



IPC Guidance Regarding the Use of Medical Marijuana at the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games

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The use of marijuana is illegal in Brazil. It may be possible to obtain an exemption for medical importation, however this is dealt with on a case by case basis and must be organised in advance.

In cases where medical marijuana is prescribed for therapeutic purposes, the following guidance is offered:

- An athlete must have a valid Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) covering the full period of the Games.
- If possible oral forms of the medication (e.g. Dronabinol or Nabilone) should be used instead of inhaled or vaporised forms of the substance. If inhaled or vaporised forms of the medication are approved for use during the Games, use will be restricted to a designated location such as not to affect others. Amending any treatment plan should only be done in consultation with the NPC Physician.
- Any individual prescribed any form of medical marijuana and intending to import it into Brazil should contact Rio 2016 for additional guidance as soon as possible.