

TOURNAMENTS AND TRAVEL POLICY

TOURNAMENT TEAMS

Athletes are encouraged to sign up for tournaments, however signing up is not a guarantee of tournament selection. Athletes that are selected to participate in the tournament are at the sole discretion of the Coaches.

Athletes selected are not guaranteed or entitled to any specific playing time. Playing time is at the sole discretion of the Coaches.

The Coaches have the freedom to balance between the goals of the individual and team skills to give the athletes and team a successful competitive experience. In order to achieve this balance, the following guidelines in its entirety, part of, but not limited to, will be utilized by the coaching staff to evaluate players for tournaments and playing time.

- The player's ability and skill level
- The player's attitude, focus and sportsmanship
- The player's effort and responsiveness to coaching instruction
- The player's attendance
- The number of players on the team available to play
- The level of play for a competitive tournament

Evaluation of athletes is ongoing and continuous. THWPC reserves the right to cancel participation in a tournament (for individual players or an entire team) based on but no limited to participation in practice, attendance, attitude, etc.

Registration deadlines are determined and set based on the needs to coordinate and finalize team travel but not to exceed the Host Team tournament deadlines. In exceptional circumstances, the Coaches may use discretion in extending deadlines to athletes with the goal being to try and field the most competitive team as possible.

At any time, the Coaches may invite athletes from other clubs.

The Coaches will work closely with the Travel Coordinator to ensure all athletes invited have transportation to/from the tournament in addition to hotel accommodations.

Roster size may be limited to the number of drivers and/or hotel accommodations so not to increase athlete's tournament fees.

Once the Coaches have determined the roster, athletes will be contacted by email or telephone with tournament information and travel arrangements.

When a THWPC representative coordinates transportation to a tournament, athletes are expected to travel with the team, unless prior arrangements have been made with all of the Coaches. If Coaches approve then the Coaches will communicate those arrangements to the Travel Coordinator and Team Parent/Chaperones.

Once selected the athlete must remain fully committed to the team to ensure participation in the event. If an athlete withdraws from the team after travel arrangements and/or tournament entry fees have been paid and

the Coach does not have a suitable replacement, the athlete may be responsible for some or all of the tournament costs as determined by the club Treasurer.

Athletes on a travel team and their parents or guardians will be asked to sign the Travel Team Behavior Policy.

TOURNAMENT FEES

The team members attending each tournament share tournament fees. These fees include but are not limited to; the tournament entry fee, coaching costs (time, per diem, travel), accommodations, transportation and insurance (tournaments outside of the US). **Airfare, meals (unless noted) and money for miscellaneous spending are not included.**

Cost will vary depending on the number of athletes attending. The Travel Coordinator and Treasurer will estimate the cost associated with each individual tournament based on the projected number of athletes attending as determined by the Coaches and will post the information on the website. Although, our goal is not to exceed the estimate posted, in cases when we have fewer athletes commit and/or cost exceeds the original estimate, you will be notified at least 2 weeks prior to the tournament and prior to your credit card on file being charged. In the event of a cancelation every effort will be made to minimize costs to members.

Although not required, athletes may be encouraged to help with gas money for their designated driver. Drivers are volunteers and incur travel cost that is not reimbursed by the Club.

HOSTED TOURNAMENTS

THWPC host several tournaments each year. Parent volunteers staff these tournaments. Parents will be contracted about working the tournaments. Please support your athlete by volunteering.

LOCAL TOURNAMENTS AND SCRIMMAGES (WITHIN 100 MILES RADIUS)

Parents are responsible for travel to local tournaments

OUT-OF-AREA TOURNAMENTS

The Travel Coordinator makes all team arrangements for out-of-area tournaments requiring overnight accommodations and/or van rentals. The Team Parent or designated representative will distribute the information to the athletes.

Parents who wish to travel with the team may be asked to contact the Travel Coordinator directly to take advantage of group rates. This is usually available with advance notice, but not guaranteed. The Travel Coordinator is not responsible for last minute accommodations or changes in reservations.

Parents are responsible for transportation to and from the designated meeting place for group travel to a tournament.

Parent volunteers chaperone the travel teams.