



## Northern Summit Volleyball Travel Policy

Northern Summit Volleyball Club (NSVC) recognizes that travel is an essential component of the competitive volleyball season. This policy outlines the expectations and responsibilities of families, athletes, and coaches to ensure safety, organization, and fairness across all events.

### 1. Transportation Responsibility

- **Parent/Guardian Responsibility:**

Parents and/or guardians of each athlete are solely responsible for arranging and ensuring transportation to and from all NSVC practices, tournaments, and team functions.

- **Driver Requirements:**

The designated driver transporting a minor athlete must be at least 19 years of age and must meet all safety and legal requirements, including but not limited to:

- Possession of a valid driver's license
- Adequate automobile liability insurance
- Operation of a vehicle in safe working condition
- Compliance with all provincial traffic and safety laws

- **Athlete Driving Restriction:**

Athletes are not permitted to drive themselves to Playdays or Tournaments outside of the local area. This rule is in place to ensure athlete safety and compliance with Volleyball BC.

### 2. Overnight Stays

- **Parent/Guardian Arrangements:**

Parents and/or guardians are responsible for booking and supervising overnight accommodations for their athletes during out-of-town events. If a parent or guardian agrees to chaperone an athlete who is not their own child, they assume full responsibility for that athlete for the duration of the trip, as mutually agreed upon by both parties.

- **Hotel Blocks:**

NSVC team parents will make every effort to secure a block of rooms for each event requiring travel outside of the region. Relevant booking information will be communicated to families as early as possible.

- **Team Lodging:**

While athletes are not required to stay in the same hotel as their teammates, they must arrive at all team meetings, practices, and matches on time as directed by their coach.



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### 3. Weather Conditions

NSVC acknowledges that travel can be affected by winter weather and road conditions. It is the responsibility of each parent and/or guardian to assess the safety of travel for their athletes and to communicate any concerns directly with the team coach or Team Parent. The club always encourages safety-first decision-making.

### 4. Expense Responsibilities

#### Athlete Expenses

Parents and/or guardians are financially responsible for all travel-related expenses, including transportation, accommodation, meals, and incidental costs incurred while attending NSVC events and competitions. If a parent or guardian agrees to chaperone an athlete who is not their own child, arrangements for costs should be mutually agreed upon by both parties.

#### Head Coach Travel & Accommodation Costs

- Head Coach travel and accommodation expenses for all events in which the team participates are calculated at the start of the season, and are covered by team and volunteer fees.
- Volleyball BC (VBC) tournament costs are incorporated into competitive athlete fees at the beginning of the season. Any additional tournaments or travel not included in the initial budget will be discussed, agreed upon, and shared equitably among team members.
- In the event that an athlete does not attend a scheduled event, the family remains responsible for their portion of the coach travel and accommodation costs. These expenses are non-refundable and essential to ensure proper staffing and supervision for all competitions.

### 5. Purpose

By adhering to this travel policy, Northern Summit Volleyball Club ensures a consistent, transparent, and safe approach to travel and team logistics. Cooperation from all families is essential to maintaining fairness, athlete well-being, and the continued success of our programs.

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