

Travel Policy for Family Members with National Teams 20 July 2023

1. Purpose

- The purpose of this policy is to outline guidelines and regulations regarding family travel with the Indian Hockey Teams during official national team events/engagement and/or on national duty. This policy is designed to prioritize the team's focus, performance, and overall well-being while maintaining a professional and conducive environment during competitions.

2. Scope

- This policy applies to all members of the national hockey teams, including players, coaching staff, support staff, and any other personnel representing the team during official national team events/engagement and /or on national duty.

3. Family Travel Restriction

- Families, including spouses, children, parents, or any other relatives, will not be permitted to travel with the Indian Hockey Teams during official national team events/engagement and/or on national duty.
- Such events may include but are not limited to:
 - National Championships
 - International Tournaments
 - Olympic Games
 - World Championships
 - Asian Competitions

4. Rationale

- The decision to restrict family travel with the national teams is based on the following reasons:
 - a) Performance and Focus: National teams demand a high level of focus and dedication from all team members. Eliminating potential distractions allows players and staff to concentrate on their roles and responsibilities during competitions.
 - b) Team Unity and Cohesion: Team unity is critical for success in sports. Traveling without families fosters a stronger bond among team members and enhances teamwork on and off the field.
 - c) Logistical Challenges: Managing the logistics and accommodation for families during national team events can be complex and time-consuming. Eliminating family travel simplifies the planning process and ensures a smooth experience for the entire team.

5. Exceptional Circumstances

- In exceptional circumstances, exceptions to this policy may be considered on a case-by-case basis, subject to approval by the Hockey India Executive Board. Exceptional circumstances may include, but are not limited to, situations where the presence of family members is deemed necessary for the well-being and mental health of a player or staff member.