

VSC TRAVEL POLICY



Background

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

Policy

U8 - U14 Athletes

1. All U8-U14 athletes must travel with a parent, or an adult designated by the parent, to attend out of town races and or events. The parent, or designate, is responsible for the supervision, care and well-being of the athlete(s) when they are not actively engaged in club-led training or competition. The parent or designate 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 BC Alpine Code of Conduct and VSC Athlete Agreement at all times.
2. There may be exceptional circumstances where athletes will have the option of travelling with a VSC-designated chaperone. For example, for camps or provincial events that require long travel or extraordinary expense. If a team is travelling with chaperones, the U16 travel policy (below) will apply.

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 be decided in consultation between the parent rep and the coach. The coach and parent rep will designate chaperones for each trip.
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. The coach and parent rep must be made aware of any athletes planning to travel separately from the team (ie: with family) prior to team accommodation booking.
6. Coaches will not share rooms with athletes.

¹ See [here](#) for more SafeSport guidelines for travelling with athletes
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7. Chaperones are responsible for athletes when athletes are not engaged in coach-led training and competition activities. These responsibilities include:
 - a. Following the BC Alpine Code of Conduct and VSC Parent/Volunteer Agreement.
 - b. Ensuring curfews are adhered to.
 - c. Planning shared meals, collecting meal sign ups from families, and grocery shopping.
 - d. Preparing meals for athletes and/or making food available to athletes to prepare meals.
 - e. Liaising with parents, as needed.
 - f. Liaising with medical professionals as directed by the coach and/or parent.
 - g. Escalating behavioural or other issues to the coach, as needed.
 - h. Submitting all food or incidentals receipts to the coach for reimbursement and disbursement between race accounts.

8. Athletes are responsible for:
 - a. Following the BC Alpine Code of Conduct and VSC Athlete Agreement and established trip rules at all times.
 - b. Not entering the hotel room of another gender, or hosting someone of the other gender in their room, unless a chaperone is present.
 - c. Adhering to curfews.
 - d. Tuning and caring for their own gear.

9. Guides who travel with para athletes as part of the VSC team are responsible for:
 - a. Following the BC Alpine Code of Conduct, VSC Athlete Agreement, and established trip rules at all times.
 - b. Not entering the hotel room of another gender, or hosting someone of the other gender in their room, unless a chaperone is present.
 - c. Adhering to team curfews.

10. Any athlete, coach, chaperone, or guide who is sent home for contravening this policy will be sent at their own expense and charged all incurred event costs.