



FEI COMMUNICATION VI

Critical Information for your Departure and Your Responsibilities

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Dear Members of the FEI delegation for Tokyo 2020,

Whether you are already in Japan or counting down the days to your departure, I hope that each and every one of you is looking forward to being part of a great Games despite the extremely challenging circumstances with the numerous Covid mitigation measures and activity restrictions.

We are keenly aware that there is a level of frustration for us all but, believe me, the FEI team is working diligently to streamline these policies and help everyone through the process. There are frequent changes issued by Tokyo 2020 and the Government of Japan, however, we need to be flexible and adapt to these ongoing policy changes. The restrictions put in place by the Government of Japan and the Tokyo 2020 organisers may seem severe, but without them we would not be able to deliver a safe and secure Games.

As you hopefully already know, the FEI has created a dedicated and user-friendly [Covid Liaison Officer hub](#). Please check it regularly, as the content is updated on a daily basis. Everything you need is there, including a comprehensive FAQs section that will provide the answers to your specific questions. Please note that we have recently added a [new section](#) about the restrictions on personal medications that you can bring into Japan. You will also find:

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- IF Playbook V.3
- OCHA instructions
- Updated Covid countermeasures
- Checklist – pre travel to Japan
- Checklist – during the Games (to be delivered shortly)
- Travel Insurance information
- CLO Team contact information
- FEI dedicated CLO communications for the IF delegation
- Personal medication import restrictions for Japan

And if you haven't already carefully read the full contents of IF Playbook V3, it is vital that you do so in order to understand all your personal responsibilities.

We have received many questions regarding issues with the OCHA app. In brief, if you haven't received notification of the approval of your Activity Plan, please do not try to input any information. There are two parts to this app, the first section is for data needed to enter Japan and the second section is for entering your daily temperature and health questions AFTER you arrive in Japan. You just need to self-monitor your temperature and health symptoms for 14 days before departure, but this does not need to be entered anywhere.

Also, only one negative Covid test result can be uploaded into OCHA and it needs to be the one taken less than 72 hours before the departure of your final international flight into Tokyo.

The second required test does not need to be entered, but you should keep the results with you. It is also recommended that you take 3-4 hard copies of the less than 72-hour test certificate with you for use with airline and immigration officials, even if you have successfully uploaded it into OCHA.

While fans will need to watch from afar following the decision that there will be no spectators at the Games, we need to be even more careful that our sport does not come under the spotlight for the wrong reasons. Unfortunately, we have recently learned of a seemingly small breach of the quarantine protocol that was taken extremely seriously by TOCOG and which almost resulted in the individual responsible being requested to leave Japan immediately.

We – the Olympic Family – are guests of the Japanese people and we cannot and must not disrespect their hospitality. So the bottom line is that each and every one of us needs to take our personal responsibility and not risk bringing our sport and the Olympic Movement into dishonour by failing to closely adhere to these essential protocols.

As the Covid Liaison Officer for the entire FEI delegation, I cannot stress strongly enough how important it is that we all follow – to the letter – the countermeasure policies that have been put in place for the safety of us all.

We must all play by the rules so that while delivering the Games we can also protect our generous hosts, the people of Japan. And afterwards, we can look back with great satisfaction on our own role in the Tokyo Games that allowed us to showcase our wonderful sport.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Hart', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Tokyo 2020 FEI Covid Liaison Officer