



BC Baseball Umpires Association

Overnight Travel Policy

(1.0) Introduction

The BCBUA believes in fostering a safe, welcoming, and inclusive environment for participants. Overnight travel to BCBUA sanctioned events can be a fun, rewarding, and memorable experience for umpires. The purpose of this policy is to ensure the safety of minor umpires during overnight travel.

Definition – a minor umpire is any individual 18 years of age and younger.

(2.0) Application

There are different modes of travel that impact the applicability of sections of this policy.

When minor umpires travel with their parents/guardians to an event, the chaperone and supervision requirements, as described in section 4.0, are generally not applicable if the umpires remain under the direct supervision of their parents/guardians when not in a baseball setting.

Parents/guardians may arrange for their child to travel under the direct supervision of another adult or make travel arrangements for their child as they deem appropriate. This scenario does not necessitate the need for chaperones.

(3.0) Conduct

When participating in travel, all umpires, regardless of whether they are under the direct supervision of chaperones or parents/guardians, are participating in a BCBUA sanctioned activity for the duration of that trip. As such, they are expected to follow all BCBUA policies, including the Code of Conduct, both on and off the field. Individuals who fail to adhere to these policies are subject to consequences under the BCBUA discipline policy.

(4.0) Chaperones & Supervision

When minor umpires do not travel under the direct supervision of a parent/guardian, the BCBUA shall designate chaperones for the trip. The names chaperones and their contact information shall be communicated to the parents/guardians of umpires in advance of the trip.



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When more than one chaperone is assigned to a trip, it is permissible for chaperones to be on and off duty, provided that minor umpires are always under the supervision of a chaperone.

Any individual assigned as a chaperone must complete the BCBUA screening policy.

The chaperones are responsible for supervising minor umpires and ensuring their safety both on and off the field. The chaperones must set clearly communicated expectations for the minor umpires related to conduct, their mobility, curfew, and other applicable items. These expectations will vary depending on the setting and the age of the minor umpires.

Chaperones may not be under the influence of substances while performing their duties.

It is permissible for parents/guardians to take over the direct supervision of their child from time to time during the trip. This must be communicated to the chaperones. Parents/guardians may not take direct responsibility for other minor umpires, without prior permission being given from that minor umpire's parents/guardians.

(5.0) Rooming

The chaperones shall establish a rooming list and will ensure that in cases of coed umpires, that umpires of only one gender occupy each room.

Guests not affiliated with the team, may not enter the rooms of minor umpires.

Adults may not share a room with a minor umpire unless the athlete is the coach's child, grandchild, or sibling.

(6.0) Meetings

Team, small group, and individual meetings between adult and minor umpire should generally be held in common public areas or in designated meeting rooms. When such meetings are held in individual hotel rooms, the door must remain open and a minimum of two adults must be present.