Team Travel Policy 2018-2019 – Athlete:

EMSC offers the opportunity for team travel for races for U16 Ability Athletes through PG Elite Athletes. At the Ability level, it is our practice for all athletes attending races to participate in team travel. Team travel offers focused time with the coaches, significantly reduced travel costs for the athletes and their families and decreases the burden of parents taking time off. The success of this program requires commitment on the part of the athlete and their parents to observe the following rules and procedures.

Procedures for Team Travel:

Athletes are expected to observe the following procedures for all team travel:

- All lodging reservations must be made by e-mail on or before the stated LODGING CONFIRMATION DEADLINE through the EMSC office
- Race day fees, lodging expenses, and entries fees must be paid to the EMSC office on or before the FEE DEADLINE
- If food will be bought and prepared as a team, the athlete is responsible for paying their portion of the food expenses within one week following receipt of the food bill for the event.
- If there is a need to cancel or reduce an athlete's participation after the LODGING CONFIRMATION DEADLINE, the lodging expenses still must be paid in full. Parent Initials:_____
- Prior to the event, the coaching staff will send an e-mail outlining travel times and requirements
- All deadlines apply for expenses, fees, and race entries and are hard dates that cannot be extended for any athlete

Confirming Attendance and Responsibility for Travel Expenses:

Team travel can only be successful if all families accept their responsibility for confirming participation in time to make appropriate travel/lodging arrangements and are responsible for their portion of the travel expenses. EMSC budgets for races based on the number of responding athletes. This includes the van fee, the race day fee, lodging costs, and meals budget. We work hard to find the most cost effective lodging with a closest-as-possible match between number of participants and available beds.

Some of the events are particularly expensive and attended by a limited number of athletes. Without each of the families who confirm lodging paying their share of the cost, it is nearly prohibitive for the remaining families. Ski season lodging reservations are non-refundable and have to be prepaid. Once an athlete has confirmed participation in an event and reservations have been made, it is not possible for the club to change lodging arrangements or get a refund for lodging. If athletes choose not to participate after confirming that they would, they must still be responsible for their portion of the lodging costs so as not to pass their burden onto the remaining families. This applies to all lodging expenses for the entire duration of the event, even if an athlete chooses to attend only a portion of that event.

If an athlete has outstanding travel expenses for a current or previous race, they will not be permitted to participate in team travel until those expenses have paid.

Behavior during Team Travel:

Athletes participating in team travel are traveling as representatives of EMSC. Athletes are expected to abide by all team policies and rules related to conduct including prohibition of alcohol and drug use.

Violations of these will be subject to discipline approved by the EMSC Executive Director and parental guardian. Depending on the nature of the violation, the athlete may also lose the ability to compete at that event with no refund provided. (Please see the Conduct Policy and Alcohol and Drug Use/Abuse Policy for additional information.)

Team Travel Limited to EMSC Athletes:

Participation in team travel is limited to EMSC athletes only. A parent chaperone(s) may be asked to attend to support the coach and ensure that athletes are adequately supervised. Beyond the athletes, coaches and the chaperone(s) designated by the EMSC Executive Director, no other individuals are permitted to participate in any aspect of the lodging or meals provided by team travel, unless expressly approved in advance by the coach in charge or the EMSC Executive Director. This is essential to ensure a safe and productive environment for the athletes.

Acceptance of this Policy

Failure of any aspect of this agreement may limit future chances for team travel participation. In order to ensure compliance with this policy, athletes and their parents/guardian must indicate that they have read and agree to the rules and procedures outlined above in order to participate in team travel. By signing below, you agree to abide by this policy.

_____ _____

Athlete Date

_____ _____

Parent/Guardian Date

_____ _____

Parent Date