



NRL NT Team Travel Policy

1. **Purpose:** This policy outlines the responsibilities of team officials and expectations for touring members when travelling and accommodating as an NRL NT team.
2. **Travel Management by NRL NT:** NRL NT or its travel management company will seek travel and accommodation arrangements that are most suited to the team needs and athlete performance in terms of location, comfort, facilities, services, and cost.
3. **Risk Management:**
 - 3.1 NRL NT appointed officials, contractors, parents, volunteers and other NRL NT staff who are travelling with members who have not yet attained the age of 18 yrs, must hold a current Ochre Card (Working with Children Clearance) registration and submit, or have previously done so, scanned copies of their Ochre Card prior to engaging in any role with any NRL NT Program. In addition, all appointed staff must be registered for their role in NRL NT General Club in My Sideline.
 - 3.2 All appointed officials, contractors, parents, volunteers and other NRL NT staff who are travelling with a junior team will have completed the Child Safety – Patrons of the Game on-line course.
[NRL Learning Centre - 2025 Child Safety - Patrons of the Game](#)
 - 3.3 NRL NT appointed Head Coaches, Assistant Coaches and Managers are required to take reasonable steps in all circumstances to protect team members or an athlete in their care from reasonably foreseeable risks of harm.
 - 3.4 NRL NT appointed officials must comply with all requirements of NRL Member Protection Policy, NRL & NRL NT Policies, and Code of Conduct at all times.
 - 3.5 Children under 18 years of age cannot be appointed as a team official or chaperone.
 - 3.6 NRL NT appointed Officials must be familiar with child safety practices for children and young people, especially procedures around reporting and responding appropriately to suspected child abuse, which is outlined in the NRL Member Protection Policy and NRL NT Child Safety Policies.
[nrl-member-protection-policy-revised-27072015.pdf](#)
[Child Safety Policies | PDF to Flipbook](#)
 - 3.7 When there are teams travelling to core events there must be, at a minimum, one female team official appointed to each female team or one male official to each male team.
4. **Travel**

A Travel Schedule and itinerary with all requirements will be provided via email and in person the week prior to touring. For all core events all players and officials must travel as a team unless written permission has been approved by NRL NT for alternate travel arrangements.



5. Behaviour

- 5.1 All team members must adhere to the NRL Code of Conduct, all NRL NT Policies and Player/Coach/Volunteer/Referee Agreements at all times whilst representing NRL NT, travelling, in accommodation, socialising, participating or supporting the event.
- 5.2 Team members will display proper respect and sportsmanship toward coaches, officials, administrators, teammates, fellow competitors, and the public at all times.
- 5.3 Any misconduct or inappropriate behaviour by a team member may result in the member being withdrawn from the team and any additional travel costs incurred covered by the member. Code of Conduct penalties will also apply for any misconduct.

6. Accommodation

- 6.1 No Team Official will share a room with an athlete unless a parent, sibling.
- 6.2 No Team Official will enter an athlete's room on their own unless it is an emergency. Meetings with athletes should be held in common areas where applicable, not bedrooms. The Team Official should remain at the door when speaking to an athlete in their room.
- 6.3 Medical Personnel including physiotherapists should not provide treatment to an unaccompanied athlete or in athlete's room. Where practicable a designated treatment room will be identified and where the nature of the treatment permits, an 'open' door policy applied.
- 6.4 As far as practicable, Team Officials should ensure they are not left alone with a minor (under 18 years of age) unless it is an emergency, in a public space or unavoidable.
- 6.5 Male and female athletes must share rooms with an athlete(s) of the same gender and similar age where there is more than one person per room.
- 6.6 The Team Manager or Referee Official must ensure that junior athletes/referee's do not have access to alcohol in the rooms (for instance mini bars) and/or access to inappropriate movies or other media.
- 6.7 Parents and supporters are asked not to arrange accommodation in the same hotel/apartments as the team unless prior consent is given by NRL NT. The support of parents is vital to the athlete/referee and their mental wellbeing, and every effort will be made to ensure that social/family time is allocated where appropriate/possible to do so around team commitments.
- However, NRL NT requests that all parents and supporters refrain from contacting the athletes/referee at times other than those approved by the Team Official unless it is an emergency.
- 6.8 Visitors are not permitted to enter an athlete's room at any time. Visitors may meet athletes in the hotel foyer only. Athletes can only visit friends or family away from designated accommodation with permission of the Team Manager.

Reference: [Sport Integrity Australia | Events Involving Overnight Stays](#)