



ITVC Travel Rules

The following travel details are for informative purposes and will answer questions and/or concerns about the club's upcoming trips to participate in out of region or out of state tournaments.

ITVC takes the responsibility of traveling with a group of young athletes extremely seriously. We will have a zero-tolerance policy for players who violate any rule or code of conduct throughout the duration of the trip. From the moment that a player arrives at the airport to the moment that they leave it, each player will be under strict supervision by designated team coaches and chaperones. All members of the staff will have the authority to reprimand any player and all incidents of misconduct will be brought to the director, Amanda Sewell, immediate attention.

Players and parents need to understand that the overall purpose of this trip is to participate in a volleyball tournament. Team social activities will come second to tournament requirements. Coaches will ensure that players have the opportunities to receive at least eight hours of sleep per night and are eating three meals a day. Social plans will be made around each team's playing schedule, sleeping and eating requirements. Additionally, coaches will ensure that our student athletes will have the time and opportunity to work on homework.

Players must be in complete understanding that while they are under the supervision of ITVC members, they will act in a first-class manner. Everyone wants to have an enjoyable trip and in efforts to do this, everyone must be in accordance with some very basic policies.

*The following expectations are those that ITVC has for **all players and teams** when traveling to an out of town tournament.*

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 (i.e., hotel and airline items), etc.
2. At any out-of-town tournament, all players are under the direct authority of the ITVC coaches, chaperones, and club representatives.
3. Even if your parents come to the tournament, players are still expected to adhere to club & team rules as well as attend all team functions.
4. Each player is expected to treat all other players, teammates, coaches, referees, and fans with courtesy and respect.
5. Players must be on time for all team commitments.
6. Each player will keep their coach and/or chaperone informed of their presence at all times.
7. Curfew will be set on a nightly basis depending on the team's playing schedule. Player(s) in violation of curfew will be reprimanded by their coaches. The chaperone will bring the issue to coaches attention and coach will handle the situation. If the coaches are not present the chaperone will handle the issue with his/her best judgement and inform the coaches.

8. Players will not disturb other hotel guests/airline passengers or hotel/airline staff. If the hotel/airline staff has to contact the coaches/chaperones in efforts to curtail disturbances, her coach and/or club director will reprimand all players involved in the incident.
9. At the airport (waiting at gate, walking around or at the baggage claim), players must always be in groups of three (3) or more and in ITVC gear.
10. Within the hotel, players must always be in groups of three (3).
11. Outside of the hotel, players must have an adult (ITVC staff, 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.
12. While in the hotel rooms, players must not leave doors open or prop doors open with latches or other items.
13. ITVC, and USAV's Alcohol, Drug, and Tobacco Policy will be strictly enforced.
14. When riding/driving in team vehicles, all players **MUST** buckle their seat-belts. This rule applies to any player riding/carpooling with other families/adults.
15. When traveling to tournaments coaches and chaperones cannot ride in a car along with a minor, unless related. You must have at least 2 minors or another adult in the car at all times.
16. Any additional costs incurred while traveling will be charged to the player's account statement. This includes the replacement costs of misused or stolen hotel items.
17. Teams will clean up their areas prior to leaving any tournament site.
18. As a standard, all team chaperones will collect cell phones every night before bed and given them back at team breakfast the next morning.

Any player who does not meet the above expectations will be reprimanded. A major infractions consequence may range from suspension from that specific tournament to suspension or expulsion from the club. A minor infractions consequence will result in loss of playing time. No action will be taken until the coach has been fully informed and has assisted the chaperone in making the decision.

Each rule infraction and misbehavior will be brought to the directors or administrator's immediate attention. Players must remember that they are not only representing their team, but also ITVC. We want to be able to return to these tournaments, hotels and fly the airlines for future tournaments so please act and think responsibly.