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Mandatory Travel Insurance

All players that will be seeking an Official GAA Sanction from Central Council to play in North America (USGAA), New York or Canada for the summer are reminded that travel insurance must be arranged in Ireland before they commence their journeys. Proof of this insurance is required as part of the application process

Players should note the following:

Like the vast majority of travel insurance policies, the option offered by the GAA can only be purchased by individuals before they leave Ireland. Important points for players to note include:

The only currently acceptable insurances are those provided by Chubb (available via the link below) and USIT (which must include Grade 5 hazardous activities cover).

The cost of insurance will depend on the duration of a player's stay in a particular country.

Players wishing to play in North America must purchase cover for a minimum of 90 days. It is the player's own responsibility to ensure they are covered for all dates of potential fixtures.

Travel insurance is not a private health insurance. It only covers players if there is a sudden and unexpected accident or if a player becomes ill during his trip.

Generally where doctors appointed by Insurers deem treatment in Ireland//Britain more appropriate, players will be repatriated home for treatment.

Players playing overseas are not covered under the GAA Injury Benefit Fund.

The following are the steps which player's need to take to purchase the required insurance:

Go to the following link - <http://www.chubbinsure.ie/travel/?afl=5781>

Choose Backpacker cover for a minimum of 90 days. It is the player's own responsibility to ensure they are covered for all dates of potential fixtures. If you do not have cover for a fixture you will not be eligible to play or covered in the event of a sudden or unexpected accident.

Please Note: ensure you select 'Worldwide Cover inc. US/Canada/Caribbean'

Choose the most accurate number of days that you will be staying in North America / New York / Canada

- Minimum for North America is 90 days

Please read and accept the terms and conditions of the policy and apply for the cover

Fill in all the required fields in order to obtain your documentation

Once purchased, the confirmation letter should be submitted when applying via the GAA Player Transfer System.

Once approved, all Sanctions will appear on the relevant lists on the Official GAA website

Note - A player who has been included on an Inter-County Senior Championship list submitted to the Referee, in accordance with Rules of Specification 2.5 (ii)(a) for a game in the current year's Championship shall not be eligible to be accepted for Registration as a member of any Club in the North American County Board Jurisdiction.

Exception - A player who has been included on an Inter-County Senior Championship list submitted to the Referee, in accordance with Rules of Specification 2.5 (ii)(a), for a game in the current year's Championship, who holds a valid current J1 Visa or who is eligible for a J1 Visa and who obtains an Official J1 Sanction may be accepted for registration.

Such a player may only have his J1 Sanction approved once his team has been eliminated from the Senior Inter-County Championship (including All-Ireland qualifier games).

The J1 Visa concerned with this Exception is the J1 Work and Travel Programme Visa only – i.e. the four month Visa for 3rd Level Students.

General Rules

A Sanction entitles a player to play with a Club from March 1 until the end of October

Sanctions to USGAA (North America), New York or Canada, will not be granted after July 1

A player who has received a Sanction will not be able to play again with his Club in Ireland for 30 days after the date of approval of his Sanction in Croke Park

Sanctions are only available to current members of Clubs in Ireland or members of clubs in Britain, whose First Club is their current club.

For more information, go to Rule 6.12 of the Official Guide.