



Alpine Travel Policy 2015/2016 SEASON

Hi Comp Center Families,

The purpose of this document is to help families and athletes understand how we conduct team travel and our expectations of those traveling with the team.

The goals of the Competition Center travel program are to provide economical, safe, and beneficial team transportation and lodging for our athletes. We believe there is great value in traveling as a team, not just for the ease on families, but for the extra time for coach-athlete interaction, competition planning, and the social aspects of traveling as a group.

The vans in our fleet get maintained every 3,000 miles by our resort mechanics to avoid unforeseen breakdowns and costly repairs on the road, free of charge to our travelers. However, to insure safe and reliable travel for the future we will charge a reasonable van fee for longer trips which goes towards a van renewal program (see details on page 3).

Coaches book lodging with the athlete's needs in mind. Depending on the locales we travel to, we always try to keep the athletes comfortable with the sleeping arrangements. We ask coaches to keep the athlete to bed ratio 1:1 (queen and king beds may need to accommodate 2 athletes), while not breaking the bank on expensive rental homes or hotels. We look for warm, spacious and secure tuning/storage areas whenever possible. All while encouraging team dinners and pack lunches to help offset expensive resort town restaurants.

If there is ever a special need, question, or concern for your athlete while planning to travel or staying with the team, please don't hesitate to call or email me at 970-726-1597 or mbowman@winterparkresort.com.

Thanks,

Mike Bowman
Alpine Program Director

SIGNING UP FOR TEAM TRAVEL

In most cases, athletes and parents will sign up or enter a race by completing an On-Line entry procedure through USSA. You will also receive an electronic Google form for each event you and your coach determined you will be participating in. You need to fill this out in its entirety. It will ask for information like if you will be attending, will you need lodging, will you be traveling in the team van, etc. You will also be able to give this information to the Comp Center Front Desk located in the Balcony House. You will need to go to the Front Desk to fill out/turn in the required waivers and releases and pay for lodging and van (if applicable). Verbal communication with the coach is not sufficient! When in doubt, please contact the Front Desk. Lodging deadlines are typically two weeks before the travel date of an event. Deadlines will be posted at the office and on the emailed form. **Note that frequently the lodging deadline will be earlier than the event entry deadline, plan ahead!**

Payment of a travel deposit of \$300.00 will be required prior to the first race travel. Van fees will also need to be paid prior to travel (see van fees below). Payment can be by credit card, check or cash, payable to WPOC.

Cancellation policy – after the lodging registration deadline, no refunds on lodging payments will be made except in the following cases:

- Athlete injury or illness or family emergency
- Athlete qualifies for another higher level event in conflict with the original event
- Another athlete signs up late and fills the bed left vacant by the cancellation

No refunds made in the case of an athlete becoming academically ineligible unless someone takes their place on the trip and fills their bed. This cancellation policy is designed to protect the pricing for all who are properly registered since the lodging cost is shared equally by those on the trip.

Late lodging sign ups will only be permitted if space is available. Athletes signing up late may need to sleep on the floor (if approved by the trip leader) but will pay the same price as those athletes sleeping in beds.

TEAM VAN POLICIES

Team van transportation will be available to USSA Colorado Ski Cup, Surefoot Colorado Ski Cup, FIS-U and Nor-Am events in alpine. New this year we will not be charging van fees for trips to nearby resorts (Loveland, Eldora, Vail, etc.) However, we will be charging for trips to areas from the radius of Aspen and beyond. This fee will be due in advance of the trip and will be a price determined on overall distance and number of athletes taking the van. Please coordinate with your coach and the office if you are taking the van.

Again, the van fees are payable before the trip.

There is limited seating on some trips, so please sign up early. Sign up at the Front Desk, or check the appropriate boxes on the emailed electronic form. Van departure times will be posted on your team's Google Calendar. Because the coaches generally need to arrive to the event site in time for a coach meeting, we will not wait for late arrivals, plan ahead!

- Athletes are responsible to keep all team vehicles clean. Team vehicles will be cleaned at the conclusion of each trip.
- All athletes must wear seatbelts and remain seated at all times while riding in team vehicles.
- Rude, disruptive, or dangerous behavior while traveling in team vehicles will not be tolerated.
- Special drop-offs and pick ups other than at the Winter Park base and sometimes in Empire are generally not permitted, check with the lead coach for the trip if special arrangements have been made.

ACADEMY SCHOOL SHUTTLE

For full-time Academy program athletes, transportation to training from the high school and the middle school are provided. We will not wait for late athletes. The guidelines for the team van above apply to the school shuttle. Athletes driving on their own are expected to go directly to the ski area to be on time for afternoon training, late arrivals may not be permitted to train unless arranged for in advance. All students leaving school early need to check themselves out in the office. Separate pick-ups at Middle School and High School.

COMPETITION TRIP EXPECTATIONS

We expect a high level of personal responsibility and excellent behavior of athletes who travel with the team to competitions and training projects. The Competition Center does

not provide on-site supervision for every minute of team trips. There are instances where the coaching staff will need to attend event meetings or other activities and the athletes will be on their own in the team accommodations. The coaches will communicate responsibilities and meeting times to the athletes that they will be accountable for during these times. Athletes lodging with the team are expected to adhere to the athlete code of conduct they have signed and the staff will enforce these standards. Families not comfortable with this will need to make their own arrangements for competition lodging.

Curfews will be assigned each night at the team meeting and are monitored by the coaches. Athletes in violation of the set curfew time may be pulled from the next day's event or sent home depending on the severity.

Study halls will be held on trips that require missed school. Bring homework assignments or a book. All athletes on the trip will take part in these study halls.

Meals are the responsibility of the athlete during the team trip. We generally try to find condo units with kitchens for trips longer than two days. Sometimes we will shop together and do a team dinner at the condo. Athletes are generally permitted to go out to a restaurant on their own provided they let the coaching staff know where they are going and when they will be back.

It is our policy to leave properties where we stay in a clean condition with no damage. If we are assessed any additional charges for cleaning or damage, these costs will be passed along to all of the athletes on the trip or in the room where the damage or mess occurred. The athletes are responsible to make sure their roommates pitch in to help us return units in excellent shape. Any breakage must be reported to the coach immediately.

Whether staying in a hotel room or in condo units, no boys will be allowed in girls' bedrooms/bathrooms and no girls will be allowed in boys' bedrooms/bathrooms except in the case of team meetings or video sessions where the room setup is such that it takes place in a bedroom. Violations of this policy may result in the athlete being pulled from the next day's event or sent home depending on the severity.

While traveling with the team, athletes may not ride in any vehicle other than the team vehicles or public transportation without the expressed permission of a parent. This includes riding in the car of another athlete on the team who may be at the event.

PAYMENT FOR LODGING

Once you have signed up for lodging and/or van for a trip come to the Competition Center Front Desk to pay for the lodging and van fee. **Do not give your lodging money to the coaches. Payment must be made at the Competition Center Front Desk or over the phone to (970) 726-1590.**

If you cannot make full payment prior to the trip, you must make arrangements with Sylvie Isaacs, Competition Center Manager, at least one week prior to the trip.

TRAVEL CONTACTS

Lodging balances & payments: Competition Center office 726-1590 or 303-316-1590
ccenter@winterparkresort.com

Alpine coaching leads for team travel:

Mike Bowman	726-1597 or 303/668-4813	mbowman@winterparkresort.com
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Travel Policy Signature Page

All families taking part in team travel must sign and return this page to the Competition Center Office as part of your program registration package and/or for acknowledgement of the travel policies.

Parent Signature

Date

Parent Name

Athlete Signature

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Athlete Name

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