



Travel Policy and Conduct Expectation of Palm Beach Juniors Volleyball Club

Palm Beach Juniors (PBJ) recognizes that traveling to out-of-area tournament competition plays a valuable role in player development. Participating in out-of-area tournaments is critical to player skill development, social development and, often, college recruiting. As a result, most PBJ teams participate in out-of-area travel as part of their regular programs. PBJ has developed the following Travel Policies and Procedures to ensure the safety of players and improve player experience, with the goal of keeping travel fun and enjoyable for our players and families.

Players and/or their parent/guardians are responsible for making all arrangements for local or out-of-state travel. It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to ensure that their child is being transported to/from venues by a driver with a valid driver's license, automobile liability insurance, and in a vehicle that is in safe working order. Seat belts must be used at all times. Coaches should never be responsible for transporting minor players alone.

All travel information will be provided to families well in advance. This notice will include information on the designated team hotel. Players are required to stay at the team hotel. Families are encouraged to communicate with each other on cost-efficient travel opportunities (i.e. cheap airline tickets, etc.)

The club will make every effort to accommodate reasonable parental requests when a child is away from home without a parent. If a child will be attending a tournament without a parent, it is the parent/guardian's responsibility to notify both the coach and club administration of the following; Transportation arrangements and hotel arrangements for the entirety of the trip.

Regardless of gender, a coach shall not share a hotel room or other sleeping arrangements with a minor unless the coach is the parent, guardian or sibling of the player. Unrelated males are not allowed in player hotel rooms at any time.

Coaches will establish a curfew when all players must be in their rooms. Regular monitoring and curfew checks will be made of each room by at least two properly background screened adults. At no time should only one chaperone/coaching adult be present in a room alone with minor players, regardless of gender.

Individual meetings between a coach and minor player may not occur in hotel sleeping rooms. Meetings 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.

Players are expected to remain with the team at all times during the trip unless dismissed to their parent/guardians for the evening. Players are NEVER to leave the venue, hotel or restaurant without the permission/knowledge of the coach and/or chaperone.

When visiting public places such as hotel pools, shopping malls, movie theaters, etc., players will remain together. Players will be dressed appropriately and be expected to behave in a manner that aligns with the PBJ Code of Conduct.

Violations of these policies will be addressed by club administration. Consequences will be determined by the coach and/or club administration including, but not limited to, suspension from play, permanent suspension and/or reporting the matter to USAV or local authorities as appropriate.