

**Figure Skating Club of Charlotte Travel Policy**

The Figure Skating Club of Charlotte adherences to travel guidelines to help reduce/eliminate the opportunities for misconduct.

As part of U.S. Figure Skating and the Figure Skating Club of Charlotte's commitment to SafeSport, U.S. we have adopted and published the U.S. Figure Skating Safe Sport Guideline document for members of the Figure Skating Club of Charlotte.

At this time, The Figure Skating Club of Charlotte and all associated teams do not participate in chaperoned travel as defined in the U.S. Figure Skating Safe Sport Guideline document. All skaters are required to travel with a parent/guardian.

Travel is defined as overnight travel to a skating activity that is planned and supervised by the member club or program. Travel policies must be signed and agreed to by all members, parents/guardians, coaches and others involved.

Travel guidelines direct how minors shall be supervised during travel to and from practice and competitions and provide two-deep leadership which eliminates one-to-one interactions.

During travel, athletes are often away from their families and support networks, and the setting (new changing areas, locker rooms, workout facilities, automobiles and hotel rooms) is less structured and less familiar. Athletes are most vulnerable to misconduct during travel, particularly overnight stays. This includes a high risk of athlete-to-athlete misconduct. Adherence to travel guidelines helps to reduce the opportunities for misconduct.

**Team Travel (Charlotte Synchro, etc):**

Team travel is overnight travel that occurs when the The Figure Skating club of Charlotte or the particular team Travel Manager coordinates or arranges for certain aspects of travel (generally hotel blocks, but can also include bus travel) so that skaters can compete locally, regionally, nationally or internationally.

For team travel, hotels are pre-arranged in team blocks. Parents/guardians are responsible for booking their own accommodations via the booking link provided by the team Travel Manager. All skaters are required to stay in the team hotel. The team parents will often schedule team dinners and other events designed to bring the teams together for socialization.

No coach, staff member, or volunteer will engage in team travel without the proper safety requirements in place, including valid drivers' licenses, proper insurance, well-maintained vehicles and compliance with all state laws.

**The Figure Skating Club of Charlotte adheres to the following Travel Policy:**

- Mandate two-deep leadership for travel to and from practice sessions and competitions and prohibit one-athlete and one-coach travel (unless the coach is the parent, guardian, or sibling of that particular athlete).
- Must be signed and agreed upon by all members, parents/guardians, coaches and other adults traveling with the club.
- 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, or sibling of that particular athlete).

**Parental / Guardian Responsibilities:**

The parent/guardian must ensure that the athletes, coaches, staff, and volunteers adhere to all policy guidelines.

- Familiarize themselves with all travel itineraries and schedules before team travel.
- Monitor for adherences to club policies during team travel.
- Encourage minor athletes to participate in all scheduled events outside of practice ice and competition (team dinners, etc).
- Monitor athletes for adherence to curfew restrictions set based on age and competition schedule as listed in travel itinerary.
- Ensure athletes comply with hotel room restrictions based on gender or age requirements.
- No use of drugs or alcohol in the presence of minors or be under the influence of alcohol or drugs while performing duties.
- Ensure that athletes are not alone in a hotel room with any adult apart from a family member (this includes coaches, staff and chaperones).
- Immediately report any concerns about sexual and physical abuse, misconduct or policy violations to an administrator or the club's SafeSport Compliance officer.

**Mixed Gender and Mixed Age Travel:**

- The traveling team may be made up of male and female athletes across various ages. Athletes will only share a room with other athletes of the same sex and age group.
- Regardless of gender, a coach shall in no case share a hotel room or other sleeping arrangement with an athlete (unless the coach is the parent, guardian, or sibling of that particular athlete).