

# **Grande Prairie Synquatics**

## **Competition Travel and Accommodation Policy**

### **Introduction:**

During the year, athletes from all levels of Grande Prairie Synquatics will be attending out-of-town competitions. These out-of-town trips could last from 1-7 days, depending on swim level and type of competition.

### **TRAVEL:**

It is mandatory that athletes travel together ( at coaches' discretion for local meets) accompanied by a chaperone, coach or designated adult attending the meet. If travelling by a road vehicle, all designated drivers will:

- Have a valid driver's license for the type of vehicle being driven.
- Be driving a vehicle with permission from the owner of that vehicle for the purpose of transporting athletes to competition.
- Be driving a vehicle that is insured for a minimum of \$2,000,000.00 Third Party Legal Liability. (higher liability is advisable when transporting children)
- Wear a seatbelt and requires all passengers wear seatbelts
- Agree to operate the vehicle safely and in a legal manner.
- Drivers License, registration and insurance with Third Party Liability coverage is on file with the Board prior to departure for the meet.

Coaches are discouraged from driving athletes to competitions and will do so only as a last resort. **No** athlete will be allowed to drive other athletes to a competition.

### **ACCOMMODATIONS:**

It is mandatory that all the athletes stay together, as teams, in accommodations arranged by Grande Prairie Synquatics Club Manager(s). Accommodation will be worked out in the most cost efficient manner possible.

Coaches will have separate accommodation, or will share accommodation with other coaches, within the same hotel. Coaches will share accommodations with athletes only if chaperones and/or designated parents/adults are not available.

Parents are welcome to accompany athletes but are responsible for acquiring their own accommodations. Grande Prairie Synquatics Team Manager(s) may be able to assist parents and families in finding and/or securing accommodations and they will advise parents of this possibility well in advance of meets. However, parents are reminded that it is Grande Prairie Synquatics responsibility to arrange accommodations for athletes' only, not family members.

### ***Benefits provided by athletes staying together as a team:***

- Gives coaches and athletes the time to mature as team members.
- Provides opportunities for both mental and physical conditioning during the competition.
- Ensures the organization of daily routines among athletes, coaches and chaperones is possible.

**Parents/Guardian:**

It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to make sure that:

- The swimmer arrives on time at the proper departure site and is picked up at the end of the swim meet at the appropriate place and time.
- The coach and chaperone is notified and contact numbers provided if the parent/guardian is not picking up the swimmer at the conclusion of the meet.
- The coach and chaperone are notified in advance of a change in the planned schedule of a trip.
- They and their swimmer(s) are familiar with Grande Prairie Synquatics Code of Conduct and the accompanying consequences if they fail to adhere to the Code. The Code of Conduct and consequences are included annually in each swimmers registration package.
- They advise the chaperone of any of the following items with respect to their swimmer(s):
  - Medical condition (e.g. diabetes, epilepsy, asthma)
  - Sleep disorder (e.g. sleepwalking, night terrors)
  - Special dietary requirements.

I have read/understood and agree to all aspects of Grande Prairie Synquatics **“Travel and Accommodation Policy”**. I agree to be financially responsible for any deviation from this policy.

I understand that non-compliance could mean that the athlete is denied the privilege of competing at the meet.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Athlete Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_