



NC Elite Team Travel Policy

The following travel policies are for informative purposes and will hopefully answer all questions and/or concerns about the club's trips to participate at "in region" and "out of region" tournaments. It is not intended to be a complete list and for the safety of our players, circumstances for any travel may require additional restrictions.

Everyone wants to have an enjoyable trip and in efforts to do this, everyone must adhere to some very basic policies. Both parents and players should review the policies to ensure that they have a complete understanding of the expectations that come with traveling as a member of NC Elite Volleyball Club.

NC Elite Volleyball Club and its staff take the responsibility of traveling with a group of young ladies extremely seriously. We have a zero tolerance policy for all players who violate any rule or code of conduct throughout the duration of the trip! From the moment a player arrives at the point of team assembly (usually the tournament venue for in-Region and the airport for Out-of-Region tournaments), to the moment team travel is complete, each player will be under the supervision of NC Elite Volleyball Club staff and team chaperones.

Players and parents need to understand that the overall purpose of each trip is to participate in a volleyball tournament. Team social activities, while not discouraged, will come second to tournament requirements. Coaches/Chaperones will ensure that players have the opportunity to receive at least eight hours of sleep per night and eat three meals a day. Any social plans will be made around each team's playing schedule, sleeping and eating requirements.

Overnight Stays

- Out-of-Region Only: Players will stay in hotel rooms with their teammates (3-4players/room) for Out-of-Region travel.

Players must act in a first class manner.

The following expectations are those that NC Elite Volleyball Club has for all players when traveling with a NC Elite team. The Club and its staff are working hard to maintain a first class reputation; therefore, expectations for players are high. Those who fail to meet them will be subject to consequences that, depending on the severity of the infraction, may range from reprimand, to loss of playing time, to expulsion from the team.

1. Players will act in an appropriate manner at all times. This includes volume of voices, choice of words, course of actions, choice of dress, respect to property (e.g., hotel and airline items), etc.
2. Each player is expected to treat all other players, teammates, coaches, referees, and fans with courtesy and respect.

3. At any tournament, all players are under the supervision of the NC Elite coaches, chaperones, and club representatives from the designated point of assembly. Even if a player's parents attend the tournament, players are expected to adhere to club & team rules.
 4. Players must be on time for all team commitments.
 5. Each player will keep their coach, chaperone, or team representative informed of their presence at all times. This rule applies for all local, regional and out-of-region tournaments.
 - o At tournaments, players may be dismissed from team functions (playing site areas, hotel, team dinners, etc.) only if their coach permits it, their parent is present and they ask permission from coach and/or chaperone beforehand.
 - o If they receive permission to be dismissed from a team function Player/parent must inform coach and/or chaperone where they will be and their approximate return time.
 6. Curfew will be set on a nightly basis depending on the team's playing schedule.
 7. Players will not disturb other hotel guests/airline passengers or hotel/airline staff.
 8. At the airport (waiting at gate, walking around or at the baggage claim), players must always be in groups of three (3) or more.
 9. Within the hotel, players must always be in groups of two (2) or more.
 10. Outside of the hotel, players must have an adult NC Elite staff member (coach, parent, or chaperone) accompany them. **NO Player** (even if they are 18 years old) is allowed to leave the hotel property without an adult with them.
 11. Players are not allowed in hotel rooms occupied by Non-NC Elite members or persons of the opposite sex. Non-NC Elite members are not allowed in players' hotel rooms. NC Elite parents are considered members.
 12. Players should never give any stranger the name of the hotel the team is staying at or the room number of any NC Elite player, even someone who identifies himself/herself as a college coach.
 13. While in the hotel rooms, players must not leave doors open or prop doors open with latches or other items
 14. NC Elite, and USAV's Alcohol, Drug, and Tobacco Policy will be strictly enforced.
 15. Any additional costs incurred while traveling will be charged to the player's account. This includes the replacement costs of misused or stolen hotel items
 16. When riding/driving in team vehicles, all players **MUST** buckle their seat-belts. This rule also applies to any player riding/carpooling with other families/adults.
 17. Teams will clean up their areas prior to leaving any tournament site.
- Any NC Elite Staff Member, Coach or Chaperone is authorized to reprimand or discipline any player found to be in violation of these policies. ***Severe or flagrant violations of the travel policies may result in the player being sent home immediately at the parent's expense.***

Players must remember that they are not only representing their team, but also NC Elite Volleyball Club, their school, city and state. We want to be able to return to these tournaments, hotels and fly the airlines for future tournaments, so please think and act responsibly.

HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS

NC Elite teams traveling to out of town tournaments that require an overnight stay will have their rooms booked by the club and players can anticipate staying in team rooms (3-4 players/ room). Tournament and Hotel travel itineraries will be sent out to all the players / parents prior to each event.

Parents wishing to have the NC Elite reserve hotel rooms for them at the same hotels with the same rates as the club will be asked to complete a **hotel travel request form** and have a valid **Credit Card authorization form** on file with the club. Hotels offering group rates often require contracts and have very specific deadlines and if they are not followed, we run the risk of losing all rooms. So, it is important to be considerate of those deadlines and plan accordingly. If the parents elect to stay at a different hotel, or with family or friends, it is their responsibility to make sure their daughter checks in at the team/club host hotel. NC Elite coaches will work with the parent reps/chaperones of each team to ensure we have compliance of the all club travel policies.

Each overnight tournament will have a designated Team Chaperone. Parent volunteers will used as to Chaperone. The Team Chaperone will work with the Coach in arranging details related to any/all overnight tournaments. Females are preferred as chaperones, to facilitate engagement with the all players. Every effort should be made to spread this responsibility around, so parents should only chaperone one overnight trip.

Players are responsible for bringing funds for purchases of food and other personal items.

Communication is the key prior to leaving and while at the tournament.

Prior to leaving for the overnight tournament, NC Elite will gather as much information as we can related to the event/ trip and send it out via email to everyone in the form of a **Tournament Itinerary**.

Telephone lists for each team will be provided Parents and Players at the beginning of the season. We ask that everyone print out a copy and bring the Team Directory and carry it with them to the tournaments. It will have everyone's cell phone number on it, including the coaches.