

NCAA Championships Team Travel Protocol

Championships team travel participants are required to adhere to the following protocols. Members of the travel party are required to comply with these requirements, including travel to the championship city, when using hotels, commercial and charter air, motor coach companies, and during all aspects of championships participation.

The travel party is limited to NCAA-approved, tested travel party numbers. Please reference attachment in NCAA travel policy [here](#). Only those who are included in the tested travel party numbers will receive credentials and be allowed to book travel through the NCAA.

Car rental, bus, commercial air and charter air will all be used in accordance with the [NCAA Travel Policies](#).

CODE OF CONDUCT

- Individuals within the CTZ should refrain from any activity that will expose them to any contact with individuals outside of the CTZ. Non-compliance or breach of the Code of Conduct (including not wearing a mask/face covering, will be treated as a flagrant misconduct, and will be penalized accordingly).
- Complete Code of Conduct and Fan Code of Conduct information can be found in the Return to Championships Guidelines.

SCREENING/TESTING

- Each Tier 1 traveler must adhere to the sport-specific testing protocol prior to travel.
- Appropriate pre-trip testing must be completed prior to the trip. Appropriate COVID-19 screening must be completed prior to the trip.
- Teams must travel with a team COVID health officer, [description](#).
- If a traveler tests positive for COVID-19 onsite, follow these guidelines. (forthcoming)

FLIGHTS

- While traveling, individuals in the school's travel party shall adhere to the CDC, state and local public health regulations of the championship city where the competition is held and should follow NCAA guidance.
- When boarding, passengers must go directly to their seat and remain seated for the duration of the flight (included but not limited to taxi, takeoff, and landing).
- Seats should not be reclined during flight to maintain the social distancing requirements.
- Bring disinfecting wipes for contact surfaces and hand sanitizer to use before and after any boarding processes.
- Upon arrival, travelers must stay in their seats until the flight crew tells them it is safe to stand up and exit the plane.
- Meals and beverages are not allowed during transportation.
 - If a drink is required, it must be consumed with a straw under a mask.

- Travelers should handle their own luggage and equipment as much as possible.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION (BUS)

- When on the road, individuals in the school's travel party shall adhere to the state, and local public health regulations of the championship city where the competition is held and should follow NCAA guidance.
- Bring disinfecting wipes for contact surfaces and hand sanitizer to use before and after any boarding processes.
- Meals and beverages should not be consumed during transportation (short-lived drinking with straws under a mask is permitted if such drinking is required).
- Seats should not be reclined to maintain the social distancing requirements.
- When possible, utilize assigned, distanced seating practices onboard motor coaches.
- Avoid getting out of your seat throughout the journey.
- Travelers should handle their own luggage and equipment as much as possible.
- When traveling via ground transportation, please ensure proper ventilation and crack a window when possible.
- Bus drivers will not be required to be part of the tested community
 - bus drivers should always be masked.
 - The bus driver should exit the bus prior to travel party members boarding and physically distance away from the bus while travel party members board.
 - After all travel party members are on the bus, the bus driver shall re-board.
 - The first row of seats closest to the bus driver shall remain open.
 - Upon arrival at the destination, the bus driver shall exit and physically distance away from the bus, then travel party members can exit the bus.

MASKING PROTOCOLS AND GENERAL SAFETY INFORMATION

- Teams will agree to facilitate safe, clean, and hygienic travel, reduce interactions, and maintain appropriate distancing between members of the travel party.
- Face Masks – aligning with best practice guidelines from the CDC, travelers are required to wear a face mask. Face masks/coverings must also be worn at all touchpoints: check-in, security, boarding areas, jet bridges, and onboard the aircraft for the duration of the flight. Face masks must also be worn during the duration of a bus trip.
- N95, KN95, or double masking is recommended.

The NCAA will continue to update this travel protocol as circumstances warrant and as the science and events continue to evolve.