



We are very excited about the World Athletics Championships in Oregon in July 2022 but there are a few important points that we wanted to draw to your attention now.

1. Mandatory Vaccination Requirements

The first is the fact that anyone wishing to enter the USA to participate in the Event (whether as an Athlete, Coach, Member Federation Team Official, Technical Official, Supplier etc) will need to comply with any entry requirements of the US State Department and guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") at the time of their entry. Please carefully read the information available at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/international-travel/index.html>

These currently require all international travellers to the USA to be: (a) Fully vaccinated (as defined by the CDC) with either an FDA approved vaccine, an FDA authorised vaccine or a WHO emergency use authorised vaccine; and (b) a negative result on a SARS CoV-2 viral test taken no more than one calendar day before the flight's departure from a foreign country to the United States. A viral test consists of an approved viral detection test (i.e. a nucleic acid amplification test or a viral antigen test) or evidence of recovery from COVID-19 (your positive COVID-19 viral test result on a sample taken no more than 90 days before the flight's departure from a foreign country **and** a letter from a licensed healthcare provider or a public health official stating that you were cleared to travel). We do not imagine that these requirements will become any more lenient over the next few months and indeed may become stricter.

The vaccines which are currently approved are set out below.

Single dose

- Janssen/J&J

2-dose series

- Pfizer-BioNTech
- Moderna
- AstraZeneca
- Covaxin
- Covishield
- BIBP/Sinopharm
- Sinovac

There are also detailed requirements as to what is an acceptable form of proof of the vaccine and how long after the vaccine you are considered to be fully vaccinated.

The USA may also restrict travel to the USA from certain countries from time to time as a result of COVID-19.

You will need to ensure you are up to date with the requirements of the US State Department and the guidance from the CDC as these will change from time to time.

It is therefore very important that you take steps now to ensure that you check the vaccination status (including which vaccine has been used), of anyone who might wish to enter the USA to ensure that they will meet these requirements. Not all vaccines are approved by the USA. There is still time before the Championships therefore to make sure that everyone is fully vaccinated with a USA approved vaccine.

For consistency, we will require all those who wish to participate in the Championships who are already based in the USA to comply with the same vaccination and testing requirements as for travellers to the USA.

You will appreciate that COVID-19 is an ever-changing landscape and therefore we may well have to introduce new or additional COVID-19 protocols which all participants will need to comply with, whether they are entering the USA for the Championships, or already in the USA.

2. Medical Travel Insurance

You will also appreciate that not all medical travel insurance policies cover medical care in the USA or cover that care sufficiently. Every participant at the Championships will need to have appropriate insurance or other coverage that will cover their medical, dental or other health care needs while they are in the USA as they will be financially responsible for any costs that are charged for medical, dental or other health care needs whilst in the USA whether for urgent or emergency treatment including those that may be caused by or associated with COVID-19.

Immediate medical and paramedical care will be provided for participants at the Event as for all World Athletics Championships. However, should a participant need to access any medical care outside that provided by World Athletics and the LOC at an Event, they will be responsible for all the costs of this and therefore will need appropriate medical travel insurance. For the avoidance of doubt, neither World Athletics nor the local organising committee are responsible for the costs of any medical, dental, or other health care treatment a participant incurs from a hospital, clinic etc whilst in the USA.

We therefore strongly recommend that each Member Federation participates in the global medical travel insurance policy that World Athletics has taken out. If you do not wish to do this then you will need to satisfy World Athletics that any alternative medical travel insurance policy you are proposing to take out is suitable for care needs in the USA. Entry to the USA may well be conditional on providing evidence of a medical travel insurance policy that adequately covers medical care in the USA.

3. Visas

Finally, given participants from some countries may find it harder to enter the USA than others, we strongly recommend that visas to enter the USA are applied for as far in advance of the Championships as possible.

Please let Team Services, teamservices@worldathletics.org, know if you have any queries.

