EDMONTON SOUTHWEST UNITED

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TRAVELLING ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT

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Introduction

As a member of Edmonton Southwest United SC (SWU), you represent your team, club, city, province, and country when traveling for competitions. Your behaviour reflects not only on yourself but on the entire SWU community.

Guiding Principle | You never get a second chance to make a first impression. Conduct yourself with integrity, respect, and responsibility at all times.

General Expectations

All traveling athletes are expected to:

- Follow all SWU policies, procedures, rules, and regulations.
- Demonstrate honesty, integrity, fair play, and respect for teammates, opponents, officials, and the public.
- Maintain a high standard of behaviour that promotes a positive and safe environment for all.

Behaviour Standards

The following behaviours are strictly prohibited:

- Use of abusive, offensive, or inappropriate language.
- Possession or consumption of alcohol, cannabis, illegal substances, or performance-enhancing drugs.
- Theft, vandalism, or damage to personal or public property (any damages caused will require restitution).
- Being in hotel rooms of the opposite gender unless approved by Team Staff in an open, supervised setting.
- Private or unsupervised meetings with individuals outside your team in non-public spaces.

Hotel, Lodging, and Facilities

- Hotel spaces must be respected as shared environments. No disruptive behaviour in hallways, lobbies, or common areas.
- Keep rooms clean and tidy; any damages or extra charges (e.g., movies, room service, calls) are your responsibility.
- Curfew times will be set by Team Staff. After curfew, athletes must remain in their assigned rooms.
- Coaches and chaperones deserve rest and privacy—respect quiet hours and curfew expectations.

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Travel, Communication, and Team Participation

- Participation in all scheduled team activities (games, meetings, meals, etc.) is mandatory unless excused by Team Staff.
- Travel with teammates in groups (minimum of three) when away from the hotel; inform Team Staff of your location at all times.
- Personal communication with individuals outside the team must occur in public, visible spaces.
- Use of electronic devices must follow travel regulations (e.g., airline policies) and be respectful to others. Headphones must be used for personal devices.
- Unauthorized departures from the trip, hotel, or scheduled activities are prohibited without approval from Team Staff or a designated chaperone.

Safety, Accountability, and Inspections

- For safety reasons, Team Staff or designated chaperones may inspect personal belongings if necessary.
- SWU, Team Staff, and chaperones are not responsible for loss, theft, or damage to personal property. Secure your valuables and be mindful of your belongings.

Consequences of Misconduct

- Violations of this Code of Conduct may result in:
- Loss of playing time.
- Suspension from games or activities.
- Immediate removal from the trip at your family's expense.
- Requirement to notify parents/guardians of any infractions.
- Further disciplinary action upon return, including potential suspension from future SWU activities.

Athlete Commitment

By signing below, I confirm that:

- I understand and agree to follow the SWU Travelling Athlete Code of Conduct.
- I recognize that my actions affect not only me but my teammates, coaches, and the reputation of SWU.
- I accept that failure to follow these standards may result in disciplinary action, including removal from the event or team.

Athlete Name (Printed): _____

Athlete Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____