



INBOUND TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES WAIVER

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, inbound travel to the United States has been significantly restricted, making it very difficult for internationally based athletes to compete in the United States in Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI) competitions. Through its work with Homeland Security, the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee has been able to obtain a travel waiver from this travel restriction for foreign individuals traveling to the United States to participate in Olympic-discipline events.

1. **Who does the waiver cover?** The waiver covers athletes, support staff, FEI licensed officials/course designers, and other individuals traveling to the U.S. for a covered event. We ask that support staff requests are kept to a minimum, if possible.
2. **What events are covered by the waiver?** Currently the waiver applied only to individuals traveling to the U.S. to participate in FEI Jumping, Eventing, Dressage, and Para Equestrian Dressage events, rated 3*, 4*, and 5* level events.
3. **How do I request a waiver?** Applicants must fully complete and submit a US Equestrian Inbound Travel Waiver Request Form and follow the directions therein.
4. **Is there a cost associated with requesting a waiver?** There is a \$350 processing fee. Payments can be made with a credit card by calling 859.225.6950. This fee is waived for licensed officials officiating at FEI events in the USA.
5. **Do all inbound travelers need to request a waiver?** Individuals arriving from a country not impacted by the proclamation do not require a waiver. Countries impacted by the proclamation include People's Republic of China (excluding the Special Administrative Regions of Hong Kong and Macau), the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Schengen Area, the United Kingdom, the Republic of Ireland, and Brazil. Individuals are encouraged to contact their nearest U.S. Embassy to confirm whether a waiver is necessary for their traveling needs.
6. **Is the waiver the only documentation needed to enter the U.S.?** No, a waiver does not exempt individuals from standard entry requirements, including visa, passport, and other necessary documents. Individuals from countries impacted are required to visit the information on the U.S. Embassy website where they are departing from and follow the instructions. Most embassies require the traveler to contact them for specific travel instructions.
7. **Who do I contact to request a waiver?** Requests can be sent to kcadams@usef.org or by calling Karen Adams at 859.225.2046.