



TEAM USA 2009

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The following 2009 World Transplant Games information has been received from the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) in Australia and is adapted specifically for Team USA participants. Enclosed you will find general information. Please read through carefully and make special note of all deadlines. If you have any questions about the World Transplant Games or being a part of Team USA, please contact Team USA Headquarters at (800) 622-9010.

PLEASE READ THE CONTENTS OF THIS DOCUMENT THOROUGHLY

Do not book travel, hotel, car rental or any other expense for this trip until you have read the information contained in this document.

OFFICIAL DATES & SITE

The Gold Coast will play host to the Summer World Transplant Games from Saturday, August 22 to Sunday, August 30, 2009 where up to 3,000 participants from more than 69 countries will descend on the family-friendly tourist location. To register for the Games visit <http://www.worldtransplantgames09.com>. Please read this document before you register as it contains important information about conditions of entry for competitors, sports rules and payment information.

Renowned for its subtropical climate, with temperatures during your stay averaging from 48 to 69 degrees Fahrenheit, the Gold Coast has attractions suitable for all ages, including theme parks with some of the world's tallest and fastest thrill rides. Visitors enjoy meeting native animals at wildlife sanctuaries, cruising expansive waterway and canal systems, catching a stage show or taking a hike through superb national parks. If you are a keen shopper there are many excellent bargains to be found as well as hundreds of restaurants, cafes and bars with a mix of local and international food, fun and music.

The Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre (GCCEC) will be used as the Games hub and events will take place at many of the sporting facilities on the Coast including Runaway Bay Sports Super Centre. Athletes will be housed in laid-back family-style apartments, within walking distance of the Gold Coast Convention Centre - helping to build a village-like atmosphere. Breakfast and dinners will be at the Centre, providing an opportunity for everyone to meet new people. There are also plenty of social functions at the start so participants will get into that 'family' or 'team' mode straight away. A pre-Games bush dance is planned the night before the Opening Ceremony and an open air concert immediately following the Ceremony.

Throughout 2009, the LOC will be taking a number of actions to ensure that the people of Australia are aware of the importance of organ donation and the World Transplant Games. These activities will encourage the community of Australia to live the 2009 Games as a major celebration, both with and on behalf of people all over the world who have received transplants. There will be an Opening BBQ Dinner Concert held after Opening Ceremonies on Sunday, August 23rd, a special Sea World Night on Tuesday, August 24th and the Gala Dinner will be held on Saturday, August 29th. Prior to the Opening Ceremonies, team photos will be taken.

All participants at the Games are also invited to attend a Medical Information Seminar that will be held on Wednesday, August 26. A panel of highly qualified doctors will be available to discuss a range of medical issues. It is intended that at least half of the time allocated will be for questions you wish to raise. People who would like to submit questions for the seminar beforehand may write to A/Professor Daryl Wall, Transplant Australia's Medical Director, c/o Transplant Australia office: PO Box 592, North Sydney, NSW 2059, Australia.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The World Transplant Games (WTG) is a multi-disciplinary sporting event held every two years under the auspices of the World Transplant Games Federation (WTGF). The purpose of the World Transplant Games is to promote the importance of organ donation and the success of transplantation through the demonstration of athletic excellence in the area of sport and competition.

Seventy countries have been invited to compete at these Games, where the very best transplant athletes, representing their respective nations will vie for gold, silver and bronze medals. The WTG also welcomes living donors, donor family members, family/friends and transplant professionals.

The LOC and WTGF anticipate extensive media coverage leading up to and during the Games. The LOC will be promoting the Games across Australia and working with the WTGF to ensure that media around the world cover the event. One of the basic goals of the World Transplant Games is to raise organ donor awareness around the globe and to acknowledge the many successful transplants done worldwide. If you have a compelling human interest story, a sporting achievement story, or a personal story that captures the hope, healing and health of organ transplantation, we want to hear from you! An online Athlete Questionnaire is available for your convenience. Team USA management will provide the link to the registered participants of the World Transplant Games.

ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY INFORMATION

Differences in philosophy exist between transplant athletic events in the United States and in the rest of the world. In the United States, participation is open to any recipient regardless of athletic ability. The United States is an exception in that most other countries select members based solely on athletic talent, previous national and international Games results and by conducting trials to participate. The level of competition at the World Games is high. Each competitor is expected to participate at a level commensurate with this international event.

