



The Aquatic Club of York



Chaperone Guidelines

1. The coach coordinating the travel trip selects a head chaperone and additional chaperones for the trip dependant upon the number athletes traveling.
2. Dependant upon the number athletes traveling there should be enough men and women for the various age groups, and the compiled list of chaperones will be subject to the final approval of the head coach.
3. Chaperones will be assigned a group of swimmers, and at all times the chaperones must know what the swimmers are doing and where they are. The curfew must be maintained at all times. While swimmers are among the finest young people anywhere, they are also typical young people, and they can think of many things to do that are unacceptable. Chaperoning means monitoring activities and stepping in when the lines of acceptability are being approached.
4. York YMCA Swimming has a Code of Conduct; all swimmers are aware of the Code and are expected to adhere to it completely while they are traveling to and from meets and during the meets. Chaperones need to emphasize mutual respect and expect the best from their charges. Chaperones must respond rapidly to bad behavior and handle difficult situations in a positive manner. Chaperones must report any code of conduct violations to the Head Coach immediately following the incident.
5. Swimmers should be responsible for their own money. Chaperones may hold the money at meets for the sake of security, but chaperones should not be used as "personal bankers" who keep track of money that is spent.
6. Chaperones (if more than one) are to report to the head chaperone, not the coaches, and must also be responsible for the needs of the coaches that may arise at any time.
7. Chaperones may not smoke around the swimmers.
8. Chaperones (if more than one) will need to attend a meeting called by the head chaperone and coach coordinating the trip.
9. Chaperones will be informed at all times about the meet and travel schedule, and to help inform the swimmers about the meet and travel schedule.
10. Chaperones will work with Head Chaperone to manage meals in an orderly fashion. This can include collecting monies, buying food and dispersing it. Try to help swimmers make good meal choices for a swim meet situation. To the extent possible, meals for Team Travel meets should be arranged ahead of time.
11. Chaperones must maintain a clean hotel area. At checkout, check rooms for anything left behind and for cleanliness.