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

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

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

3. 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.

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