

A.K. SOCCER ACADEMY TRAVEL POLICY

During travel, athletes are often away from their families and support networks and the setting, including changerooms, training and competition facilities, vehicles, and hotel rooms, is less structured and familiar. The purpose of a Travel Policy is to establish standards of behaviour and manage expectations of the organization as well as coaches and team personnel, players, and parents.

Travel Policy include:

- Coaches, team personnel, and athletes must abide by the A.K. Soccer Academy (“AKSA”) Code of Conduct and all other applicable policies.
- The Travel Policy should establish addition guidelines for safety and behaviour, as necessary.
- Coaches, team personnel, athletes, and parents should be provided with a copy of the Travel Policy in advance of traveling with a team.
- All coaches and team personnel must be registered members and properly screened in advance of traveling with a team.
- The “Rule of Two” must always be adhered to during travel, meaning that no coach or team personnel should ever be alone with an athlete unless the coach or team personnel is the parent, guardian, sibling, or spouse of that athlete.
- Room checks, and team meetings and other activities must maintain the “Rule of Two” and should be conducted in an open and observable environment whenever possible.
- Athletes should not ride in a coach’s vehicle without another adult present who is the same gender as the athlete
- During overnight team travel, if athletes room with other athletes they must be of the same gender and should be a similar age.
- There should be no male athletes in female athlete’s rooms and no female athletes in male athlete’s rooms (unless the other athlete is a sibling or spouse of that particular athlete).
- Coaches and team personnel must not share a hotel room or other sleeping arrangement with an athlete unless the coach or team personnel is a parent, guardian, sibling, or spouse of that athlete.
- Coaches and team personnel (including chaperones) should stay in rooms nearby to athletes and provide athletes with room numbers in case of emergency.
- Curfews should be established by the team and/or organization for each day of the trip.
- Athletes should remain with the team at all times during the trip unless permission is granted to leave the team by a coach or team personnel.
- When visiting public places such as shopping malls, movie theatres, etc., athletes should stay in groups of no less than three people. Groups of athletes under the age of 12 should be accompanied by an adult

Prohibited Conduct and Reporting

AKSA prohibits all types of physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, bullying, threats, harassment and hazing, all as described in the player and coaches conduct. Participants, employees or volunteers in AKSA may be subject to disciplinary action for violation of the Travel Policies or for engaging in any misconduct or abuse or that violates AKSA Policies and Acts.

Reports of any actual or suspected violations, you may email privacy@aksocceracademywpg.com.