POLICY

The Fraser District Secondary Schools Sport Management Committee (FDSSSMC) requires all Fraser District representatives to travel by the arranged district team transport. Travelling by such provided transport is COMPULSORY, unless granted exemption by the FDSSSMC (see below). Failure to adhere to these procedures would dictate that the student is unable to participate in the relevant Wide Bay selection trial.

The FDSSSMC considers that the following advantages of team travel are important to a team’s preparation and performance:

1. Team bonding and familiarisation.
2. Awareness of Team status and members present.
3. Students clearly identified as members of Fraser District.
4. Opportunities are provided for tactical and managerial team talks.
5. Opportunities are provided for dissemination of information and distribution of team uniforms.
6. The standard team travel costs are calculated on full team participation reducing the average cost to the individual team member.

ELIGIBILITY FOR TEAM TRAVEL EXEMPTION

The FDSSSMC may grant exemption from team travel (upon application from an individual) for the following reasons:

1. Genuine medical grounds supported by Medical Certificate (eg. bus sickness).
2. Relative proximity to travel pick-up point in relation to regional venue.
3. Relative importance placed on compulsory team travel by team officials and the FDSSSMC (i.e. no significant advantages are perceived by team officials and FDSSSMC).

IMPLICATIONS OF INDEPENDENT TRAVEL

The following implications of independent travel must be made clear to any parent/guardian applying for exemption from the team travel policy:

1. Team officials have no responsibility for the student during periods of independent travel, including travel to and from the competition venue, or whilst in private accommodation.
2. In situations where the FDSSSMC charts a bus, all team members contribute equally to the travel costs and a levy reduction cannot be granted.
APPLICATION PROCESS/APPROVAL

1. Parent/Guardian to make written request to their child's school seeking permission to transport students privately.
2. Sports coordinator to provide application form. Sports Coordinator to approve or not approve application.
3. Sports coordinator to contact district secretary to verify approval.
4. Secretary forwards to President seeking approval.
5. FDSSSMC Secretary processes and returns the Application Form to the applicant's school and files a copy of the form.
6. The school's Sports Co-ordinator notifies the parent of approval/non-approval.
7. Applications to be lodged with FDSSSMC Secretary at least 2 school days before event date.

(see over for application form)
APPLICATION – TEAM TRAVEL EXEMPTION

If a parent/guardian wishes for their child to travel independently of the arranged and supervised FRASER DISTRICT team travel, the following procedures must be followed without delay:
1. Contact the child’s school (Sports Coordinator) and discuss your proposed independent travel. The reasons you give must be in accordance with our District’s team travel policy (see over) and the arrangements you propose for meeting/leaving the team must be acceptable to the manager, coach and FDSSSMC.
2. Complete the application form below showing all details of your independent travel.
3. Send the completed form to the School Sports Coordinator.
4. The School Sports Coordinator will seek approval from the FDSSSMC Secretary and will advise the applicant of approval/non-approval.
5. Advise the School Sports Coordinator/FDSSSMC Secretary immediately if any changes occur.
6. Lodge application at least 2 school days before event date.

NB. Late application may result in approval not being granted.

I wish to make application for exemption from the Fraser District Secondary School Sports Team Travel Policy for my son/daughter. Details are as follows:

Student’ Name: ..................................................
District Team: ...................................................
Reason for Team Travel Exemption
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DETAILS OF PROPOSED INDEPENDENT TRAVEL ARE AS FOLLOWS:
Forward Travel: by car, bus, train, plane, other (please circle)
Name of travel provider (person, company, airline etc.):
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Flight/service number (if applicable): ...........................................
departing from..................................................
at ............ am/pm on .............................................. (day/date).
Name, address and telephone number of person responsible for my son/daughter during forward travel:
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My son/daughter will join the rest of the team at (venue, date and time):

Private Accommodation Details:
Name: ................................................ Telephone No: ........................................
Address: ......................................................................................................................

Travel to and from Playing Venue:
Name of Person Responsible: ................................ Telephone: .....................................

Return Travel: by car, bus, train, plane, other (please circle)
Name of travel provider (person, company, airline etc.): ..................................................
Flight/service number (if applicable): .......................................................... departing
from................................ at ............... am/pm on ...........................................(day/date).
Name, address and telephone number of person responsible for my son/daughter during
return travel: .................................................................................................................
I acknowledge that the team officials have no responsibility for my son/daughter during periods
of independent travel, including travel to and from competition venues as detailed above.

Parent/Guardian’s Name: ................................................. Signature: ..........................
Date: ........../....../......
Phone Contact Numbers: ......................................(Home) ........................................
(Work) ..........................................................

OFFICE ACTION: APPROVED [ ] NOT APPROVED [ ] Reasons/Comments:
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Authorised by (name/title): ................................................ Signature: ..........................
Date: ........../....../......
School Informed: ......../....../......