



SOEE - MULTINATIONAL COMPETITIONS TRAVELING POLICY AND REQUIREMENTS FOR SO NATIONAL PROGRAMS

- Special Olympics Programs are encouraged to participate in as many multinational competitions as possible but they are not obliged to participate in all of them if economic and logistic challenges may create a risk to the health or well-being of the athletes.
- SO Programs should be aware of all visa and other requirements (health oriented) to travel to other countries. It is the responsibility of the SO Program to contact local Ministry of Foreign Affairs or the Embassy of the host country to find out about all procedures and requirements.
- It is strongly recommended that the SO Program obtains appropriate travel insurance for all delegation members
- SO Program is strongly encouraged to learn and inform coaches about basic information on hosting country: weather conditions, habits, tradition, food, economic situation, religion, special restrictions etc.
- SO Program should complete and send all registration materials to the SO host Program according to the established deadlines.
- The SO Program should ensure that at least one member of the delegation speaks either the language of the host country or English.
- SO Program should make all efforts to arrange comfortable and the shortest possible travel for the athletes and coaches.
- SO Program is responsible for providing all members of the delegation with two-way tickets from their capital (or other big) city to a city in the host country located not further than 2 hours driving (train, bus) distance from the housing location, unless the hosting SO Program agrees to other arrangements.
- SO Program is responsible for informing the hosting SO Program of their exact travel schedule at least one week in advance.
- For health reasons, it is not acceptable to travel longer than 36 hours (one way) without a break for sleep in a regular bed.
- SO Program is obliged to inform the SO hosting Program and SOEE staff about cancellation of their participation in the event not later than 1 month in advance.
- In case of late cancellation (less than 1 month), SOEE staff are responsible for learning the reasons and informing CTAC and EELC about them. SO Program will be informed of the possible consequences in the case of a second late cancellation.
- In the case of a second late cancellation, SOEE can apply sanctions to the SO Program concerned. These may include excluding the SO Program from all European or World competitions for one year or reducing their quota to the minimum for the next European Games.