

Taos Sports Associates  
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# **TAOS WINTERSPORTS TEAM**

## **Travel Policy Adopted**

**2023-24 season**

**Travel to Events**

## Transportation and Rides

TWST has a suburban that seats 6-8 people, in which coaches can transport athletes in providing all coaches and athletes meet the current TWST requirements for COVID and other applicable protocols. The same rule applies if coaches must use personal vehicles or rental vehicles for transporting athletes.

The following charges will apply for those who travel in any TWST vehicle

Within NM- \$10

Within Colorado \$50

Within Utah and Arizona \$100

Beyond \$150+

## Additional Program Fees

If your athletes are part time (Saturday or Sunday Only) your program fee paid for one day per weekend. If a competition falls outside of that day, there is an additional Program fee due. The day rate, based on the one-day Part Time athlete is \$100 per day.

## Meals and Food

Although it requires a bit more work and preparation, it is significantly less expensive to buy food for the event beforehand and prepare meals in the hotel room or condominium. Whenever possible, we should attempt to find accommodation with kitchens. It is the parents' responsibility to organize meals in advance. Parents of athletes with specific dietary requirements are responsible for ensuring that those needs are met. If it is not possible to make all the meals in the hotel or condominium, a basic cash price for food will be included in the overall cost. Athletes & parents should figure on no less than \$30/day for food when cooking and no less than **\$50/day when subjected to restaurants.**

## Coaches Expenses

Athletes traveling to an event will be expected to cover the cost of getting the coaches to that event. There are many expenses to be dealt with when traveling to a race. The head Coach will work with the parents to calculate the cost for each athlete to cover food, lodging, coaches' expenses, and gas.

A family may choose to stay on their own, but in this case, they will still be responsible for their portion of the coaches' expenses.

If a group of athletes are travelling to an overnight race in Colorado, New Mexico, or Arizona the following graduated scale is suggested for the event assuming overall costs. Peak season or other out-of-state travel costs will be divided equally among all athletes based on receipts.

5 or more athletes \$75 per athlete per day,  
3-4 athletes \$100 per athlete, per day  
2 athletes/2 families %50 of costs per family  
1 athlete/1 family 100% of costs.

*\*\*\*All fees are required to be paid prior to the day travel takes place. Payments are made to the program head coach. Failure to pay travel fees may cause the athlete to be removed from traveling to the competition.*

If a coach is going to an event with just one athlete, the family is responsible for 100% of the coaches' expenses and a Parent is still required unless written permission is given by parent of the traveling athlete and it is approved by the ED and the TWST Board of Directors. If staff travel outside of the above-mentioned states, the athletes are responsible for 100% of the coaches' expenses. The overall event cost will be split evenly between the athletes traveling to the race. For example, if five racers travel to an event, one Parent and one coach, the cost of lodging and food for those seven people will be split five ways. For 1-day events, a charge of \$75 will be applied to cover the coaches' expenses.

## **Medical**

Coaches will be provided medical release forms for all TWST athletes at the event. The coach will have a copy of all forms on their phone and available to the "medical parent" on the day of the event or the night before. If an athlete is injured, it is the medical parent's responsibility to be on the hill and available to take the injured athlete to the clinic or back to the condominium. It is the coach's primary responsibility to stay on the hill with the other racers. Medical Parent assignments will be the traveling coach's responsibility, and arranged before travel takes place.

## **Parent Responsibilities at Events**

Coaches at races or comps need to be able to focus on coaching and coaches' meetings and other coaching responsibilities and are not responsible for supervising athletes while not engaged in coaching. That responsibility rests with the parents of the athletes attending races or comps.

While coaches are engaged with athletes at a venue the responsibility for the athlete's falls on the coaches who are present. At any other time, it is the parents' responsibility to ensure that athletes are managed to the requirements of the event they are attending. If coaches want athletes to adhere to a specific schedule of time asleep or other event centered behavior, that will be communicated to the parents and those arrangements will be made between coaches and parents. Please adhere to the Coaches recommendations.

Parents are expected to make provisions for managing their athletes and depending on the age. It may be necessary to have more than one parent traveling with the team. At a minimum we require one parent per condominium or two hotel

rooms. U-14's and U16's should have a (1) parent for every six athletes and U-18's should have one (1) parent per event. U-8 through U12 should be a higher ratio.

When allowing the athletes time off, keep in mind some of the athlete's responsibilities at an event (ie, homework, ski prep). The standard 9:30 pm curfew and 10:00 lights out policy should be enforced. If athletes act responsibly and get their work done, some freedom is warranted and appropriate. To be eligible for competition athletes must maintain their grades and properly care for and prepare their equipment for competition. Failure to act responsibly can result in loss of traveling privileges.

It is the responsibility of the parents of athletes going to events to be sure that there are enough parents and cars to provide transportation and for adequate supervision for all the traveling athletes and coaches.

Thank you for your continued support and spirit.  
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Taos Winter Sports Team