



APPENDIX E

TEAM TRAVEL POLICY & PLAYER CODE of CONDUCT

ARTICLE I – PURPOSE

E1.1 Youth Athletes are most vulnerable to misconduct during travel, particularly overnight stays. This includes a high risk of athlete-to-athlete misconduct. 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.

E1.2. The policies enumerated herein are supplemental and in addition to the requirements and guidelines outlined in BSC’s Risk Management Policy (Appendix D).

ARTICLE II – DEFINITIONS

E2.1. **Adult Associate.** Any individual over the age of 18 officially affiliated with BSC who has direct or indirect contact or influence on a youth player (i.e. coaches, team managers or administrators).

E2.2. **Player.** Any athlete, under the age of 18, registered for the current season under a BSC program.

E2.3. **Chaperone.** Any person (over the age of 18) not an official representative of BSC but accompanies the team to provide supplemental adult supervision (i.e. parent/legal guardian).

E2.4. **Local Travel.** Travel to a tournament, game or training session or other team activity that does not require an overnight stay.

E2.5. **Team Travel.** Travel to a tournament, game or training session or other team activity that requires an overnight stay and requires supervision by BSC approved and trained adults.

ARTICLE III – LOCAL TRAVEL POLICY

E3.1. Players and/or their parents/guardian are responsible for making all arrangements for local travel.

E3.2. The team’s Adult Associates should avoid responsibility for arranging or coordinating local travel.

E3.3. Adult Associates who are not also acting as a parent/legal guardian, shall not ride in a vehicle alone with an unrelated Player, absent emergency circumstances.

E3.4. It is the responsibility of the parents/guardians to ensure the person transporting the Player maintains the proper safety and legal requirements, including but not limited to: a valid driver’s license, automobile insurance, a vehicle in safe working order, and compliance with applicable state laws.

E3.5. Adult Associates, not also acting as a parent, shall not drive alone with an unrelated Player.

E3.6. Adult Associates may drive with Players if there is more than one Player or another Adult is present, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Player’s parent/legal guardian in advance of each local travel.



E3.7. BSC encourages parents/legal guardians to pick up their Player first and drop off their Player last in any shared or carpool travel arrangement.

ARTICLE IV – TEAM TRAVEL POLICIES

E4.1. Prior to any travel, Adult Associates will endeavor to make players and parents aware of all expectations and rules for Team Travel.

E4.1.1. In all cases involving Team Travel, parents have the right to transport their own Player.

E4.1.2. All Team Travel participants must wear seat belts and remain seated in vehicles.

E4.1.3. Team Travel lodging will use hotel rooms with interior entrances when possible.

E4.1.4. When available, a supervised team room may be provided for relaxation and recreation.

E4.1.5. Regardless of gender, an Adult Associates shall not share a hotel room or other sleeping arrangement with a Player unless the Adult Associate is the parent/legal guardian, sibling, or is otherwise related to the Player.

E4.1.6. The Adult Associate or Chaperone will establish a curfew by when all players must be in their hotel rooms or in a supervised location.

E4.1.7. Regular monitoring and curfew checks will be made of each room by at least two Adult Associates/Chaperones.

E4.1.8. At no time will only one Adult Associate or Chaperone be present in a room with Player(s), regardless of gender.

E4.1.9. An Adult Associate or Chaperone shall ask the hotel to block adult pay per view channels for Player-only rooms.

E4.1.10. Parents/Guardians are permitted and encouraged to stay in the team hotel.

E4.1.10. Players cannot utilize room service without permission. Players are responsible for all incidental charges and for any damages or thievery at the hotel.

E4.2. The team's Adult Associate(s) and Chaperone(s) will make every effort to accommodate reasonable parental requests when a Player is away from home without a parent. If any special arrangements are necessary for your Player, please contact the team personnel who can either make or assist with making those arrangements.

E4.3. Players are expected to remain with the team at all times during the trip. Players are not to leave the competition venue, the hotel, restaurant, or any other place at which the team has gathered without the permission/knowledge of the Adult Associate or Chaperone.

E4.4. When visiting public places such as shopping malls, movie theatres, etc., Players will stay in groups of no less than three (3) persons. Players 14 and under will be accompanied by an Adult Associate or Chaperone at all times when visiting public places.



E4.5. No Adult Associate or Chaperone shall at any time be under the influence of drugs or alcohol while performing their official duties.

E4.6. When doing room checks, attending team meetings and/or other activities, utilize two-deep Adult/Adult Associate leadership and maintain observable and interruptible environments.

E4.7. Meetings shall be conducted consistent with BSC's policy for one-on-one interactions – observable and interruptible. Meetings shall not be conducted in a hotel room.

E4.8. If disciplinary action against a Player is required while the Player is traveling without a parent/legal guardian, the Player's parents/legal guardians will be notified before any action is taken, except where immediate action is necessary. For any immediate action, Parents/legal guardians will be notified immediately following such disciplinary action.

ARTICLE V – PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

E5.1. Players on BSC Recreational and Competitive teams are representatives BSC and will conduct themselves in a professional and positive manner. Specifically, players will...

E5.1.1. Display proper respect and sportsmanship toward coaches, officials, administrators, teammates, fellow competitors, and the public at all times.

E5.1.2. Refrain from any illegal or inappropriate behavior that would detract from a positive image of the team or be detrimental to its performance objectives.

E5.1.3. Refrain from possessing or using alcohol or tobacco products.

E5.1.4. Refrain from possessing, using, selling/distributing any controlled or illegal substance or any form of weapon.

E5.1.5. Represent both self and BSC while travelling to compete in tournaments and/or attend other club-related functions. Ensure actions and behaviors positively reflect the high standards of the team and BSC.

E5.1.6. Refrain from inappropriate physical contact at team activities.

E5.1.7. Refrain from the use of inappropriate language.

E5.2. Failure to comply with the Code of Conduct set forth in this document may result in disciplinary action. Such discipline may include, but may not be limited to:

E5.2.1. Dismissal from the trip and immediate return home at player expense; and/or

E5.2.2. Disqualification from future team travel to potentially include local travel; and/or

E5.2.3. Dismissal from team.

E5.3. BSC strongly recommends teams supplement this Code of Conduct with any additional team travel policies.

E5.4. The DOC and Competitive Director will ensure each Player and Parent/Legal guardian receives, acknowledges and signs the Team Travel Policy and Code of Conduct acknowledgement form (Article



VI). The Recreational Director will ensure only those teams that conduct Team Travel receive, acknowledge, and sign this policy.

ARTICLE VI – PLAYER & PARENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I hereby acknowledge receipt of and understand BSC’s Team Travel Policy and Player Code of Conduct.

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Player	Team	Date
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Parent/Legal Guardian	Date	