



Travel Policy - Atlanta Thrashers Girls Ice Hockey Team

Purpose

The safety, well-being, and positive experience of our players remain our top priorities during team travel. Since parents will coordinate travel and lodging accommodations, this policy outlines the expectations for transportation, lodging, and behavior to ensure a safe and respectful environment. All players, parents, and coaches must adhere to this policy.

1. Transportation

- Parent-Coordinated Transportation: Parents are responsible for arranging transportation to and from events. This includes ensuring that all vehicles are safe, legal, and that drivers adhere to all traffic laws.
- Carpooling: Parents who coordinate carpools should ensure that all passengers are safe, supervised, and respectful. Ideally, the driver should be an adult, parent or guardian of one of the players in the carpool.
- Driver Responsibilities: Drivers must refrain from using alcohol, drugs, or any substances that could impair their ability to drive safely. They must ensure that all passengers wear seatbelts at all times and follow all traffic laws.
- Arrival Times: Parents must ensure that players arrive at the destination on time, ready for all team activities, including practices, games, and meetings.

2. Lodging

- Parent-Coordinated Lodging: Parents are responsible for booking and coordinating their child's lodging. While parents may choose accommodations that fit their budget and preferences, they must ensure the safety and well-being of their child. The SGHL provides hotel options, but you are not required to book through the SGHL links.

- Supervision: Parents should supervise their children during the trip, ensuring that they follow the team's behavior and curfew guidelines, as well as the code of conduct. If parents are not staying in the same lodging as their child, they should ensure that a responsible adult is available to supervise.

- Curfew: The team will establish a curfew time, which parents and players are expected to respect.

3. Behavior and Conduct

- Code of Conduct: Players are expected to adhere to the team's code of conduct throughout the trip. This includes demonstrating respect for teammates, coaches, hotel staff, and others encountered during travel.

- Alcohol and Drug Use: The use or possession of alcohol, drugs, or tobacco is strictly prohibited for all players, regardless of age. Any violation will result in immediate disciplinary action and possible removal from the team.

- Interactions with Non-Team Members: Players must interact respectfully with non-team members, including hotel staff and other guests. Any issues should be reported immediately to a coach or parent.

- Social Media: Players should use social media responsibly, refraining from posting inappropriate content and avoiding sharing location or travel details publicly for safety reasons.

4. Medical and Emergency Procedures

- Medical Information: Parents must provide up-to-date medical information, including any allergies, medications, or special conditions, to the coaching staff before travel. Parents are also responsible for carrying any necessary medications.

- Emergency Contact: Each player must have an emergency contact on file. Parents should ensure that their contact information is accurate and that they are reachable during the trip.

- Injury or Illness: If a player becomes injured or ill during travel, it is the responsibility of the parent or designated adult to seek medical attention and inform the coaching staff promptly.

5. Parental Involvement

- Pre-Travel Coordination: Parents should communicate with each other to coordinate travel and lodging plans, ensuring that all players are accounted for and arrangements are made in the best interest of the team.

- Parent Chaperones: Parents who are not traveling with their child should designate a responsible adult to act as a chaperone. All chaperones must be aware of the team's travel policy and follow the same code of conduct as players and coaches.

- Communication: Parents are encouraged to stay in communication with each other and the coaching staff during the trip. Any changes to the schedule or issues should be communicated as soon as possible.

6. Disciplinary Action

- Violation of Policy: Any violation of this travel policy will be addressed promptly. Consequences may include loss of playing time, suspension, or removal from the team, depending on the severity of the violation.

- Reporting Issues: Any concerns or issues during travel should be reported immediately to the safesport coordinator or head coach. All reports will be taken seriously and addressed in accordance with team and safesport guidelines.

7. Review and Updates

This travel policy will be reviewed annually and updated as necessary to ensure it aligns with current safesport standards and the needs of the team.

By following these guidelines, we can ensure that team travel remains a safe, respectful, and positive experience for all participants. Parents, players, and coaches must work together to uphold these standards and create a supportive environment for the team.