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Teams Thinking of Traveling to the US

Recently, there has been a lot of media coverage regarding youth teams and organizations traveling to the US. The travel restrictions put in place by the US Government by executive order are impacting many individuals hoping to enter the country. These orders have been extraordinary for the speed in which they were put in place and the broad impact that they have had on travelers, particularly individuals who carry passports from certain countries that have been the subject of targeted restrictions.

The NVFC Board has been monitoring these new developments as the changes may affect our traveling players and/or their families. To date, BC Soccer has not received a travel permit request from any team within NVFC, but that is not to say this will not happen.

If any NVFC team is looking to enter a tournament in the US, the Board asks all organizers to consider the following:

1. The NVFC board wants to encourage teams on an on-going basis to play at a competitive level, and see all our boys and men participate in varied and rewarding experiences.
2. Our number 1 priority, however, is the safety and well-being of all NVFC players and volunteers, both physically and emotionally. This must not be compromised in any way.

Given the present uncertainties regarding the imposition of executive orders that may affect travel now or in the foreseeable future, if our teams are contemplating travel to the US and any NVFC member anticipates they may experience difficulties or extraordinary challenges at the US Border, the NVFC Board recommends the entire team reconsider their travel plans and perhaps look for tournaments in BC or Alberta. There are many options in BC which can be viewed at <https://www.bcsoccer.net/sanctioned-tournaments>.

Alternatively, NVFC coaches and managers are encouraged to invite US teams/players to participate in games in BC.

We look forward to seeing you on the pitch soon.

NVFC Board of Directors
