



Attention to IF Representatives for Olympic and Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020

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Subject: Impacts of update on entry to Japan for overseas spectators

Dear valued IF Representatives,

We trust that this letter finds you and your teams safe and healthy. Thank you very much for the open and clear communication as we continue to build on the excellent partnership and close collaboration during these challenging times.

We would like to provide an initial update on a number of key topics following the announcement on Saturday 20 March as attached in Appendix 1 on entry to Japan for overseas spectators for the Olympic & Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020.

The Five Parties (the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the International Paralympic Committee (IPC), the Government of Japan, the Tokyo Metropolitan Government (TMG), and the Organising Committee Tokyo 2020) met virtually. During the meeting, the IOC and IPC were informed about the conclusion of the Japanese parties not to allow entry to Japan for overseas spectators for the Olympic and Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020 because of the prevailing worldwide COVID-19 pandemic.

We understand the consequences of this situation for International Federations and remain committed to providing you information in a complete and timely manner.

This decision follows the interim report of the Japanese Coordination Meeting for COVID-19 Countermeasures at the Olympic and Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020 in December 2020 which had clarified that a decision regarding participation of overseas spectators would be made by spring of 2021 taking into consideration the COVID-19 situation in Japan and overseas, immigration regulations in force at the time, and any prevailing restrictions on the attendance of sporting events. It also follows a communication following the meeting of the five parties on 3 March 2021 that indicated a final decision in this respect would need to be made by end of March to avoid any additional inconvenience for stakeholders and provide you with opportunities to adjust aspects of your plans whilst it is still possible.

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In light of this situation, Tokyo 2020 will be engaging actively with all stakeholders to understand the impacts and adaptations on your activities over the coming days. Please find below initial updates on a number of aspects associated with this decision.

### **Entry to Japan**

As a result of this decision, only accredited Games stakeholders can enter Japan. The decision of the Japanese parties not to allow entry to Japan for overseas spectators will affect any non-accredited Games participant who is not a resident of Japan. This covers:

- Spectators
- Non-accredited support staff for certain Games-related activities.

Solutions will be explored to support you in the adjustments of your plans and possibly allow for a very limited number of these populations to be accredited, should they prove to be absolutely essential to the Games plans.

It is important to note however that any accredited Games stakeholders will be required to follow the Tokyo 2020 Playbooks [<https://tokyo2020.org/en/games/tokyo-2020-playbooks/>] for their stakeholder group, which include restrictions on activities in particular during the first 14 days in Japan. A second version of Playbooks will be released by the end of April with more details on the conditions to enter Japan for accredited individuals.

With regards to the entry of overseas volunteers, please be assured that sport specific volunteers will not be covered by this policy and will be treated in the same way as accredited personnel due to their impact on the sport competition. More detailed information will be communicated.

### **Tickets**

Tokyo 2020 will provide stakeholders with additional opportunities to return those tickets purchased for use by overseas spectators that are no longer able to attend.

Current invoice requests for payment by 31 March will be postponed to 30 April 2021. A return submission period will be put in place (Olympic Games: 1 April - 20 April 2021; Paralympic Games: 9 April - 23 April 2021). A second opportunity to return tickets will be made available in May. Refunds for the return submission in April will be processed from June 2021.

For more details, please refer to the information sent to each key client by the Tokyo 2020 Client Group Ticketing Team as attached in Appendix 2.

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### **Accommodation**

Tokyo 2020 recognise that this decision will affect some overseas stakeholders who had planned to stay in official accommodation provided by Tokyo 2020. In response to this, Tokyo 2020 is currently studying the impact on stakeholders and defining the approach to the situation, with a view to mitigating impacts where possible. We will be in contact with each of you as soon as the new policy is developed.

Thank you very much again for the continued collaboration on all the postponed Tokyo 2020 planning. The role of the IFs is even more important than ever.

Should there be other impacts connected with assets contracted through Tokyo 2020 to be considered as part of this decision that would be, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time. We are here to provide you with the necessary support or clarification on any matter.

We hope that this information is helpful and look forward to continuing to work together in the coming months in order to ensure a successful delivery of Tokyo 2020 in a safe and secure way.

Very best regards,

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