

## Club Tournament Travel Information & Recommendations

### August 2024

#### Hotel Bookings

In 2022, Volleyball Alberta signed a 4-year Housing partnership with EventConnect by RoomRoster for all Volleyball Alberta hotel bookings. The EventConnect Support platform is a convenient online web and mobile application built to help travelling teams select and manage their team hotel at discounted hotel rates.

All teams attending Volleyball Alberta events are encouraged to book their accommodations by submitting their hotel block/booking requests via the booking engine built into our event management system powered by EventConnect.

More information can be found at: [www.volleyballalberta.ca/find\\_a\\_hotel](http://www.volleyballalberta.ca/find_a_hotel)

Volleyball Alberta is not responsible for any accommodation issues due to a change in venue. We will do our best to have the event draws with teams assigned to venues and game times posted approximately 3 weeks prior to the event.

#### Rental Vehicle Discount

Volleyball Alberta has a preferred rate program with Enterprise Rent-a-Car and National Car rental. For more information, please visit [www.volleyballalberta.ca/car\\_rental](http://www.volleyballalberta.ca/car_rental).

#### Travel Outside of Canada

A letter of good standing is required by other national volleyball federations when you participate in their sanctioned events. Example: A club located in Alberta travels to participate in a USA Volleyball sanctioned event. Registered teams and individuals within the same club qualify to receive a letter in good standing, the letter will be valid until August 31. Applications should be completed as soon as possible to process the letter in time for the tournament's deadline (an administration fee may be charged for rush requests), applications will only be accepted for clubs registered prior to May 31 of that season. The application may be found on our [Club General Info page](#). Volleyball Alberta's insurance does not include international competitions or events. Clubs/teams will need to purchase their own additional insurance to ensure their members are covered.

#### Team Travel Guidelines

Parents and/or guardians are not covered under Volleyball Alberta's insurance policy. Coaches or managers are covered by liability insurance but only for acts that occur within the scope of their duties as a coach or manager. Parents, guardians, coaches or managers acting as drivers for athletes are not covered under Volleyball Alberta's insurance for automobile accidents.

For all parties to be properly informed, Volleyball Alberta recommends the following:

- Teams travelling to and from tournaments should consider enlisting the services of a professional transportation company to avoid the possibility of personal liability in the event of an accident.
- Parents and/or guardians who are transporting other athletes to and from tournaments should check with their auto insurance provider to ensure this transportation is covered under their insurance policy.
- Parents and/or guardians who are transporting other athletes across an international border (even the Canada- USA border) are required to have a notarized consent letter from the athletes' parents and/or guardians giving the driver permission to transport the athletes. See the Government of Canada's information page for more details and a sample consent letter:

<http://travel.gc.ca/travelling/children/consent-letter>.

- VA coaches and managers should not offer to take personal responsibility for driving athletes at any time.

- Parents and/or guardians who permit another parent and/or guardian to transport their athlete should equip the athlete with **i)** medical contact information including health card, **ii)** emergency phone contacts, **iii)** appropriate amount of food/money/clothing for the trip, and **iv)** a passport (if required).
- Parents and/or guardians who permit another parent and/or guardian to transport their athlete should obtain from the driver: proof of a clean driving record, the license plate number and make/model of the vehicle, and emergency contact information.
- Parents and/or guardians who are transporting other athletes retain personal responsibility for the safety and conduct of those athletes for the duration of the trip – including responsibility for getting the athletes to all games, team events, or practices – or until the athletes’ parents and/or guardians arrive to take personal responsibility for the athlete.