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Team Travel Policy		

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide clear expectations for players, parents, guardians, coaches, and team staff during team travel, including away games, tournaments, showcases, accommodations, restaurants, arenas, and other team-related activities.

The Novas expect all players and families to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively on the player, the team, and the organization.

Travel Arrangements

Parents and guardians are responsible for the travel arrangements and expenses associated with their player's participation on the team, including transportation, accommodations, and meals, unless otherwise arranged by the team.

Families may choose the accommodation option that works best for them, including hotels, short-term rentals, staying with family or friends, or other suitable arrangements.

If a parent or guardian is unable to travel with a player, arrangements for that player remain the responsibility of the parent or guardian.

Parents and guardians are expected to consider the player's maturity, supervision, safety, and team schedule when making travel arrangements.

Accommodation

The Novas do not require players or families to stay in a designated team hotel unless specifically communicated for a particular event.

If a player does not stay in the same location as other team members, the coaching staff should be informed prior to travel so that team staff are aware of player whereabouts and can communicate schedules properly.

Players will not be penalized for staying with family, friends, or in other suitable accommodation arranged by their parents or guardians.

Coaches and Team Staff Accommodations

Coaches and team staff may use hotels, short-term rentals, or other reasonable accommodation when travelling for approved team activities.



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Accommodation arrangements for coaches and team staff should be reasonable, cost-conscious, and consistent with any applicable internal team expense guidelines.

Player Whereabouts and Team Schedule

The coaching staff must be aware of player whereabouts during team travel.

Players are expected to follow team schedules, curfews, meeting times, mealtimes, departure times, and instructions established by the coaching staff.

Players must check in and out with the coaching staff or designated team representative when required.

Players must not leave an arena, accommodation, restaurant, or other team location without permission from a coach, team official, parent, or guardian, as applicable.

Travel and Rooming Restrictions

Players are not permitted to travel or room with any member of the coaching staff or team staff unless specifically permitted by applicable Hockey Nova Scotia, Hockey Canada, league, tournament, or team requirements.

Conduct During Team Travel

Hotels, short-term rentals, private accommodations, restaurants, arenas, vehicles, and other travel locations are extensions of the team environment.

Players and families are expected to respect teammates, coaches, team staff, parents, facility staff, hotel staff, restaurant staff, other guests, and members of the public.

Excessive noise, disruptive behaviour, damage, theft, disrespect, or conduct that reflects poorly on The Novas will not be tolerated.

Damage or Misconduct

Players and parents/guardians may be held responsible for damage, theft, replacement costs, legal fees, accommodation charges, or any other costs resulting from misconduct during team travel.

Any player who disregards team expectations, curfew, coaching instructions, accommodation rules, facility rules, or the Player Code of Conduct may be subject to discipline.



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Discipline may include parent/guardian notification, repayment of costs, removal from team activities, being sent home at the parent/guardian's expense, suspension, or dismissal from the team.

Compliance

The Novas will comply with all applicable Hockey Nova Scotia, Hockey Canada, league, tournament, facility, accommodation, and transportation requirements relating to team travel.

Where those requirements impose additional obligations, those requirements will apply.