

	<b>POLICY NAME:</b> <b>Travel Coach Selection Policy</b>	<b>DATE APPROVED:</b> <b>July 21 2024</b>	<b>ACTIVATED DATE:</b> <b>July 22 2024</b>
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## 1.0 General

The selection of coaches for travel competitions at North Peace Gymnastics Association (NPGA) is guided by the principle of ensuring the safety, supervision, and coaching expertise necessary for competitive success and athlete development. Coaches selected for travel must meet specific certification requirements aligned with the athletes they accompany. NPGA strives to maintain an appropriate coach-to-athlete ratio while away at all meets and competitions. Feedback from coaches, athletes, parents and host clubs will be considered to continuously improve the process. NPGA strives to be fair and equitable in coach selection.

## 2.0 Certification Requirements:

2.1 Coaches assigned to travel competitions must hold the necessary certifications that match or exceed those required for the athletes traveling

2.1.2 These certifications must be current and valid for the duration of the competition

2.2 Exceptions to the certification requirement may be considered based on alternate arrangements approved by NPGA's administration. These can include but are not limited to; having a coach from another club coach athletes, a valid exemption has been granted by Gymnastics BC

## 3.0 Coach to Athlete Ratio:

3.1 Our ratio for travel competitions is 1 coach per 8 athletes per competitive level/session

3.2 Additional coaches will be assigned under the following circumstances:

3.2.1 When there are more than 8 athletes per level/session

3.2.2 At the discretion of NPGA's administration based on factors such as the complexity of the competition, safety considerations, and the developmental needs of the athletes

3.2.3 The final decision on the number of coaches assigned will be made by management after reviewing all relevant factors

## 4.0 Documentation and Compliance:

4.1 Coaches selected for travel competitions must ensure all necessary documentation, including updated certifications, government picture ID, passport (if required)

4.2 Travel coaches are responsible to gather and carry at all times athlete specific requirements (such as emergency contacts and athlete information)