

# **Seniors Tennis GB & LTA Policy on Travel to Unstable Countries for Official British Team Trips to the ITF World Team Championships & ITF World Team Championships (Young, Senior, Super Senior categories)**

This policy sets out Seniors Tennis GB & the LTA's action plan for Official British Teams competing at the ITF World Team Championships & European Club Championships (Young, Senior, and Super Senior categories) who are intending to compete in countries which have been deemed unsafe for travel by the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO). The FCO website ([www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice](http://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice)) is the main way of finding out up to date information on travel to all countries and should be taken as the central authority on travel safety advice. Seniors Tennis GB and the LTA may on occasion also take advice from the International Tennis Federation (ITF) and local security advisors in unstable regions who provide up to date security information on changing risk assessments.

In the event of an Official British Team Trip taking place for the ITF World Team Championships and European Club Championships in a country where the advice from the FCO is to **avoid travel to the whole country or to the parts of the country** where the event will take place, then Seniors Tennis GB and the LTA will **be likely to** cancel any Official British Team Trip that they have organised. This decision will be made by the Chairman, the Secretary, the Treasurer and the International Co-ordinator from Seniors Tennis GB; and the Director of Major Events & Competition, the Tournament Lead, the nominated representative for international team selection and any legal representation of the LTA. Other Seniors Tennis GB or LTA representatives may also be consulted including: players, team captains and relevant security advisors. Seniors Tennis GB and the LTA are only responsible for informing players who are travelling as part of an Official British Team Trip.

In the event of an Official British Team Trip taking place for the ITF World Team Championships and the European Club Championships in a country where the advice from the FCO is to **avoid all but essential travel to the whole country or to the parts of the country** where the event will take place, then Seniors Tennis GB and the LTA will come to a reasoned decision on whether to send teams to the country taking into account the exact circumstances of the trip. This decision will be made by the Chairman, the Secretary, the Treasurer and the International Co-ordinator from Seniors Tennis GB and the Director of Major Events & Competition, the Tournament Lead, the nominated representative for international team selection and any legal representation of the LTA. Should a decision be made not to send teams under this circumstance, Seniors Tennis GB and the LTA are only responsible for informing players who are travelling as part of an Official British Team Trip.

In both events above, any players generally covered by Seniors Tennis GB travel insurance will not be covered for travel to that country under these circumstances should they decide to go regardless of decisions taken by Seniors Tennis GB and the LTA.

In the event that an Official British Team Trip for the ITF World Team Championships and the European Club Championships have travelled to a country that **was not deemed a high risk at the time of travel**, but that then experiences a security risk incident or situation which affects the risk rating from the FCO, the following will occur. If the risk rating from the FCO is advising against all travel to the country following the incident, then Seniors Tennis GB and the LTA **will repatriate players on any official trips as soon as possible**. If the risk rating changes to advise against all but essential travel then a decision will be made on whether or not to repatriate players on an official British team trip. This decision will be made by the Chairman, the Secretary, the Treasurer and the International Co-ordinator from Seniors Tennis GB and the Director of Major Events & Competition, the Tournament Lead, the nominated representative for international team selection and any legal representation of the LTA. Should a decision be made not to send teams under this circumstance, Seniors Tennis GB and the LTA are only responsible for informing players who are travelling as part of an Official British Team Trip. **This does not apply to players competing in the Individual Championships after the Team event.**

Seniors Tennis GB International Co-ordinator will keep a Risk Assessment log of all incidents. Players with any questions or queries about an Official British Team Trip to an unstable country for European Club Championships & ITF World Team Championships can contact the Seniors Tennis GB International Co-ordinator.