



Manitoba Paddling Association Travel Policy

PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT

The Manitoba Paddling Association (MPA) recognizes the importance of risk management in promoting safe participation when travelling to all MPA organized regattas and training camps. It also is recognized that the responsibility for the care and safety of athletes is shared by the home, club and community.

RATIONALE

As part of MPA membership, athletes may participate in out of city/province/country regattas and training camps to fulfill training and racing goals. Although there are inherent risks to all physical activities, MPA believes these risks can be significantly reduced when athletes receive appropriate instruction and/or supervision and participate in an environment where rules and routines governing safety are taught and enforced. It is primarily the provincial coaches and the MPA Board who manage risks and safety for athletes during practice, competition, and at out-of-town events.

TRANSPORTATION

When travelling to a regatta or training camp, a variety of modes of transportation may be considered, including:

- MPA vans
- Walking
- Public transit
- Private vehicles
- Bicycles
- Commercial bus, air, train, or other transportation services
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Athletes have the opportunity to take advantage of the transportation plan detailed by MPA or to arrange their own transportation with the coaches' approval.

Role of MPA

When MPA organizes transportation, the following procedures must be followed:

- Parents/guardians must be informed of the mode of transportation used for the event and who is driving
- MPA must ensure that the vehicle being used is properly insured and that there are adequate seatbelts for the passengers. A copy of the insurance policy shall remain with MPA.
- MPA must ensure that the driver meets the licensing requirements of the vehicle to be used. A copy of the license shall remain with MPA.
- Any driver of the MPA van and/or transporting athletes on behalf of MPA must complete the Volunteer Driver Form
- There must be a minimum of two drivers per vehicle for any overnight road trips. For trips requiring two nights on the road, additional safety precautions such as extra drivers, driver buddies, and/or a scheduled stop should be considered.
- Drivers will avoid driving in poor weather or dangerous road conditions. Participants should be prepared for early or delayed departures to accommodate for this.



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Role of Athletes

Athletes accept any risk associated with road travel. Athletes are responsible to adhere to the MPA Code of Conduct during travel to/from events. Fines related to the unsafe behaviour of athletes during travel are the full responsibility of the athletes.

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Volunteer Driver Form
For the Transportation of Athletes on
Approved MPA Events
(To be updated annually)

Date: _____

I, _____ of _____
Name address

Hereby agree to meet the following conditions before transporting athletes on an MPA sponsored events:

- I will be in possession of a valid driver's license for the class of vehicle I will use;
- If using a personal vehicle, the vehicle which I will use will be mechanically fit and there will be seatbelts in working condition for all passengers;
- I will comply with any applicable provincial/state traffic laws;
- I will provide MPA with prompt notice, with particulars, of any accident arising during a MPA trip;
- I will update whenever there are changes to the information provided below.

Driver's license #: _____ Class: _____

Signature: _____

Completion of this form ensures the above named driver is covered under the MPA general liability insurance. This coverage is valid only during the transporting of athletes for the year approved for MPA related events.