Each individual must meet the following criteria to be eligible to compete:

- All participants must adhere to the rules and policies of the World Transplant Games Federation (WTGF) and Team USA;
- Entry is open to all recipients of life supporting allografts and heamopoetic cell transplants from other individuals or species which require or have required the use of immunosuppressive drug therapies. Competitors must have been transplanted for at least 1 year, with stable graft function, be **medically fit** and have trained in the events in which they have entered. If a potential competitor has been transplanted for less than one year but at least 6 months, with stable graft function, has been training and has permission from his/her own doctor, entry may be considered by the WTGF medical committee;

- Competitors must be medically fit with no significant complications of chronic organ failure or immunosuppressive therapy. The WTGF Medical Committee has the right to refuse entries as they deem appropriate and/or can terminate participation at any time on-site. Each competitor must also obtain medical approval, by their Primary Care Physician indicating his/her level of physical capacity and fitness;
- The WTGF is solely responsible for checking medical certificates to make sure that all transplant athletes have a high enough standard of health to be able to compete in their chosen sport without undue risk;
- Competitors must have knowledge, experience and training in the sport(s) in which they are competing. All sports are run under international sport governing bodies rules, except as modified by the WTGF;
- Team members of all countries (including accompanying persons) are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner at all times during the Games. Failure to do so, or acting in a manner that is unbecoming to a team or against WTGF rules and regulations can lead to immediate disqualification and possible disbarment from future transplant athletic events.

TEAM USA CRITERIA

All transplant recipients who wish to participate in the World Transplant Games and who reside in the United States are eligible to be a part of Team USA. The National Kidney Foundation (NKF) organizes Team USA.

All official World Transplant Games information will be forwarded from the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) in Australia to Team USA Headquarters at the National Kidney Foundation in New York City.

- Each athlete from the United States will compete as part of one team, **TEAM USA**. The WTGF does not recognize local, state or provincial teams;
- An official Team USA uniform will be provided to all competitors and is required attire during competition. The NKF is seeking national sponsors to support Team USA. Monies raised by the NKF will go towards benefiting the entire team and cannot be restricted to subsidizing individual costs. Individuals are encouraged to raise funds to offset their costs and are requested to follow *Team USA Sponsorship Guidelines* (see below);
- At all times, competitors must respect the rights of the international and national team sponsors;
- All registrants must complete, sign and submit a Team USA Enrollment form and pay the appropriate Team USA registration fee.
- Prior to the beginning of the WTG in Australia, there will be a mandatory Team USA meeting to inform athletes of important event information and Games updates as provided by the organizers. Additionally, Team Managers will be available during “office hours” daily to answer questions, and provide seeding and heat information for competition. It is the athlete’s responsibility to obtain the information he or she needs to compete. **Failure to do so may lead to disqualification from events.**

TEAM USA SPONSORSHIP GUIDELINES & REGULATIONS

An event of this magnitude requires a great deal of funding, and World Games organizers continue to work in various places around the world to meet their budget goals. The organizers have secured sponsors in order to stage the event. In addition, the NKF/Team USA Management is soliciting funds for team needs and activities. Due to their commitment, sponsors of both the World Games and of Team USA have certain entitlements, which need to be respected.

For many individuals considering the trip to Australia, it will also be necessary for you to raise funds in order to participate. Please note that charitable organizations are not allowed to accept donations that will benefit individuals. If one individual benefits from a gift, then that gift is not a tax-deductible donation and the individual is required to show the gift as personal income because the gift only benefits that person. Therefore, all funds raised by the NKF for Team USA will cover the budgeted expenses of the team--there will be no funds available to assist in individual travel or other personal expenses. Because of this, individuals may wish to attempt to find funding on their own. Please remember:

- You may solicit assistance, but it is fraudulent to give the impression that support for you individually is a charitable gift;
- You cannot give the impression that a gift to you or to an organization of which you are a member is supporting Team USA or the World Transplant Games. The only supporters that can make that statement are organizations that support Team USA at the national level. It can be stated, however, that "XYZ Corporation is supporting an athlete(s) to attend the World Transplant Games."
- In your community, you can do anything to acknowledge an organization's support. Suggestions might be: local organization newsletters and publications, local media, signage, etc., however, you cannot provide any acknowledgment on-site in Australia. If an organization wants to have that recognition, they must be a supporter of the World Games itself or of Team USA, in which case corporate entitlements could include logo recognition on team apparel and competition uniforms, team journal, etc.).

