



HASTINGS HOCKEY BOOSTERS

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Hastings Hockey Boosters Travel Policy

Hastings Hockey Booster's (HHB) teams vary in travel frequency: some regularly play multiple games or tournaments, others travel occasionally, and some only engage in local travel. HHB has policies to manage travel, ensure player safety, and prevent misconduct. Following these guidelines will enhance safety and make travel enjoyable for players.

We distinguish between travel to training, practice and local games or practices ("local travel"), and team travel involving a coordinated overnight stay ("team travel").

LOCAL TRAVEL

Local travel occurs when HHB or one of its teams does not sponsor, coordinate, or arrange for travel.

- Players and/or their parents/guardians are responsible for making all arrangements for local travel. The team and its coaches, managers or administrators should avoid responsibility for arranging or coordinating local travel. It is the responsibility of the parents/guardians to ensure the person transporting the minor player maintains the proper safety and legal requirements, including, but not limited to, a valid driver's license, automobile liability insurance, vehicle in safe working order, and compliance with applicable state laws.
- The employees, coaches, and/or volunteers of HHB or one of its teams, who are not also acting as a parent, should not drive alone with an unrelated minor player and should only always drive with at least two players or another adult, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the minor player's parent.
- Where an employee, coach and/or volunteer is involved in an unrelated minor player's local travel, efforts should be made to ensure that the adult personnel are not alone with the unrelated player, by, e.g., picking up or dropping off the players in groups. In any case where an employee, coach and/or volunteer is involved in the player's local travel, a parental release should be obtained in advance.
- Employees, coaches, and volunteers who are also a player's parent or guardian may provide shared transportation for any player(s) if they pick up their player first and drop off their player last in any shared or carpool travel arrangement.
- It is recognized that in some limited instances it will be unavoidable for an employee, coach or volunteer of HHB or one of its teams to drive alone with an unrelated minor player. However, efforts should be made to minimize these occurrences and to mitigate any circumstances that could lead to allegations of abuse or misconduct.

TEAM TRAVEL

Team travel is overnight travel that occurs when HHB or one of its teams' sponsors, coordinates or arranges for travel so that our teams can compete locally, regionally, nationally or internationally. Because of the greater distances, coaches, staff, volunteers and chaperones will often travel with the players.



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- When possible, HHB will provide reasonable advance notice before team travel. Travel notice will also include designated team hotels for overnight stays as well as a contact person within HHB or the team. This individual will be the point of contact to confirm your intention to travel and to help with travel details.
- HHB will post specific travel itineraries when they become available. These will include a more detailed schedule as well as contact information for team coaches and managers. We rely on parents to serve as chaperones for their minor athlete(s).
- Regardless of gender, a coach shall not share a hotel room or other sleeping arrangement with a minor player (unless the coach is the parent, guardian or sibling of the player).
- The coach will establish a curfew by when all players must be in their hotel rooms or in a supervised location.
- Individual meetings between a player and coach may not occur in hotel sleeping rooms and must be held in public settings or with additional adults present.
- All players will be permitted to make regular check-in phone calls to parents. Team personnel shall allow for any unscheduled check-in phone calls initiated by either the player or parents. Family members are encouraged to stay with their minor player(s) in the team hotel.
- Family members who wish to stay in the team hotel are permitted and encouraged to do so.
- The team will make every effort to accommodate reasonable parental requests when a child is away from home without a parent. If any special arrangements are necessary for your child, please contact the team personnel who may assist with making those arrangements.
- If disciplinary action against a player is required while the player is traveling without his/her parents, except where immediate action is necessary, parents will be notified before any action is taken or immediately after the action.
- During team travel, coaches, team personnel and chaperones will help players, fellow coaches and team personnel adhere to policy guidelines, including, without limitation to the Travel Policy, Locker Room Policy and Reporting Policy.
- Prior to any travel, coaches will endeavor to make players and parents aware of all expectations and rules. Parents are expected to support and/or participate in the monitoring of the players for adherence to curfew restrictions and other travel rules.

PROHIBITED CONDUCT AND REPORTING

HHB prohibits all types of physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, bullying, threats, harassment and hazing, all as described in the USA Hockey SafeSport Handbook. Participants, employees or volunteers in HHB may be subject to disciplinary action for violation of the Travel Policies or for engaging in any misconduct or abuse or that violates the USA Hockey SafeSport Policies.