

## **Travel/Chaperone Policy**

During the year, athletes from all levels of PSSV will be attending out-of-town competitions. These out-of-town trips could last from 1-7 days, depending on swim level and type of competition.

### **TRAVEL:**

It is mandatory that athletes will travel together, accompanied by a chaperone, coach, or designated adult attending the meet. If traveling by a road vehicle, all designated drivers will:

- Have a valid driver's license for the type of vehicle being driven.
- Be driving a vehicle with permission from the owner of that vehicle for the purpose of transporting athletes to competition.
- Be driving a vehicle that is insured for a MINIMUM of \$5,000,000 Third Party Legal Liability. (Higher liability is advisable when transporting children)
- Wear a seatbelt and requires that all passengers wear a seatbelt.
- Agree to operate the vehicle safely and in a legal manner.

Driver's License, registration and insurance with Third Party Liability coverage must be on file with the board prior to departure for the meet.

Coaches are discouraged from driving athletes to competitions and will do so only as a last resort.

No athletes will be allowed to drive other athletes to a competition.

### **ACCOMODATIONS:**

It is mandatory that all athletes stay together, as teams, in accommodations arranged by PSSV's Club Manager(s). Accommodation will be worked out in the most cost efficient manner possible.

Coaches will have separate accommodation, or will share accommodation with other coaches, within the same hotel. Coaches will share accommodation with athletes only if chaperones and/or designated parents/adults are not available.

Parents are welcome to accompany athletes but are responsible for acquiring their own accommodations. PSSV's Team Manager(s) may be able to assist parents and families in finding and/or securing accommodations and they will advise parents of this possibility well in advance of meets. However, parents are reminded that it is PSSV's responsibility to arrange accommodations for athletes only, not family members.

Benefits provided by athletes staying together as a team:

- gives coaches and athletes the time to mature as team members,
- provides opportunities for both mental and physical conditioning during the competition,
- Ensures organization of daily routines among athletes, coaches and chaperones is possible.

Parents/Guardian:

It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to make sure that:

- The swimmer arrives on time at the proper departure site and is picked up at the end of the swim meet at the appropriate place and time.
- The coach and chaperone is notified and contact numbers provided if the parent/guardian is not picking up the swimmer at the conclusion of the meet.
- The coach and chaperone are notified in advance of a change in the planned schedule of a trip
- They and their swimmer(s) are familiar with PSSV's Code of Conduct and the accompanying consequences if they fail to adhere to the Code. The Code of

Conduct and consequences are included annually in each swimmer's registration package.

- They advise the chaperone of any of the following items with respect to their swimmer(s):

.....Medical condition (e.g. diabetes, epilepsy, asthma)

.....Sleep disorder (e.g. sleepwalking, night terrors)

.....Special dietary requirements.

You will be financially responsible for any deviation from this policy and that non-compliance could mean that the athlete is denied the privilege of competing at the meet.