

NWSC Coach-Player Transportation and Lodging Policy

North Whidbey Soccer Club (NWSC) prioritizes player safety, especially when minors are accompanied by adults who are not related.

As a coach with NWSC, I agree to the SafeSport policies regarding player transport and lodging. Part One outlines the requirements for travel sponsored by the club, while Part Two outlines one-on-one travel between adult participants and minor athletes.

PART ONE: TRAVEL AND LODGING SPONSORED BY NWSC OR WASHINGTON YOUTH SOCCER

This policy exists for the safety of all participants engaged in local or overnight travel for practices, camps, and competitions. The following are the requirements for travel with minor athletes sponsored by NWSC.

1. All interactions must always be observable and interruptible.
2. An adult participant must be accompanied by another adult or at least two minors, following the “rule of three.”
3. Notarized written consent must be obtained by the parent or guardian of the minor athlete for all sanctioned transportation activities. This document must be kept on file with NWSC.
4. All adult participants with authority over minor athletes must take the US Center for SafeSport Core Course, pass a background check, and fulfill all training requirements.
5. This policy must be acknowledged annually by all coaches in NWSC, even if no travel requirements are expected.

“Authority Over” is defined as one person’s position over another in that they can direct, control, give orders, or make decisions for that individual. A complete list of roles and responsibilities for personnel is available in Appendix A of the SafeSport Policy.

PART TWO: NWSC ONE-ON-ONE TRANSPORTATION POLICY

One-on-one interactions are defined by NWSC as being between an adult participant and a minor athlete. The following are approved exceptions to coach-player travel without the “rule of three” applying.

1. Medical emergencies.
2. Dual relationship where the adult participant has an existing relationship with a minor athlete outside of NWSC prior to the beginning of their coach-player relationship.
3. No authority over the minor athlete is present, and the age difference is two years or less between the coach and player.
4. The adult participant is a personal care assistant and meets all requirements.

NWSC COACHES WILL NOT BOOK LODGING WHEN THEY ARE ONE-ON-ONE WITH A MINOR ATHLETE, EVEN IF A DUAL RELATIONSHIP EXISTS.

NWSC will not grant or deny permission to travel in violation of the one-on-one policy. Receiving parental consent forms, trip itineraries, or indemnification documents does NOT imply or indicate approval or authorization for such travel.

Coach Signature

Date