

Team Travel Policy for Renegade Aquatics

Purpose: During travel, athletes may be away from their families and support networks, which may result in the swimmer being placed in unfamiliar surroundings: locker rooms, swim facilities, automobiles, and hotel rooms. The below policies establish standards of behavior and manage expectations of the club, its parents, and the athletes. Team travel is defined as overnight travel to a swim meet or any other team activity that is planned by the club.

Section 1 – USA Swimming Required Policies (as taken from USA Swimming Rulebook)

- a. 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). *Article 305.5.A*
- b. Team managers and chaperones must be members of USA Swimming and have successfully passed a USA Swimming-administered criminal background check. *Article 305.5.B*
- c. When only one athlete and one coach travel to a competition, the athlete must have his/her parents' (or legal guardian's) written permission in advance to travel alone with the coach. *Article 305.5.C*
- d. Club travel policies must be signed and agreed to by all athletes, parents, coaches and any other athletes traveling with the club. *Article 305.5.D*

Section 2 – Additional Club Policies

- a. During team travel, any room checks, team meetings, and other activities should be conducted by at least two adults. Whenever possible, open and observable environments should be maintained.
- b. Athletes should not ride in a coach's vehicle without another adult present (who is the same gender as the athlete) unless prior parental permission is obtained.
- c. During overnight team travel, athletes should only stay in another family's room if prior written consent has been obtained from the athlete's parents (or legal guardian).
- d. Be quiet and respect the rights of teammates and others in the hotel.
- e. A copy of the Renegade Aquatics Code of Conduct must be signed by the athlete and his/her parent (or legal guardian).
- f. Team officials should have in their possession a signed Medical Release Form for each traveling athlete.
- g. When visiting public places such as shopping malls, movie theatres, etc., swimmers shall stay in groups of no less than three persons. 12 and under athletes should be accompanied by a parent.
- h. The head coach or his/her designee shall make a written report of travel policy or code of conduct violations to the appropriate club leadership, and also to the parent or legal guardian of any affected minor athlete.

By signing below, I acknowledge reading the above Team Travel Policy and agree to abide by these rules and requirements:

Athlete Signature: _____ Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Name: _____ Date: _____