

KVHA Travel Documentation Recommendation

Kent, WA 16 September, 2009 – The joy of travelling to Canada to play hockey is something every hockey player and family should experience. However, in order to make it a pleasant and memorable experience, parents and players should be prepared to provide proper identity documentation at the U.S./Canada border. Following is some basic information on travel documentation requirement and links to related sites on the www that can aide KVHA members in making sure they are prepared for border crossing this season.

As of June 1, 2009 all U.S. and Canadian citizens who are 16 and older traveling between the U.S. and Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean, and Bermuda by land or sea (including ferries), will be required to present a valid passport, passport card, Frequent Traveler card (NEXUS, SENTRI, FAST), Enhanced Driver's License (for residents in states that issue them) or Military ID with travel orders (see below). **U.S. and Canadian citizens who are 15 years old or younger may travel with just a copy of their birth certificate**, as **may** teens between the ages of 16-18 if they are part of an adult supervised school, religious, cultural or athletic group.

Kent Valley Hockey Association recommends all adults, players and family members planning to cross the border to and from Canada acquire **"a valid passport, passport card, Frequent Traveler card (NEXUS, SENTRI, FAST), Enhanced Driver's License."**

If a family chooses not to utilize these documentation recommendations, that is their choice. However, they should make sure they double check with **U.S. Customs and Border Protection** in advance of travel to avoid delays at the border and possibly missing or being late for a hockey game. It is not clear what the document requirements are if a player travels with a teammate's family.

For additional information, check the following links:

How to Apply for the First Time (In Person)

http://www.travel.state.gov/passport/get/first/first_830.html

Special Requirements for Children Under Age 16

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

Locate Where to Apply, by Zip Code

<http://www.iafdb.travel.state.gov/>

U.S. Customs & Border Protection resource

https://help.cbp.gov/cgi-bin/customs.cfg/php/enduser/std_adp.php?p_faqid=74

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