MEDICAL INSURANCE

Proof of medical coverage is required for all Team USA members (athletes and supporters) attending the 2009 World Transplant Games.

If your medical insurance will cover you outside of the United States, please submit one of the following as proof for medical insurance:

- 1) A photocopy of your insurance handbook stating that your medical insurance is valid outside of the United States AND a clear copy of BOTH sides of your insurance card, or
- 2) A letter from your insurance company (on their letterhead) AND a clear copy of BOTH sides of your insurance card.

Please consult with your medical insurance company to confirm whether your policy applies overseas and if it will cover emergency expenses such as a medical evacuation. U.S. medical insurance plans seldom cover health costs incurred outside the United States unless supplemental coverage is purchased. Further, U.S. Medicare and Medicaid programs do not provide payment for medical services outside the United

States. However, many travel agents and private companies offer insurance plans that will cover health care expenses incurred overseas, including emergency services such as medical evacuations.

When making a decision regarding health insurance, you should consider that many foreign doctors and hospitals require payment in cash prior to providing service and that a medical evacuation to the U.S. may cost well in excess of \$50,000. When consulting with your insurer prior to your trip, ascertain whether payment will be made to the overseas healthcare provider or if you will be reimbursed later for expenses you incur

Remember that not all U.S. medical insurance is valid outside of the United States and neither the National Kidney Foundation, World Transplant Games Federation or Local Organizing Committee is responsible for any costs associated with healthcare needs onsite. It is your responsibility to understand the details of your policy (i.e. pre-existing conditions, exclusions, acts of terrorism, emergency medical transport, and travel accident).

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Your trip to the World Transplant Games is an investment of over US \$2,000. Due to unforeseen circumstances, such as health/medical problems, last minute cancellations, lost or delayed luggage, etc., it is required that you provide proof of travel insurance coverage or a signed insurance waiver. Check with your insurance company to see if you have coverage, or you can purchase supplemental insurance through an additional carrier. Contact information for some U.S. based companies are provided below.

If you purchase travel insurance you should secure coverage for the following: Repatriation-Assistance Insurance, Dismemberment and Accidental Death Insurance, and Trip Cancellation Insurance.

Please be advised that in order **to secure supplemental travel insurance for pre-existing conditions such as an organ transplant**, you must purchase travel insurance within a specific timeframe (usually 7-21 calendar days) of making a payment for airline reservations, car rental or your registration fee, whichever is first. If you do not understand what this means please contact Team USA Headquarters before you make any type of payment related to traveling to the World Games.

U.S. Based Insurance Companies	
<u>ACCESS AMERICA, INC.</u> Richmond, VA 866-807-3982	<u>ASA, INC.</u> International Health Insurance Phoenix, AZ 888-ASA-8288
<u>CLEMENTS INTERNATIONAL</u> Washington, DC 800-872-0067 / 202-872-0060 http://www.clements.com e-mail: info@clements.com	<u>CSA TRAVEL PROTECTION</u> San Diego, CA 888-873-5484 http://www.csatravelprotection.com
<u>GATEWAY INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE PLANS</u> Marsh Consumer Washington, DC 202-367-5097 / 800-282-4495 email: gateway@marshpm.com	<u>HEALTH CARE GLOBAL</u> (also known as MEDHELP or WALLACH & COMPANY or HEALTHCARE ABROAD) Middleburg, VA 800-237-6615 / 540-687-3166

