

## **Athletic Travel Sample Policy**

## **General Guidelines for Travel**

In most cases, (My School) will provide transportation to away contests.

All players are expected to travel with their team to the competition site. If a student-athlete will not be returning to campus with the team, written permission must be granted by parents and given to the coach before leaving the campus.

STUDENT ATHLETES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE GROUP WITH ANYONE OTHER THAN A PARENT UNLESS PARENTAL PERMISSION IS RECEIVED.

In all cases where private vehicles are used for student transportation, it is understood that the insurance of such vehicle becomes the primary carrier.

Athletes that miss the transportation (bus or private vehicle) may not be allowed to participate in the contest unless there are extenuating circumstances that warrant such approval by the coach.

Varsity teams periodically have overnight trips during the regular season or post-season tournaments. Hotel and transportation arrangements are made by the Athletic Director.

The nature of team travel will require implementing room curfews, limiting or denying student-athlete separation from the group, and defining appropriate dress and behavior while our student-athletes are representing our school.

School rules are in effect when team travel occurs. Whether in or out of town, on or off the field/court, student-athletes are expected to uphold the highest standards of decorum.

## **Overnight Travel Procedures**

Overnight travel trips are sanctioned events sponsored by (My School). All school policies are in force on said trips and participants (athletes, coaches and parents) will be accountable to the policies, rules and expectations (My School).

## Basic expectations include:

- 1. Athletes should stay in a team room. An exception to this rule may be granted by the Head Coach when an athlete will be staying with his parents.
- 2. Athletes staying with their parents will abide by all the same rules and regulations set forth by (My School) and specific teams (curfew, team meetings, etc.).
- 3. The coaching staff has the responsibility of room assignments and supervision of all team rooms. Athletes may not switch rooms for any reason without approval from the Head Coach.
- 4. The Head Coach will communicate a set curfew each night. The coaching staff will enforce this time with hallway and room checks as necessary. Athletes that violate curfew rules will face disciplinary action consistent with their actions.
- 5. No fraternization between genders will take place inside of a hotel room. Any visiting between genders will take place in the hallway outside of the hotel room or in the hotel lobby with adult supervision.
- 6. No congregation of large groups of players inside a single hotel room is allowed unless there is a team meeting held by a member of a coaching staff, or special circumstances approved by the Head Coach.
- 7. Athletes may not leave the premises of the hotel unless they are accompanied by an adult. If an athlete is going to leave an event, the hotel or any other team activity, they must get prior approval from the Head Coach. The coaching staff should know the whereabouts of each athlete at all times.
- 8. The coaching staff should communicate these travel policies, team rules and the travel policy with all student-athletes and parents prior to departure for the trip.
- 9. Any behavior that takes place on a trip that violates school policy must be communicated to school administration immediately following the events.
- 10. The coach/approved chaperone ratio will be no larger than 8:1 with gender appropriate ratios.