



# ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 4945 ARGENTINA-URUGUAY

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## REGULATIONS 2018-2019:

### A) MEDICAL INSURANCE:

- 1) First of all, the student entering our District 4945 **must** bring his/her own valid Medical and Life Insurance.
- 2) Every foreign student coming with **his/her own** medical insurance from his/her home country **has to make a warranty deposit of U\$S 500 (cash)** to the Host Club Treasurer during his/her first week of stay in Argentina. This deposit will be used only in an emergency case or in case his/her Medical Insurance does not cover any medical consultation or operation in a satisfactory way. This is something we had to apply since in many parts of our district international insurances are either not accepted or known. Out of that amount, whatever is not spent on the student's health will be totally refunded at the end of the exchange during the week before his/her return trip.

### B) ENTRANCE VISA & MIGRATION RULES:

The process of obtaining the one-year student visa in Argentina consists of two steps:

a) The first one is **OBTAINING the ENTRY PERMIT**: the process starts three to four months before the student's arrival and is performed by the Rotarian in charge of inbounds, who must submit the following documents for each student:

- Copy of the passport (all pages).
- Insurance certificate arranged by the student in his/her home country.
- Consulate address where the student will arrange his/her one-year visa.  
(THESE THREE POINTS SHALL BE PROVIDED BY THE STUDENT well in advance.)
- A letter of acceptance from the school.
- A program developed by the student during the exchange.
- Full details of the Argentine tutor.  
(THESE LAST 3 POINTS SHALL BE PROVIDED BY THE ROTARY HOST CLUB.)

The process ends with the ENTRY PERMIT resolution, and the files development can be checked entering the official website of Migration <http://www.migraciones.gov.ar/accesible/indexP.php>

**Disclaimer:** From the submission of the documents in the Immigration Delegation to obtaining the ENTRY PERMIT you may typically have to wait for 30 to 45 days.

b) The second step is **OBTAINING THE ONE-YEAR VISA**: this is performed by the student with his/her family in the corresponding Argentine Consulate. To do this, he/she should contact the Consulate well in advance to find out what documentation must be submitted to finally get his/her **ONE-YEAR VISA** stamped on his/her passport. Moreover, it should be pointed out that the **ENTRY PERMIT** has a valid date, which in our case is August 20<sup>th</sup>. So if the student goes to the Consulate after that date, we must arrange a new ENTRY PERMIT from Argentina.

In order to cover the ENTRY PERMIT cost, we request students to bring **U\$S 180 (cash)**. This amount will have to be given to the student's counselor within the first month of arrival at our district. (We would like to make it clear that apart from the expenses you may have to pay for your VISA in your home country, you will have to pay U\$S 180 here in Argentina, once you arrive, for the expenses we have to cover for your VISA paperwork in this country.)

For both the Health Warranty deposit and the one of Visas renewal, the student will have to ask for his/her receipt.

Cash deposits can be made in three different currencies: Pesos, American Dollars or Euros. The currency rate exchange will be the official one according to the BCRA (Central Bank of Argentina) rate exchange value at the moment of paying.

### **C) SPANISH KNOWLEDGE:**

Every student who enters our District 4945 for the exchange program **must have at least some basic Spanish knowledge. We recommend 40 hours of Spanish learning**, especially Latin American Spanish more than the European one from Spain. If the student does not, he/she will have to study Spanish daily until he/she learns how to communicate, and that is all at students' cost.

### **D) SCHEDULED AND RECOMMENDED TRAVELS BY ROTARY:**

There are currently three trips recommended by our Exchange Committee.

1) The trip to the South of Argentina, which reaches Tierra del Fuego, briefly visits Chile and also offers whales, penguins, sea lions, and seals' watching. Students will also have the unique opportunity to walk on a glacier. Duration: 17 days. Departure: October/November.

2) The trip to the North of Argentina includes The Iguazu Falls, in the province

of Misiones, and all the Northwest, where they will be able to see how South American indigenous people's descendants live, and the *Cuyo* area (the *Andes*) with its grapes and fruit trees plantations, and vineyards. On this trip they will also cross to the bordering country of Brazil where they will visit the Brazilian side of the Iguazu Falls. Duration: 15 days. Departure: April/May.

