

Communication by the Chancellery of the I.O.C. concerning the CONGRESS TO BE HELD IN VIENNA

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Instructions to the Members of the I. O. C., and to the Delegates of the International Federations concerning the necessary formalities for travelling to Austria.

1. Generally speaking, it is necessary for every foreigner wishing to go to Austria, to hold a passport which is valid, as well as an Austrian Visa, obtainable from the Consulate, or Official Representative of the Austrian Government residing abroad. These Authorities have been instructed by the Austrian Federal Government to facilitate the issue of these Visas.
2. **Exceptions:** The following Nationals are exempt from Visas: *Italian* and *Swiss* nationals do not require an Austrian Visa, a valid Passport is sufficient.
3. *French* and *American* nationals, in addition to the Austrian Visa require the « Grey Card ». Full information concerning this card can be obtained from the respective Austrian Legations in Paris and Washington. This grey card is indispensable for travelling by air, or rail. If by rail, the provided itinerary of the journey is scheduled by the Arlberg Express, via Salzburg, Linz, Enns, Vienna (Western Station).
4. *British* nationals, or holders of *Dominion* passports, should they travel either by air, or by rail, must have the Austrian Visa, and the Grey Card, mentioned above, under item 3.

The journey is by Semmering to Vienna (Southern Station). The Grey Card is issued by the Foreign Office, German Section, Norfolk House, St. James' Square, London. For full particulars apply to the Austrian Legation, either in London, or the Dominions.
5. Concerning the excursion to Badgastein and Innsbruck, due to take place after the Congress, all necessary formalities are being carried out by Austrian Olympic Committee, who will give all the necessary information in Vienna.
6. *German* nationals must apply to the Austrian Representatives of the Zone in which they live, in order to obtain a Visa. The latter is subject to the previous approval of the Allied Commission of Occupation in Vienna, and this takes time. It is necessary therefore, to make the application well before-hand.
7. *Japanese* nationals must get in touch with the Authorities concerned, in order to obtain a Military Permit, in case the Austrian Visa granted by the Allied Commission does not reach them in time.

To obtain the Officials Forms, it is necessary to contact by telegram the Austrian Legation, at New Delhi (Hotel Cecil, New Delhi).
8. For travellers of all nationalities, others than those cited above, it is only necessary to comply with the regulations mentioned above, under item No. 1.