# OUT-OF-TERRITORY TRAVEL

PROCESS OVERVIEW, RESOURCES, AND EXPECTATIONS

## "ON YOUR OWN" TRAVEL

Attending families handle all travel logistics independently, including flights, accommodation, meals, and supervision outside of swim sessions.

Parents/guardians are responsible for their swimmer at all times except when athletes are on deck.

For more information about fundraising, email:
fundraising@whitehorseglacierbears.ca

For more information related to meet fees, email:
board@whitehorseglacierbears.ca

## COMPETITION EXPECTATIONS

General Tips:

- Swim meets can be long days; bring snacks, water, and comfortable seating (for parents).
- Athletes sit together as a team; parents may organize their own seating in the spectator area.
- Coaches will communicate arrival times and warm-up schedules.

Before & During the Meet:

- Review the meet package, whivh includes key info (session times, location, scratch deadlines).
- Scratches (withdrawals) must be communicated early to coaches.
  - Some meets apply penalties for missed swims or late scratches.
- Meets often have Prelims & Finals:
  - Athletes must return for Finals to cheer teammates or race again if they qualify.
  - Coaches will confirm if your athlete has advanced.

## MEET FEES

A meet fee is a charge collected by the club to help cover the costs associated with attending a swim competition. This may include entry fees, athlete surcharges, and, when applicable, team travel expenses.

Meet fees are set by the Board and must be paid at the time of registration.

The WGB Fundraising Committee is responsible for coordinating open fundraising initiatives that help offset costs associated with club events and swim meets. Depending on the timing of available funds, proceeds may be allocated prior to registration to reduce participant fees or after the event as a credit to members.

**Helpful Tools:**

- **Meet Mobile App:** Displays real-time results and heat sheets (recommended to download before traveling).
- **Short Course Meets:** Some events may run in a long course pool (races on both ends). Coaches will help athletes understand where to start and finish their races.
- **Coaches Coach, Parents Parent:** Let the coaches guide your athlete's development. Your support from the stands makes all the difference. **Be present, encouraging, and enjoy the journey!**

**Essential Swim Gear (keep in carry-on!):**

- Racing suit (or WGB training suit if no race suit yet)
- WGB team cap
- Goggles (bring a spare!)
- Water bottle
- Warm clothes for sitting on deck
- Music and entertainment for long wait times

# AIR NORTH SPORT FARE

The Sports Fare program is a special program for eligible groups, like those participating in sports, that offers exclusive perks such as complimentary changes, cancellations, excess baggage, and seat selection up to 7 days before departure. The fare can only be booked through an approved Sport Yukon application, submitted by a delegated representative of WGB.

**How the Sports Fare Works at WGB:**

- Families register for the meet through Pool Queue.
- Before the meet registration deadline, families must provide the full legal names of everyone traveling.
- After registration closes, WGB submits one Sports Fare application to Air North.
- Once approved, Air North sends WGB instructions, which are forwarded to registered families.
- Families call Air North directly to book and pay for their flights.
- Important Notes:
  - Fares are subject to seat availability and is not guaranteed.
  - No date changes or custom travel requests; travel dates are set by WGB based on the meet schedule.
  - No late additions; once the list is submitted, names cannot be added.

# YUKON LOTTERIES TRAVEL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Yukon Lotteries Travel Assistance Program (TAP) provides funding to help Yukon residents travel for adjudicated arts events and amateur sport competitions. Individuals must be members of a Yukon sport governing body to be eligible, and applicants must submit a pre-trip application and a post-trip report with receipts and proof of participation.

**Key Details & How it works at WGB:**

- Traveling families are eligible to receive an alloted amount, as defined by Lotteries Yukon, per trip outside Yukon or within Yukon
  - Eligible for up to 3 trips/year per swimmer
    - (1 outside + 2 in Yukon/nearby)
- WGB Applies on behalf of all traveling members.
- TAP funds are allocated to Swim Yukon
- Once funding by Lotteries Yukon has been received, WGB will distribute funds to families via telpay, e-transfer, or cheques by mail
  - Please ensure your contact and mailing address information is correct in WGB's website to avoid delays

# QUESTIONS?

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