournaments need to be 100% unanimous decision on a team-by-team basis and must strictly adhere to SafeSport ([Safe Sport Handbook](#)).
 - a) Similar rules to hotels apply, where athletes only share rooms with other athletes or direct family members.
 - b) It is mandatory that the rule of 2 is followed for SVC staff when in the presence of athletes.
 - c) It is mandatory that no adult (parents, relatives, friends, etc.) are allowed in athlete rooms unless there is a direct relation.

Costs

14. Athletes/Families will be responsible for covering costs associated with team travel (food, lodging, team events, etc.). These costs include (but not limited to):
 - a) Costs covered in Club Fees:
 - i. Coach's per diems for travel related to team trips (tournaments, exhibitions, etc.).
 - ii. Coach's accommodations when overnight is required (assuming 2 coaches per room if they are same gender - if 2 beds are available).
 - b) Costs NOT covered in Club Fees (paid by athlete or family at time of):
 - i. Athlete accommodations.
 - ii. Flight / Ferry / Rental vehicle costs for the team including the additional coach costs.
 - iii. Parent Rooms.
15. Expenses not included in Club Fees will be calculated and divided by the full team roster (ex. A team of 10 athletes requires 3 rooms as well as 1 coach room, so the cost is split 10 ways).
16. In cases where the coach / team manager has been notified of extenuating circumstances where an athlete is not able to attend, the athlete will still be required to cover their cost of any non-refundable fees.
 - a) Athletes must declare two weeks prior if they can or cannot make the trip. If they cancel within those two weeks, they may still be required to cover costs as rooms are held ahead of time.