



## **Team Travel**

### **TRAVEL CODE OF CONDUCT**

Traveling to meets in other cities is an excellent way to test a diver's developing skills while also enjoying the benefits of visiting new places and making new friends. Parents or designated guardians of divers who are 13 years or younger are **REQUIRED** to travel and board with their diver.

1. The parent or guardian must arrange for a chaperone if unable to travel to the meet with the diver. Both parents and diver must sign the Team Travel Code of Conduct each year. Although the club may recommend hotels for everyone to stay in, parents are ultimately responsible for housing, transporting, and monitoring their children during diving competitions.
2. If a parent is unable attend, HE or SHE (not the coach or another family) will be responsible for making arrangements for his or her child. Please inform the office and coaches if your diver will be traveling with another family or designated responsible adult and communicate contact information accordingly.
3. In an emergency, it's important for the traveling coaches to be able to reach a responsible party for each diver. All contact information and arrangements for transportation are the sole responsibility of the parent. Your child is your responsibility ultimately so please make sure all aspects of the trip and properly communicated and firmed up prior to travel.
4. In addition, if you are not traveling with your diver, make sure the responsible party has a medical consent form to provide authorization during an emergency as well as a copy of your diver's medical card and any all pertinent medical information such as drug allergies etc.
5. Any traveling Atlantic Diving Team coach may designate and enforce a curfew. Whether at home or away meets, all team meetings and workouts are required. The Coaching Staff strongly recommends staying at the designated meet hotel, if at all possible, to facilitate team communication, bonding, transportation, getting to breakfast, workouts, and team meetings on time. Staying in the same hotel is especially beneficial to newer or more inexperienced families who are traveling.
6. On trips requiring overnight lodging, team members may be required to stay in rooms or designated areas assigned by the coaching staff. All Divers are required to stay in the same hotel that the coaching staff resides in the absence of the diver's parent or legal guardian. A parent, legal guardian or designated chaperone must stay in the room with the diver(s) if the diver(s) are a minor. **NO Exceptions.**
7. If members of the opposite sex are in a room not assigned to them, doors and curtains must remain open at all times.
8. Everyone must be in their assigned room at the designated curfew time and no one except assigned roommates are allowed in the room after curfew time. Appropriate curfews will be established for each trip by the coaching staff.



9. Smoking, use of alcoholic beverages or any drugs other than those prescribed by a physician or approved by a parent or coaches are NOT permitted. The Head Coach can require a drug test of any diver.
10. Indiscreet, destructive, disrespectful or any other behavior considered to be detrimental to the team will NOT be tolerated.
11. When certain meets require traveling out of town, the coaching staff will supervise the travel arrangements for divers not traveling with their parent or legal guardian. The team will travel together if at all possible, especially for international meets.
12. Family Activity Policy–
  - When at a competition, ancillary family entertainment activities must be scheduled AFTER the diver is finished with daily competition requirements so that the diver is rested and ready to compete.
13. Additional rules may apply at certain meets and are at the discretion of the coach, meet director or event coordinator.
14. All Divers must wear Atlantic Diving Team apparel to all home and away dive meets. (Team apparel can be purchased online during coordinated opportunities throughout the year.)

**If this Code of Conduct is violated, one or all of the following courses of action may be taken:**

1. The diver may be withdrawn from the competition.
2. The diver may lose all team privileges including all monies given for the trip.
3. The diver may be sent home at his/her expense.
4. The diver may be suspended from the team for a length of time depending on the severity of the infraction.
5. The diver may be dismissed from the team.

**PARENTS/GUARDIANS PLEASE NOTE:**

The coaching staff will make every effort to see that the diving team members are properly chaperoned at all meets. The burden however must lie with the parent and diver first and secondly with the staff. It is the coaching staff's priority to be available to coach our team. We require that all parents take the time to review the Atlantic Diving Team Travel Team Code of Conduct with their divers and to fully explain the sensitivity and responsibilities that go along with the privilege of overnight team travel.