

Panamerican Youth Chess Championship



Jul 20 – 27, 2019

Registration Deadline:

Official players and heads of delegation: Until Monday June 15, 2019.

Additional players and companions: Until Thursday, July 1, 2019.

I have compiled some key information from my experience to help making your travel plan smoother. Please read this carefully and let me know if you have any questions.

1. **Passport.** You will need a valid passport that does not expire within the last date of your trip.
2. **Visa.** Canadian Passport holders DO NOT need visa to visit Ecuador.
3. **Registration fee:**
Official players : \$125US
Additional players: 150 US
4. **Airport Transfer fee:** each person \$15US
5. **Accreditation card fee :** each person \$20US
6. **Official Player Benefit :**
Quote from Invitation file under hotel area.
“Staff of official players and head of delegation will consider double base in quality hotel 3 stars. Those who want a single room or request to stay in a 5-star hotel, must pay the corresponding payment difference to the organization.”
**I strongly recommend you stay in the 5 star official hotel. Therefore you will need to pay the difference*
7. **Playing Venue:** the Gran Salón Mercurio at the Sheraton Guayaquil Hotel, located on Avenida Joaquín Orrantía, Plaza del Sol, opposite the Mall del Sol.

8. **Official hotel:** Sheraton Guayaquil Hotel

Additional hotel: Sonesta
Radison
Green Gold
Wyndham Garden

If you decide not to stay in designated hotel, there is a \$120US penalty fee.

*Hotel fee will increase after May 15, 2019. The fee on the invitation file are per person only. Additional night fee can be found on the invitation file.

9. **Flight tickets :** You are responsible for your own flight tickets. The airport code for Guayaquil, Ecuador is GYE.

10. **Official Team Letter** will be issued by CFC once the team is registered and individual payment is done.

11. **Children travelling with one parent or another non-parental adult.**

If your child is travelling with one parent, please fill in the consent letter to avoid potential problems at any border crossing or airport. This is especially important for traveling to Ecuador with young children. Please refer this Government of Canada web site for more information.

<https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/children/consent-letter>

12. **Travel advisory from government of Canada:** <https://travel.gc.ca/destinations/ecuador>

13. **Registration of Canadians Abroad** is a free service offered by Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada that keeps you connected to Canada in case of an emergency abroad, such as an earthquake or civil unrest, or an emergency at home.

<http://travel.gc.ca/travelling/registration>

14. **Vaccination,** make sure you have the most updated routine vaccines and CDC recommends Hepatitis A vaccine because you can get hepatitis A or Typhoid through contaminated food or water in Ecuador, regardless of where you are eating or staying.

More information can be found from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website:

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/children/ecuador?cid=ncezid-dgmq-travel-single-001>

Also, bring the following medicine:

- Diarrhea medicine – Imodium, a counter drug to help relief minor diarrhea discomfort.
- Antibiotic medicine like Amoxicillin if there is a bacterial infections
- Bring some allergy medicine
- Of cause your usual medicine.
- Dukoral - Travellers' Diarrhea and Cholera Vaccine - Vaccination with



DUKORAL reduces your risk of becoming ill with travelers' diarrhea caused by enterotoxigenic E.coli (ETEC) or cholera caused by V. cholera. These two kinds of bacteria can make you really sick. (**this medicine must be taken a month before leaving Canada if it is your first time**).

****special note:**

The water system in Educator is much worst than us. Therefore, I suggest anyone make a visit to your doctor office and make all necessary precautions to avoid infection if you have a weak stomach.

10. Medical Insurance for Travel Aboard.

We strongly recommend everyone bought a medicine travel insurance when travel aboard.

This is a new article about an emergency medical attention in Mexico and coming home with a huge medical bill.

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/health/family-shocked-by-46k-price-tag-after-child-s-emergency-surgery-in-mexico-1.4345942>