<p><u>HIGHWAY TO HEALTH</u> Fairfax, VA 703-322-1515 (Also provides destination-based travel health information for cities worldwide.)</p>	<p><u>INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL GROUP (IMG)</u> Indianapolis, IN 800-628-4664 / 317-655-4500</p>
<p><u>MultiNational Underwriters, Inc.</u> Indianapolis, IN 800-605-2282 e-mail: insurance@mnui.com</p>	<p><u>M. H. Ross Travel Insurance Services</u> Northridge, CA 800-423-3632</p>
<p><u>PETERSEN INTERNATIONAL UNDERWRITERS, INC.</u> Valencia, CA 800-345-8816 e-mail: piu@piu.org</p>	<p><u>QuoteWright.com</u> America's Travel Insurance Store East Hartford, CT.800-821-4940 http://www.quotewright.com e-mail: service@quotewright.com</p>
<p><u>Seven Corners, Inc.</u> Carmel, IN 800-335-0611/317-575-2652</p>	<p><u>Travel Insured International, Inc</u> E. Hartford, CT 800-243-3174</p>
<p><u>TRAVEL INSURANCE SERVICES</u> InterMedical Division Walnut Creek, CA 800-937-1387/925-932-1387</p>	<p><u>TRAVEL GUARD</u> Stevens Point, WI 800-826-1300/715-345-0505</p>
<p><u>TRAVELEX</u> Omaha, NE 800-228-9792</p>	<p><u>TRAVEL ASSIST NETWORK CORPORATION</u> South Bend, IN 866-500-0333/+1 574-272-5400 email: info@travelassistnetwork.com</p>
<p><u>USA ASSIST</u> Los Angeles, CA 805-499-0363</p>	<p>UNIVERSAL SERVICE AND ASSISTANCE Alexandria, VA 800-770-9111 / 703-370-7800</p>
<p><u>WORLDWIDE ASSISTANCE</u> Washington, DC 800-777-8710 ext. 417</p>	<p><u>BETINS</u> Tacoma, WA 866-552-8834 / 253-238-6382 e-mail:info@betins.com</p>

MEDICAL INSURANCE FAQS

What questions should I ask my health insurance company?

- Does this insurance policy cover emergency expenses abroad such as returning me to the United States for treatment if I am seriously ill?
- Does this insurance cover high-risk activities such as parasailing, mountain climbing, scuba diving and off-roading?
- Does this policy cover pre-existing conditions?
- Does the insurance company require pre-authorizations or second opinions before emergency treatment can begin?
- Does the insurance company guarantee medical payments abroad?
- Will the insurance company pay foreign hospitals and foreign doctors directly?

- Does the insurance company have a 24-hour physician-backed support center?
- Senior citizens may wish to contact the [American Association of Retired Persons](#) for information about foreign medical care coverage with Medicare supplement plans.

What's the difference between Travel Insurance and Travel Medical Insurance?

Travel Insurance insures your financial investment up to the amount of your policy limits.

Travel Medical Insurance insures you should you become ill and need medical attention while living or traveling abroad.

What insurance information should I carry with me abroad?

Carry both your insurance policy identity card as proof of your insurance and a claim form.

ACCOMMODATIONS AND MEALS

All participants will be staying in apartments in Broadbeach, which is in close proximity to the Games Hub, the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre (GCCEC). Every effort is being made to accommodate the entire team in one apartment complex. All apartments are self-contained with kitchen or kitchenette, balconies, bedding, linen and towels. There will not be housekeeping service in the apartments and you will be responsible for emptying your own garbage into the designated facilities.

Final room arrangements will be decided between Team Managers and the LOC after the close of registration to ensure maximum use of accommodation facilities.

Meals are included in your registration fee, breakfast and dinner will be served at the GCCEC. Take-away style lunch boxes will be provided daily and are to be collected during breakfast at the GCCEC. There will be canteens open at most venues for any additional purchases. Full details will be provided to you upon arrival.

For those of you interested in accommodations for an extra night, it will be approximately AUD \$60-\$80 per night per person. The cost for the games is AUD\$65 per person per night, but this is based on an average cost across all accommodation. So, it is dependent on the number of people who require extra accommodation and which accommodation venue the LOC will allocate each team. The rate for extra nights will only be available from August 20 to August 31.

REGISTRATION FEES

The 2009 WTG Package is inclusive and includes accommodations, food services, on-site transportation, and all special events. Package components cannot be sold a la carte. Please note that all athletes and supporters must pay the full WTG registration package cost. There is no discount for those wishing to stay in their own accommodation with friends or relatives who live in the area.

The registration fees noted below are for the package dates of **August 22-30, 2009**.

