

Dear Junior Nationals Hopefuls & Families,

We've had a few questions come in about travel, and I wanted to share some details to help reassure families, especially around how minors will be supported and supervised along the way.

Minor Travel & Supervision Plan

Because this is a volunteer-run trip, careful coordination is essential. We are deeply grateful to the many coaches who donate their time and energy to make this experience possible. No one in PNW is paid to run this trip; we are able to keep costs lower for families because clubs volunteer their time and leadership. THANK YOU to everyone who makes that possible.

Here's how travel will work:

- Each minor's first point of contact is their **club coach**.
- Club coaches will be traveling on March 6 and March 15.
- Minors should plan to travel with their club coach whenever possible.
- If a skier's club coach is not traveling, families should contact their coach to help connect with another team's coach who is traveling.
- Club coaches will oversee travel to Minneapolis, where skiers will be handed off to their assigned 2026 PNW Age Group Coaches.
- Skiers will then travel with their 2026 PNW Age Group Coaches to the team hotel in Cable, WI in a contingent of PNW team vans rented for the trip.
- On the return trip, the process will reverse: Age Group Coaches will pass skiers back to club coaches on the 15th at the airport, who will then ensure skiers are reunited with families.

The 2026 PNW Junior Nationals trip will begin on March 6 and conclude on March 15 at the Minneapolis airport, where club coaches and PNW age-group trip leaders will coordinate the handoff of skiers. While families remain responsible for ensuring safe travel to and from Minneapolis, this planned transition is designed to provide clear communication, consistency, and extra care for our skiers throughout the journey.

Families may also choose to deliver their skier directly to our team hotel instead of the airport. If this is your preferred option, please communicate this plan to me in advance so we can ensure proper check-in and supervision.

Our team hotel is:

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Hayward
15586 County Road B
Hayward, WI 54843

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions, either from you or from your skier, so we can make sure everything is answered in a timely way. ~ Christie