



USOPC EVENTS & LOGISTICS UPDATES

June 3 Update

Many NGBs are asking what the current travel restrictions are and when travel can restart. Below is a summary of the latest travel information – largely focused on international travel. We have initiated a return to travel working group which will be developing more thorough guidance/recommendations on both inbound and outbound international travel, and on domestic travel. This guidance will hopefully be available in a few weeks. We will continue to provide updates as needed in the interim and then through the working group once the guidance document has launched. We are also always available for questions.

Current International Travel Restrictions

It is not clear when current travel restrictions will start to be lifted. Regarding international travel currently, individuals can travel to the United States depending on flight availability. Having said that, the following is still current and should be kept in mind:

- The State Dept. Global Health Advisory remains at Level 4: Do Not Travel
- TSA has implemented [new security procedures](#) for their checkpoints.
- The CDC guidance remains the same - if anyone travels internationally, they should stay at home for 14 days following their return – just in case that make any difference for scheduled games/practices.

There are still restrictions for some parts of the world that require a 14 day quarantine upon arrival in the United States. Below is the list of countries with restrictions. Brazil was added last week:

- Foreign nationals, regardless of citizenship, who have been in the following nations at any point in the 14 days before their scheduled arrival, are not permitted to enter the United States:
 - Asia/Middle East: China and Iran
 - Europe: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the U.K.
 - Brazil
- U.S. Citizens, legal permanent residents, and their immediate family members who are returning from these areas must self-quarantine for 14 days upon arrival and must travel through one of 15 airports with enhanced entry screening capabilities, and then may proceed to their final destination.
- In order to limit the further spread of coronavirus, the U.S. has reached agreements with both Canada and Mexico to limit all non-essential travel across borders. On May 19, 2020, [these measures were extended for an additional 30 days, through June 22, 2020.](#)
- Individuals currently in a country listed above can travel to a third nation (ex: South America) and quarantine there for 14 days, and then travel to the US - subject to the availability of flights.

Lifting Travel Restrictions

Going forward, the United States has established an interagency working group with departments such as the CDC/HHS, DHS/CBP, and DOT/FAA to develop criteria for how to rework our rules for inbound travel. As you can tell from above, the US is operating under a very confusing set of rules and there are no agreed standards for health screening or governments accepting medical certifications. All of these will need to be built to allow travel to restart more regularly when consumer confidence grows and airline capacity is available. We will stay in close communication with this USG interagency working group to stay on top of any changes in restrictions.

Professional Athlete Waiver Process

The White House and the Department of Homeland Security recently announced a [National Interest Exemption](#) for Professional Sports on May 22. We believe it currently only applies to professional sports leagues. The White House has a process and is working directly with the leagues and event organizers to execute the waivers. We are in close communication with both the White House and DHS and are working to get Olympic and Paralympic stakeholders included. We will follow up with further information. These are the leagues currently covered by the waiver:

- Major League Baseball, NBA, WNBA, PGA Tour, Ladies PGA, NHL, Tennis: ATP and the WTA

Return to Travel Working Group

As mentioned above, we have put together an internal return to travel working group. This group will be assembling all of the latest travel restrictions and recommendations/guidance on how to maximize safety while traveling during the pandemic – to and from the United States and domestically. We hope to have this document in the near future.