The itineraries and costs will be available two months before departure. They should contact [rotaryclub@rollingtravel.com](mailto:rotaryclub@rollingtravel.com)

3) The trip to Brazil visits the center and North of Brazil in December or January and includes air tickets. Estimated duration: 25 days. They should contact *Terra Brasil* [reservas@terrabrasil.com](mailto:reservas@terrabrasil.com)

### **E) TRAVEL PERMITS:**

The TRAVEL PERMIT signed by students' biological parents should specifically include **Argentina, Uruguay** and those countries such as: **BRAZIL, CHILE, PARAGUAY, BOLIVIA, PERU & ECUADOR or just say "for travelling throughout Argentina and ALL OTHER SOUTH AMERICAN countries."** This must be done because in all domestic travels recommended by Rotary these borders are gone through or they may be invited to travel to those countries by their host families.

This TRAVEL PERMIT **must be made before a notary public, and legalized and properly apostille stamped in your home country.** We won't be able to accept the Travel Permits issued so far by Argentine Consulates abroad since these documents are incomplete and in order to be officially accepted by Migrations here their processing should be concluded in Buenos Aires, 500km away from where students will live, which is unfortunately impracticable.

**Travel permits MUST BE ORIGINAL. Neither copies nor photocopies will be accepted.**

Last, but not least, **foreign students are encouraged to get the yellow fever vaccine before starting their exchange** in our district, recommended for trips to Brazil and Northwest of Argentina.

### **F) RELATIVES OR FRIENDS' VISITS:**

Relatives or friends' visits are prohibited during the first half of their exchange. They are permitted to do so only in January and February (school breaks), and June/July (before the end of their exchange), as long as they keep in mind that such visits should only take place during school breaks and do not overlap Rotary trips. Any other trip should be authorized by our District as they may interrupt Rotary and school activities.

### **G) PARCEL SHIPPING:**

In case any member of the student's biological family may want to send him/her a present, box, parcel or shipment of any kind, **WE WILL ASK YOU NOT TO DO IT SINCE OUR GOVERNMENT IMPORT REGULATIONS ARE VERY STRICT AND IF YOU DO SO, YOU SHOULD PAY A FINE FIRST, AND THEN AFTER GETTING AN AUTHORIZATION, ONLY THE CONSIGNEE WILL BE DELIVERED THE PARCEL, BUT IN THE MEANTIME HE/SHE WILL BE**

CHARGED PER EACH DAY THE SHIPMENT HAS BEEN KEPT IN THE CUSTOMS OFFICE (EZEIZA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT). THEREFORE, before sending any parcel you should ask the Exchange Committee on its convenience.

#### **H) FORMS SUBMITTING DEADLINES**

Our D4945 will send our students' AFs to your district by email no later than August 15<sup>th</sup> (for students leaving in January), and March 30<sup>th</sup> (for students leaving in August). You will have no more than 3 months to send us the GF (second sheet) and the insurance and visa instructions, being October 30<sup>th</sup> its deadline for forwarding them all (for students leaving in January), and June 15<sup>th</sup> (for students leaving in August). If these papers have not arrived by that date, **the exchange agreement signed between the two districts** is terminated and foreign students hosted by our district will not participate in scheduled trips by Rotary.

#### **I) WELCOMING / ORIENTATION CAMP:**

The incoming student must arrive at our district between September 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018. The **Welcoming Camp** will be held on the second fortnight of September, 2018, and is compulsory. Each student's cost of the Welcoming Camp is of **U\$S120** and it includes their stay, meals and a sweatshirt with our identifying exchange program logo. Moreover, the Committee, taking into account the availability of district locations and dates, will arrange a **Farewell Camp** in June for all students accommodated in the district, at no cost to the foreign student.

#### **J) 6D RULES:**

- 1) Do not drive any cars or motorbikes, or be driven.
- 2) Do not drink alcohol (do not get drunk).
- 3) Do not get any drugs (no drugs are accepted).
- 4) Do not date scandalously.
- 5) Do not decorate your body with any tattoo or piercing.
- 6) Do not download porn from the Internet or any graphic media.

