



Air Travel Considerations Foreign citizens traveling to the United States

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Prior to hosting or traveling to competition or training in the United States, you should consider the following measures. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the [USOPC's government relations office](#).

Prior to Arrival

- Do the individual traveler(s) or team(s) require a visa to enter the United States?
 - **If yes**, please contact the event organizer, National Governing Body or the USOPC's government relations office for guidance on invitation letter issuance and for the status of consular processing at a U.S. Embassy/Consulate.
- Will the participant(s) arrive from a country that is subject to the United States' COVID-19 based entry restrictions?
 - The latest policy updates, as of the date of publication, are located at:
 - [DHS U.S./Canada/Mexico Border Fact Sheet](#)
 - [DHS Arrival Restrictions](#) – Certain European countries, China, Iran, and Brazil
 - Note that these restrictions are not based on the traveler's citizenship, but rather his/her presence in a restricted nation within the 14 days prior to departure.
 - **If yes**, is the traveler covered under the [National Interest Exemption](#), applicable to professional athletes?
 - If the individual is covered under this exemption, contact the USOPC's government relations office for further instruction.
 - If no, the individual will have to depart from the restricted country and travel to a non-restricted country at least 14 days prior to entry into the U.S.

Arrival into the United States

The following recommendations are best practices that may be incorporated into your logistics to ease entry into the United States.

- Customs Border Protection
 - Develop a flight manifest for international arrivals
 - Once the manifest is complete, send this information to the USOPC's government relations office. A USOPC representative will then work to notify CBP of the arrivals.
- Hub Approach
 - Instruct travelers to book through specific overseas hubs for onward travel to the United States. Contact USOPC's government relations office for further information on hubs.
- Event Documentation
 - Consider providing participants with documentation that shows that they have been invited to compete or train. They should be prepared to present this document to the airline when checking in for their flight, and again to a CBP officer at their port of entry to the U.S.
- Quarantine Protocols
 - Work with [state and local officials](#) to understand self-quarantine requirements. This should include knowing the scope and duration of any protocols that must be adhered to after entry into the U.S. Communicate any limitations on movement from the hotel to the competition venue and/or practice sites.



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Post-Competition and Exit from the United States

- Entry and exit policies vary by nation and are frequently modified. For the latest information regarding your destination, please visit the [Department of State's Country Specific Information](#) website.
- This is particularly important for individuals who intend to travel to, and compete or train in, another country following their departure from the U.S.
- Quarantine requirements may apply to travelers who have recently been in the U.S. and can impact an athlete's ability to compete.

Helpful links:

- [Team USA Coronavirus Updates](#)
- [Dept. of State COVID-19 Visa Services](#)
- [Dept. of State COVID-19 Traveler Information](#)
- [TSA's Tips for Flying During COVID-19](#)
- [CTM Airline and Travel Update Summary](#)
- [Airline Policy Waivers](#)
- [United Airlines - Rebooking Due to Crowded Flights](#)
- [United Airlines CleanPlus](#)
- [IHG Clean Promise](#)
- [How to Clean a Suitcase](#)
- [How to Disinfect a Hotel Room](#)