

Stourbridge Volleyball

TRANSPORT POLICY

Individuals and parents/carers are responsible for their own transport arrangements for training, matches and away games/tournaments. Adult players and supporters, should also make their own arrangements.

It is not the responsibility of coaches, managers, volunteers or other adults and no travel expenses are chargeable or payable by the Club for away games or transportation.

We recognise, however, that on occasions car sharing takes place for away fixtures, competitions and events. **Our advice is as follows:**

1. We encourage parents and carers to work with one another to make shared arrangements for their own children.
2. It is the expectation that over the course of the season ALL parents (with transport) will help transport players and participate in the transport rota.
3. All those offering lifts to have the relevant Insurance and MOT test for their vehicle with documentation readily to hand.
4. It is the expectation of the club that parents should offer "petrol money" to drivers transporting their child to fixtures.
5. Parents/carers should check start and expected finishing times and
6. Put contingency plans in place if they are unable to collect their child on time
7. We do not want any child/children to be left waiting alone.
8. A late collection protocol must be agreed with the driver/coach/manager before the event if required.
9. If the parent cannot be contacted and there is no adult club representative, the young person should have contact numbers of other trusted family/friends.

An adult connected to the Club should not:

1. transport a young person alone on a journey without the prior consent of the parent/carer. (Even with consent, this should only happen in very exceptional circumstances)
2. leave a young person to find their own way home
3. Ask a young person to wait with them - unless accompanied by other people.

The club recognises that not all parents are available at all times to transport their children to training and fixtures. Set out below are our realistic "common sense" expectations. Designed to protect children and adults alike.

Should the need arise to share transport our advice is as follows:

1. Parents and carers to work with one another to make shared arrangements for their own children and participate fully in an unwritten rota.
2. To make themselves aware of key timings.
3. Inform the team Manager/Coach of the arrangement made in full and include any emergency