



Atlanta Fire United Soccer Association

Policy Number: B006

Policy Name: Travel Policy [5/25/20]

The following travel policy is in place for all AFU teams and accompanying parents. All players and parents are expected to abide by the policies set forth when accepting a position upon their respective teams.

- **ALL players** rostered on an AFU team agree to split all finances pertaining to travel.
 - *Exception: players that are suffering from a prolonged injury and are not included on the week-to-week travel roster are not expected to share in the travel costs (please refer to AFU's Payment and Refund Policy)*
- **ALL teams** will travel with parents for regular season games and national events. Players will room with their parents during those events.
 - *Exception: To minimize travel cost AFU staff can assist on arranging travel with bus and/or passenger vans. This will be handled on a per team basis. Requests for the team to travel with bus/vans has to be sent to the EDOC 6 weeks in advance of the event. In such cases, players will stay in player rooms assigned by the coach. Parents that attend these games/events will stay in their own rooms separate at their own expense.*
- **ALL team members** are required to stay at the team/club hotel for all away trips and are required to arrive at the time of the Coach's request. If unable to arrive by the requested time, documentation must be provided as to why the player is unable to accommodate the request. Example: Test/Final for school...
- *Parents can earn reward points at hotels but cannot use reward points to pay for the stay since the team/club rate is negotiated at the lowest price possible.*
- **FOR ECNL TRAVEL:** Due to the hotel lottery and advance booking requirements associated with ECNL Showcases / National Events, parents will need to decide early if they will need a room. Once numbers have been submitted, it is expected that parents fulfill their commitment to the room they requested. Hotels have attrition costs associated with booking blocks of rooms for teams/clubs. AFU expects parents to honor their commitments, to avoid paying attrition costs when not meeting the contracted number of rooms with the hotel involved.

When possible, the Club's Team Managers and Travel Coordinators will consider price, location, breakfast options, room-types, and surrounding areas when selecting hotels for games and showcases.