

VSC TRAVEL POLICY



Background

Vernon Ski Club athletes and teams travel to races and events, and this policy applies to that travel.

Policy

Entry-Level and U14 Athletes

1. All U8-U14 athletes must travel with a parent, or a parent-designated chaperone, to attend out of town races and or events. The club is not responsible for assigning or assessing the suitability of chaperones at this age level.
2. The parent or designate is responsible for all off-snow supervision of the athlete(s) and ensures curfews are adhered to, and all required team functions (meetings, tuning sessions, dryland, team dinners, etc) are attended. The parent or designate is responsible for ensuring the athlete(s) follow the Code of Conduct at all times.

U16+ Athletes

3. U16 and FIS teams travel with coaches and designated chaperones, unless a family chooses to travel with their athlete. Number of chaperones on a trip will depend on number of athletes, and decided in consultation between the parent rep and the coach.
4. Chaperones must have a valid criminal record check on file with VSC, and must have completed the SafeSport¹ module provided by the Coaching Association of Canada.
5. Team accommodation is booked by the team's Parent Rep and/or coach. Accommodation is booked based on athlete intention to attend, as collected by the parent rep and/or coach near the start of the season. Due to rigid accommodation cancellation policies at resorts, all athletes who provide intention to attend an event will be charged for their share of the accommodation, regardless of whether they attend or not.
6. Coaches will not share rooms with athletes.
7. Chaperones are responsible for athletes when off-snow, and this includes:
 - a. Following the Parent/Volunteer Codes of Conduct.
 - b. Ensuring curfews are adhered to.
 - c. Planning shared meals, collecting meal sign ups from families, and grocery shopping. Preparing meals for athletes and/or making food available to athletes to prepare meals.
 - d. Liaising with parents, as needed.
 - e. Liaising with medical professionals as directed by the coach and/or parent.

¹ See [here](#) for more SafeSport guidelines for travelling with athletes

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- f. Escalating behavioural or other issues to the coach, as needed.
 - g. Submitting all food or incidentals receipts to the coach for reimbursement and disbursement between race accounts.
8. Athletes are responsible for:
- a. Following the Athlete Code of Conduct and established trip rules at all times.
 - b. Not entering the hotel room of another gender, unless a chaperone is present.
 - c. Adhering to curfews.
 - d. Tuning and caring for their own gear.
9. Any athlete who is sent home for contravening this policy will be sent at their own expense and charged all incurred event costs.