



# SAFESPORT TRAVEL POLICY

The purpose of U.S. Figure Skating's SafeSport Travel Policy is to provide guidance, minimize one-on-one interactions and reduce the risk of Misconduct. All travel must strictly adhere to Two-Deep Leadership requirements. During travel, all meetings shall be conducted consistent with U.S. Figure Skating's one-on-one interaction policy. Ozark Figure Skating Club mandates that its members abide by the travel policies outlined below and in the U.S. Figure Skating Handbook found here:

[https://www.usfigureskating.org/sites/default/files/media-files/U.S.%20Figure%20Skating%20SafeSport%20Handbook 2.pdf](https://www.usfigureskating.org/sites/default/files/media-files/U.S.%20Figure%20Skating%20SafeSport%20Handbook%202.pdf)

## LOCAL AND OVERNIGHT TRAVEL

Local travel occurs when a parent or permanent legal guardian of a Minor Athlete is responsible for making all travel arrangements. In these instances, it is the responsibility of the parent or permanent legal guardian of the Minor Athlete to ensure the person transporting the Minor Athlete maintains all safety and legal requirements, including, but not limited to, a valid driver's license, proper insurance, well-maintained vehicle, and compliance with all laws and the U.S. Center for SafeSport required policies. In an effort to limit one-on-one interactions, Adult Participants shall not drive alone with a Minor Athlete unless the Adult Participant is an Immediate Family Member or permanent legal guardian of the Minor Athlete. Two-Deep Leadership must be adhered to at all times for local travel.

## INDIVIDUAL OVERNIGHT TRAVEL

The nature of figure skating and its competition structure means that individual Minor Athletes may sometimes need to travel overnight without other Athletes. Under circumstances when a parent or permanent legal guardian of a Minor Athlete is responsible for making all travel arrangements, U.S. Figure Skating encourages limiting one-on-one time between an Adult Participant and a Minor Athlete by: 1) meeting Two-Deep Leadership Requirements by traveling with an additional Participant, such as a Chaperone or at least one other Minor Athlete; and, 2) inviting parents or permanent legal guardians to travel with their Minor Athlete. Under circumstances where U.S. Figure Skating is responsible for making all travel arrangements for a Minor Athlete's overnight travel, U.S. Figure Skating will follow the organization's Travel and Expense Policy as well as this SafeSport Travel Policy and follow Two-Deep Leadership Requirements.

An Adult Participant is prohibited from sharing a hotel room or other sleeping arrangement with a Minor Athlete (unless the Adult Participant is the parent or permanent legal guardian, or sibling of that particular Minor Athlete or under the conditions of a Chaperone as defined under "Chaperone Responsibilities"). If rooms are connected, such as a hotel room with adjoining rooms, a lock must be in place from both rooms.

## TEAM OVERNIGHT TRAVEL

U.S. Figure Skating requires a Member Club to make efforts to provide adequate supervision through participation of Adult Participants. For team travel, hotels and air travel will be booked in advance and Two-Deep Leadership requirements will be met at all times. Minor Athletes 13 years and older may share rooms, with two to four Minor Athletes assigned per room, depending on accommodations. Minor Athletes will share a hotel room with other Minor Athletes of the same gender and a similar age. It is recommended that meetings between Minor Athletes and Adult Participants do not occur in hotel rooms (but may occur in hotel lobbies or other meeting rooms). If an Adult Participant will be transporting Athletes, that Adult Participant shall abide by Two-Deep Leadership requirements, have a valid driver's license, proper insurance, well-maintained vehicle and shall comply with all state laws and the policies set forth in this Handbook.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

By signing below, I acknowledge receipt of the OFSC travel policy and agree to comply with the policies outlined herein.

- Parent
- Coach
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/guardians of minor athletes, please enter athlete's name \_\_\_\_\_