

Transportation Policy – Vans

- Travel is a necessary and important part of the club’s activities;
- Responsibility for deciding upon the necessity and method of travel is to the “Head Coach” assigned for that specific meet or activity (training camp);
- When travel is by ground transportation preference shall be by bus, except:
 - when the group traveling is small (e.g. less than 30 people) making the economics of bus transportation prohibitive;
 - when the location of the event makes it necessary to utilize methods of transportation other than bus.
- When vans are utilized:
 - preference for 8 or 12 passenger vans vs. 15 passenger vans where possible;
 - all coaches and / or chaperones who drive 15 passenger vans to transport athletes shall maintain a valid class 4 drivers license irrespective of whether or not it is required by law;
 - all coaches and chaperones who drive vehicles transporting athletes shall provide the club, or authorize the club to obtain on their behalf, a drivers abstract the cost of which shall be paid or reimbursed by the club;
 - coaches and chaperones who operate vans must be familiar with the type of vehicle being driven.
- Annually, or as otherwise required, the club will host an information session for coaches and volunteers who may be required to transport athletes with a qualified safety instructor to review driving guidelines for safe operating procedures for 15 passenger vans as well as other smaller passenger carrying vehicles;
- Irrespective of the method of transportation (air or ground; bus or van) the focus of the club shall be on:
 - Safety;
 - Reliability; and,
 - Cost effectiveness (this does not necessarily denote the cheapest).