

Apex Volleyball Club Travel Policy

Apex Volleyball Club has some teams that travel regularly to play in tournaments, some teams where travel is limited to a few events per season, and some teams where there is no travel other than local travel to and from our own area. Apex VBC prohibits all types of physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, bullying, threats, harassment and hazing, all as described in the USA Volleyball SafeSport Handbook. We have established policies to guide our travel, minimize one-on-one interactions and reduce the risk of abuse or misconduct. Adherence to these travel guidelines will increase player safety and improve the player's experience while keeping travel a fun and enjoyable experience.

Individual travel occurs when Apex VBC does not sponsor, coordinate, or arrange for travel.

- Players and/or their parents/guardian are responsible for making all arrangements for local travel. The team and its coaches, managers or administrators should avoid responsibility for arranging or coordinating local travel. It is the responsibility of the parents/guardians to ensure the person transporting the minor player maintains the proper safety and legal requirements, including but not limited to: a valid driver's license, automobile liability insurance, a vehicle in safe working order, and compliance with applicable state laws.*
- The employees, coaches and/or volunteers of Apex VBC or one of its teams, who are not also acting as a parent, shall not drive alone with an unrelated minor player.*

Team travel is overnight travel that occurs when Apex VBC coordinates or arranges for travel so that the team can compete locally, regionally or nationally.

- When possible, Apex VBC will provide reasonable advance notice before team travel. Travel notice will also include designated team hotels for overnight stays as well as a contact person within Apex VBC or the team.*
- Regardless of gender, a coach shall not share a hotel room or other sleeping arrangements with a minor player (unless the coach is the parent, guardian or sibling of the player).*
- Individual meetings between a coach and a player may not occur in hotel sleeping rooms and must be held in public settings or with additional adults present, with at least one of those adults being the same gender as the player.*
- No coach or chaperone shall at any time be under the influence of drugs or alcohol while performing their coaching and/or chaperoning duties.*