REGISTRATION (ALL INCLUSIVE PACKAGE DEAL)		FEE PER PERSON
18 & OVER	Adult Competitors	\$AUD 1,200
18 & OVER	Accompanying Adult	\$AUD 1,200
12-17	Junior Competitors	\$AUD 1067
12-17	Accompanying Junior	\$AUD 1067
11 & UNDER	Junior Competitors	\$AUD 947
11 & UNDER	Accompanying Junior	\$AUD 947
Single Room Supplement - sole occupancy – 1 bedroom		\$AUD 120 per night
Single Room Supplement – own bedroom/bathroom – but share lounge/kitchen facilities		\$AUD 80 per night
Double Room – 2 people per room but share lounge/kitchen facilities with others		Included within registration
Family/Friend Room – up to 4 to 6 people per room (depending on bedding configuration)		Included within registration

EXTRA STAY (PACKAGE DEALS)	FEE
Early Arrival (August 20 th -21 st) Only	TBD- Estimated \$AUD 60-\$AUD 80
Late Departure (August 31 st) Only	TBD- Estimated \$AUD 60-\$AUD 80

The registration fees are noted in Australian Dollars (AUD). As of Tuesday, March 3rd, the conversion rate is: **1 US Dollar = 1.57821 Australian Dollar**. 1 Australian Dollar (AUD) = 0.63363 US Dollar (USD). Rates are subject to change.

The WTG Registration Package cost includes:

- Full access to all sporting events and approved training sessions
- Standard accommodation in a shared four-star or above self-contained apartment. Those wanting single rooms will be required to pay a subsidy pending configuration and availability
- Three meals daily (breakfast, lunch and dinner) starting with dinner on August 22 to breakfast on August 30th.
- Gala Dinner and Opening Dinner
- Approved transfers from either Brisbane Domestic or International airports or Gold Coast Domestic or International airports
- Scheduled transport to all sports and training sessions
- A Games T-shirt, bag and program

In addition, a non-refundable Team USA registration fee in US dollars is required - \$200 for athletes and \$50 for non-athletes.

PAYMENT

To become an official member of Team USA 2009, full payment and medical waiver forms must be submitted to Team USA Headquarters by the noted deadlines. Deadlines will be binding.

WTG Registration Package Fee - AUD\$ _____

A **Foreign Bank Draft** is required for the World Games registration fee in Australian Dollars (AUD). Foreign Bank Drafts (Australian Dollars/AUD) must be made payable to: TRANSPLANT AUSTRALIA and mailed to Team USA Headquarters.

- A 10% deposit of your registration fee is required via a Foreign Bank Draft in AUD and is due to Team USA Headquarters no later than **May 8, 2009**. During the week of April 20th, Team USA Headquarters will email each team member an invoice and the amount required for the deposit.
- The remainder of the WTG registration fee balance is due to Team USA Headquarters by no later than **June 15, 2009**. **To avoid extra charges** for an additional Foreign Bank Draft to cover the remaining balance, it is strongly suggested that you submit the entire amount due on the invoice by May 8th, if feasible. If you require additional information, please contact Team USA Headquarters at 800-622-9010.
- The remainder of the WTG registration fee balance is due to Team USA Headquarters by no later than **June 15, 2009**.

Team USA Enrollment Fee – US\$ _____

A non-refundable Team USA Enrollment fee in US dollars is required - \$200 for athletes and \$50 for non-athletes. This fee helps to subsidize some of the team expenses, such as uniforms, onsite reception, team supplies, etc. The Team USA Enrollment Fee will be paid by a debit/credit card authorization form. If you will be paying the Team USA Enrollment fee for more than one person, please note each person's name on the payment authorization form. The Team USA registration fee is non-refundable and non-transferable.

Cancellations/Refunds

The Australia LOC (Local Organizing Committee) will consider cancellations with a refund of registration fees for medical reasons only. A request for a refund for medical reasons should be forwarded to your Team Manager and needs to be supported by a doctor's certificate confirming the nature of the illness. Through July 7, 2009 you can cancel your registration and receive a full refund, less a 10% administration fee. From July 8 to August 1, the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) reserves the right to charge a 50% cancellation fee. The LOC reserves the right to charge a full cancellation fee for registrations cancelled on or after August 2 through the commencement of the Games. As previously noted, we highly recommend that you take out travel insurance. The following will apply for approved refunds:

REFUND POLICY

On or BEFORE July 7 th	90% Refund
July 8 th - August 1st	50% Refund
On or AFTER August 2 nd	NO REFUND

TEAM USA TRAVEL INFORMATION

American citizens are required to have a valid U.S. passport to enter Australia AND must enter with an Australian visa or, if eligible, through Electronic Travel Authority (ETA).

