

## **INFORMATION BULLETIN**

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- To: Member Associations Independent Teams
- CC: Board of Director District Coordinators and UICs PUIC Staff
- From: Diane St-Denis, Executive Director
- **Subject:** Updated Guidance on Travel to the USA

Softball BC Members,

Our office has received a few queries from parents and coaches on the topic of travel to the USA.

While we recognize the autonomy members associations and teams have as it pertains to travel outside of Canada for competition, we encourage associations to be thoughtful and responsible when making travel decisions that affect their participants as not everyone feels comfortable with travelling abroad at this time.

We encourage members to prioritize competitions within Canada. Participating in local tournaments creates valuable opportunities for the softball community to engage with clubs outside their immediate areas. By focusing on local tournaments, members can support their local associations and direct resources to activities hosted in Canada. Additionally, engaging in domestic competitions enhances the level of play within Canadian events and contributes to the overall growth and development of softball across the country.

If members do choose to travel abroad, they should familiarize themselves with and adhere to the current travel guidelines established by the Government of Canada, which can be found <u>here</u>.