

Vision Volleyball Club

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Stay-to-Play Overview

All out-of-state tournaments and events in Austin are considered Stay-to-Play tournaments. This means teams are required to book hotels through the tournament's designated housing vendor in order to participate.

Drive Nation secures team hotel blocks between October and December. Once blocks are confirmed, families will receive a time-sensitive email with booking instructions. At Drive, we strongly encourage athletes to stay with their families during travel events.

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I have to book within the team hotel block?

Yes. Booking within the assigned hotel block is required to meet Stay-to-Play requirements and remain eligible for tournament participation.

Can I use my hotel rewards number?

Absolutely. We encourage families to add their rewards number to all reservations. Some hotels allow rewards numbers to be added during booking, while others require you to contact the hotel directly after the reservation is made.

Why are some blocks only single king rooms?

Unfortunately, some tournament housing groups do not prioritize double-bed rooms when contracting hotels. This can result in single-king inventory only, which we understand can be frustrating. In these cases, families may choose to:

- Have one parent attend, or
- Book an additional room through the housing group

Please contact the Housing Company if you need assistance assessing the discounted team rate.



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Why are some hotels within walking distance, while others require transportation?

We always aim to place teams as close to the venue as possible; however, hotel selection is influenced by several factors:

- Availability
- Cost (we prioritize affordable hotels over luxury properties)

We do our best to balance proximity, comfort, and affordability for each team.

What is the typical nightly hotel cost?

Hotel rates generally range from \$150–\$220 per night. Please note that West and East Coast events are typically more expensive.

Important Booking Reminders

- Booking windows may be as short as 48 hours. All booking emails will be marked URGENT – please assist your team by sharing reminders.
- Be sure to book the night before tournament play begins and check out on the final day of competition, unless you choose to extend your stay.
- Review flight options early, as travel costs may influence whether you stay an extra night.
- Additional nights outside the block must be arranged directly with the housing group at least 30 days prior to the event.
- Any changes made within 30 days of the event must be handled directly with the hotel.
- A \$9.99 booking fee may apply at checkout; hotel charges will not process until after your stay.



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Flights

Families are responsible for booking flights for both parents and athletes.

Please note the following guidelines:

- Plan arrival times to allow athletes adequate rest – AM wave play begins at 8:00 AM, and we want every athlete ready to compete at their best.
- All athletes are expected to arrive the day prior to the first day of competition.
- All return flights to DFW must be scheduled for 6:00 PM or later on the final day of the tournament. Tournaments often run late, and venues are not always close to the airport. Early flights frequently require costly rebooking.
- Book flights as early as possible for best pricing.