If you do not have a valid passport, don't delay! February-April is the busiest time of year for Passport Services, with Americans planning spring break and summer trips. Processing times can vary depending on workload and occasional unforeseen circumstances. During busier times, such as the summer travel season, it can take 10 weeks to get a passport. For additional information, you may visit the listed websites below or call 1-877-4USA-PPT (1-877-487-2778). Representatives are available from 7:00 a.m. to 12 midnight, ET, Monday-Friday, except federal holidays.

You will need to apply in person if any of the following apply:

- To obtain a passport for the first time;
- If your expired U.S. passport is not in your possession;
- If your previous U.S. passport has expired and was issued more than 15 years ago;
- If your previous U.S. passport was issued when you were under age 16;
- If your currently valid U.S. passport has been lost or stolen.

For more information on getting a **new passport**, visit http://www.travel.state.gov/passport/get/first/first_830.html

Renewal of a U.S. Passport. You can renew by mail if:

- Your most recent passport is undamaged and can be submitted with your application;
- Your passport was issued within the past 15 years;
- You were over age 16 when it was issued;
- You still have the same name, or can legally document your name change.

If your passport has been, altered or damaged, you cannot apply by mail. You must apply in person.

For more information on how to renew a passport, please visit:

http://www.travel.state.gov/passport/get/renew/renew_833.html.

NOTE: All children regardless of age (including newborns and infants) must have their own passport.

Minors under 14 years of age must have proof of citizenship and proof of relationship.

For Minors under Age 16

You must establish proof of citizenship and proof of relationship. Previous U.S. passports are not acceptable as proof of relationship to the applying parent(s)/guardian(s). For more information visit:

http://travel.state.gov/passport/get/minors/minors_834.html.

- Must apply in person with parent
- Must submit evidence of relationship with parent
- Must present identification of parent
- Must provide parental consent

For All Minors Ages 16 - 17:

- Each minor child shall appear in person.
- For security reasons, parental consent may be requested.
- If your child does not have identification of his/her own, you need to accompany your child and present identification.

For more information visit: http://travel.state.gov/passport/get/first/first_830.html.

Due to international concern over child abduction, single parents, grandparents, or guardians traveling with children often need proof of custody or notarized letters from the other parent authorizing travel. (This is in addition to proof of citizenship as explained above.) Even if your child has a passport or proof of citizenship, this documentation is still required for entry. If your child is traveling without both parents, the letter must be authorized and signed by both parents as well. Travelers without such documentation may experience delays at the port of entry. If you have any questions about passports feel free to call the National Passport Information Center at 1-877-4USA-PPT.

Electronic Travel Authority (ETA):

An ETA is equivalent to a visa, but there is no stamp or label in your passport and there is no need for you to visit an Australian diplomatic office to submit an application. Applications for ETAs can be submitted through travel agents or airlines. Qantas Vacations can issue you one if you book the official Team USA flight itinerary.

You can also submit applications directly through their web site at <http://www.eta.immi.gov.au/>, by clicking on the 'Apply for ETA' button and, in most cases, they will be able to approve your ETA in less than 30 seconds. In a small number of cases, if your ETA cannot be approved immediately, you will need to check back in 12 hours to confirm whether your application has been successful. You can also check your ETA status, if you applied through this site, by clicking on the Check your ETA button.

The ETA is issued electronically by a computer system operated for the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) of Australia.

When an application for an ETA is submitted through this site, all you need to do is enter the details from your passport and your credit card information. The application is processed immediately. Approved applications are electronically recorded on Australian Government systems. When you arrive at an airport for check-in on a flight to Australia, the airline check-in staff can electronically confirm that you have authority to board the flight to Australia.

If you are traveling for tourism or to visit friends or relatives, you should apply for the Visitor/Tourist ETA. It is valid for 12 months with stays of up to 3 months on each visit, and can be used for single or multiple entry travel. Employment is prohibited.

How much does this service cost?

All applications processed through this site are subject to a Service Charge of AUS\$20.00 which will appear as an entry on your credit card statement against iVisa Services. Payment is by credit card only. The cards accepted by this site are American Express, Diners Club, JCB, Mastercard and Visa.

The Service Charge is payable upon submission of validated application data and pressing the 'Submit' button.

Payment of the charge does not guarantee that the application will be successful. The Service Charge is applied to recover the cost of running this service. As successful and unsuccessful applications use system resources, the charge is non-refundable.

What are the conditions?

Visitor ETA conditions

- Valid for visits to Australia for tourism or to visit friends or relatives
- Valid for multiple visits within 12 months from date of issue
- Maximum length of each visit is three months

You must not work while in Australia

To apply for an Internet ETA you will need:

- A current, valid passport for each traveler, and
- A valid credit card (American Express, Diners Club, JCB, Mastercard or Visa).

The ETA Process:

Your application will be processed while you are on-line. In most cases, you will be informed of the result of your application before leaving the Internet ETA system. In a small number of cases, your application may require additional processing and you will need to check back in 12 hours to confirm whether your application has been successful.

As part of the application/approval process, you will be issued with a reference number. This number applies only to ETAs issued through this site. That is, if you have been issued an ETA through a DIAC office, by a travel agent or an airline office, you will not be able to use this site to check the ETA.

Where you want to check an ETA issued using this site, you will need the reference number. You will be given the option to print out the confirmation screen. This is for your records only. The print out has no official status and will not be accepted by either airline staff or border protection authorities in Australia.

What happens when applications are not approved?

In a small percentage of cases, this site may not be able to evaluate and approve an application. In these cases, you should finalize your application through the nearest [Australian visa office](#). The locations and ETA contact procedures of these offices can be found on the [DIAC web site](#) or by clicking on the link on this site.

Register Your Travel:

The State Department strongly encourages American citizens planning travel abroad to register their travel with the Department of State. Travel registration makes it possible to contact a traveler if necessary, whether because of a family emergency in the United States or because of a crisis in the place the traveler is visiting. Registration is a free service provided by the State Department, and is easily accomplished online at <https://travelregistration.state.gov>.

Note that, in accordance with the Privacy Act, the Department of State may not release information about those registered without their express written authorization.

If your family needs to reach you because of an emergency, they can pass a message to you through the Office of Overseas Citizens Services, which can be contacted from within the United States at 1-888-407-4747 (toll free), and from overseas at 202-501-4444. The Office of Overseas Citizens Services will contact the U.S. Embassy or Consulate in the country in which you are traveling in order to pass the message to you.

The State Department also advises leaving a detailed itinerary and copies of your passport biographical-data page with a friend or relative in the United States.

How to Register:

1. You can either register online by visiting the travel registration site, at <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/home.asp> and clicking “Register My Trip”.

-or-

2. If you would like to contact an embassy or consulate you can go to <http://usembassy.state.gov/> for access to U.S. Embassy and Consulate webpages.

AIR TRAVEL

An official Team USA flight has been arranged with Qantas Airlines for Team USA travel to Australia, flying to Brisbane Airport (BNE) in Australia — from Los Angeles. To book a reservation on the official team flight, contact Jeri Wehrle from Qantas Vacations at (310) 535-1014, or by email jwehrle@qantasvacations.com and mention that you are traveling with Team USA to the World Transplant Games in Gold Coast, Australia. Full payment will be required upon booking. You may also secure your visa when booking your tickets.

TEAM USA FLIGHT ITINERARY:

DATE	AIRLINE/FLIGHT #	FROM/TO	DEPART	ARRIVE
AUG 19	QANTAS- QF 16	LAX/ BRISBANE (BNE)	11:20PM	6:05AM + 2 days
AUG 30	QANTAS- QF 15	BRISBANE (BNE)/ LAX	11:05AM	7:00AM

Price per person: \$1095.00 plus departure taxes and fuel surcharges.

Current departure taxes are \$120.00 and current fuel surcharges are \$220.00.

****Both Fuel Surcharges and Taxes are subject to change until the time of ticketing.**

Booking the LAX Team USA flight will require one additional night stay. Costs for each additional night in Australia are to be determined and are estimated between \$AUD 60-80. It is strongly suggested that participants arrive at least one day in advance to recuperate from the 14 hour flight and acclimate to the new time zone, which is 15 hours ahead Eastern Standard Time.

The official Team USA flight will be met by ground transportation to take the team to the designated lodging (**Teams will be dealt with on a group basis**). Upon arrival, the organizers will ensure everyone is picked up in a timely manner; however there may be some wait time between when your flight arrives and when you will be picked up due to the large number of groups they will be accommodating.

For those individuals who are not traveling with the team, you must arrive at the airport in Brisbane in time to meet the official team flight or you will need to make your own arrangements for ground transfers to the Gold Coast.

SPORTING EVENTS AND RULES

For events and the most current set of rules, please visit <http://wtgf.org>, and then click on the Sports tab. Please be sure to read the WTGF Rules and Protocols for each event in which you have registered. Ignorance and/or disregard for the rules may lead to penalization or disqualification.

Conditions of Entry:

Entry is open to all recipients of life supporting allografts and heamopoetic cell transplants from other individuals or species which require or have required the use of immunosuppressive drug therapies. Competitors must have been transplanted for at least 1 year, with stable graft function, be medically fit and have trained at the events in which they have entered. If a potential competitor has been transplanted for at least 6 months, with stable graft function, has been training and has permission from his own doctor, his entry may be considered by the WTGF medical committee and be allowed.

Age Groups:

Athletes will compete by gender in the following age groups: 18-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, and 70 and over. Age on the day of the Opening Ceremony of the Games will apply. Juniors will compete in events designated as junior events by gender in the following age groups: 5 years and under, 6-8 years, 9-11 years, 12-14 years and 15-17 years. Juniors 16 or 17 years of age are permitted to compete in adult age events, but must continue in that age category for any other event in that discipline, i.e. swimming, athletics.

MEDICAL SERVICES

Before competing at the World Transplant Games it is expected that your general level of health and fitness is stable as judged by your transplant doctor and in line with the different criteria for your

particular transplant. Your general condition is to be measured by the tests performed by your follow-up doctor, your transplant doctor and eventually by a sports doctor or cardiologist. You are personally responsible for maintaining your own training program, preferably in conjunction with a coach.

Medical Precautions: Medical services will include on-site treatment of injuries and an Emergency Services Plan working with local hospitals, clinics and ambulance services. The WTGF is solely responsible for checking medical certificates to make sure that all transplant athletes have a high enough standard of health to be able to compete in their chosen sport without undue risk. The medical certificates will be reviewed by the WTGF Medical Committee and, if deemed unsatisfactory, that competitor may be barred from competition. The medical certificate must be completed fully and signed by your transplant doctor.

All transplant recipients, regardless of the chosen sport, must complete the following medical forms provided by the WTGF/LOC:

1. A signed and verified **Statement (Form MF2)** giving details of your regular training program.
2. **Medical Certificate (Form MF3)** signed by your follow-up doctor, confirming your general state of health, based on the usual check-ups and tests undertaken by him/her. This document must be completed **ON OR AFTER June 22, 2009**. Medical Certificates signed and dated before this date will not be accepted.
3. A summary of your **Medical Records (Form MF4)** showing the most recent information signed by your transplant doctor.

Schedule your doctor appointment now. Again, this document must be completed **on or after June 22nd** and is due to Team USA Headquarters **by July 20th**. You have a time frame of one month to complete your Medical Certificate (Form MF3).

In addition, if you are participating in a medium or high-level sport (i.e. Volleyball, Tennis, Badminton, Swimming, Cycling, Track, etc.) the Medical experts of the WTGF strongly recommend that you undertake the following medical tests:

1. Stress test with ECG and blood pressure measurements dated no earlier than 4 months before the Games (**On or after April 22, 2009**) for heart, lung and heart/lung patients, and 6 months (**On or after February 22, 2009**) for all other transplants.
2. Get your Heart Specialist or sports doctor who has overseen the stress test to complete the Medical Certificate (MF3) in its entirety, certifying that he/she sees no reason why you should not compete in the chosen sports and listing those sports specifically.
3. Enclose the results of your stress test.
4. For Lung Transplants, please provide a Respiratory Function test result.