#### **K) ALSO KEEP IN MIND THAT:**

- It is prohibited to smoke cigarettes (tobacco) except that you have a tobacco addiction, proved or guaranteed by medical certification. Inbound students **must declare sincerely in the AF if they are smokers**. Yet, they will only be allowed to smoke in their host houses **if and only if** their host families let them do so and only in the house areas they are permitted to smoke. As regards **Rotary activities** such as meetings, camps, and trips, among others, students are **not allowed** to smoke.
- Before starting any Rotary activity (trips, camps, etc.) **travel suitcases and bags will be checked**. If alcohol or any other **substance** are **detected**, the student will be punished by being sent back to his/her host house and will **receive a warning**. Furthermore, there will be no right to

claim for any amounts paid.

### **L) WARNINGS:**

If the student breaks any of the 6D rules or any of the other two rules aforementioned, the district makes **two written warnings** with a copy to the Chairman, the Counselor, the student and his/her families in both countries. **With a second warning, the student gets the anticipated return.**

### **M) COEXISTENCE RULES:**

#### **1) A STUDENT MUST NEVER PAY FOR:**

- 1) Food in the house: they have the right to eat all which the host family's children eat, without exceptions, even desserts.
- 2) Commuting to school in case they have to catch a public means of transport.
- 3) Lunch at school if that is required by school timetables, for instance when they study double shifts, i.e. mornings and afternoons.
- 4) Travel with the family: family must offer her/him the 4 meals and somewhere to stay and sleep.
- 5) Stay during the District Conference.
- 6) Enrollment fee to the school he/she will attend classes to.
- 7) Necessary school utensils.
- 8) Uniform if school requires so. In general, the student can borrow it.

#### **2) THE STUDENT MUST (GENERALLY) BE RESPONSIBLE FOR:**

- 1) Personal expenses such as shopping for clothes, sweets, public internet, going out with friends, visiting friends, group travels around the country, means of transport to the District Conference, personal hygiene items, gifts, etc.
- 2) Having his/her room tidy.
- 3) Helping with the household chores as if he/she was another family child.
- 4) Private or group extra-curricular classes such as dancing, tennis, photography, swimming, painting, music, etc.
- 5) Spanish course: both classes and learning material.
- 6) Attending school every day. If he/she travels, he/she must previously inform the school authorities about his/her absence.
- 7) Asking the counselor for the club permission if the student wants to visit friends in another city within the district. Logically, he/she will need his/her host parents' permission. The counselor will evaluate if the student is given the permission or not.
- 8) If the student decides to travel outside the district, he/she must ask for the Chairman's permission apart from the former ones mentioned on point 7. In that case, the Chairman will evaluate if the student is given the permission or not.

#### **3) HOST FAMILIES MUST BE RESPONSIBLE FOR:**

- 1) The student's food, both at home and at school. It is said that the refrigerator should be always open, just like with the host family's own children.
- 2) If the student takes friends to the host house, he/she must ask for permission first, and then, ask if his/her friend can stay to eat. It is up to the family to accept that or not.
- 3) The school fee if they have to pay for it. In Argentina, many schools do not charge the monthly fee for the foreign student.
- 4) The student's school enrollment and cost.
- 5) The student's commuting to school. If he/she must take the bus, the family must be in charge of it.
- 6) The room the student is given must be just like the others in the house and be inside it. The student needs to have some private space no matter how small it is: it could be a desk or a closet.
- 7) Giving the student access to Internet since his/her communication with the club and District are **all via email**. If he/she brings a computer, he/she will be able to connect to Internet. If he/she does not have one of his/her own, he/she will be able to use the one installed in the house at least once a week.
- 8) Enrolling him/her to some club if the student wants to, paying the membership fee but nothing else.
- 9) Getting or buying him/her the reglamentary uniform if the school requires so.
- 10) The student's monthly income which is stated in the GF. The host Club, through the treasurer, will hand in the money to him/her or make him/her a deposit.

**4) HOST FAMILIES WILL NOT HAVE TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR:**

- 1) The medicine the student occasionally needs during a temporary illness. The Medical Insurance the student brings with him/her must cover minor expenses as well as higher expenses such as being hospitalized, operations, etc. Sometimes, the family must pay for the medicine initially but then, by submitting the corresponding bills the insurance will have to refund the host family the money spent.
- 2) The expenses the student has when he/she goes out in the evenings. He/she will have to afford those.
- 3) The expenses the student has on weekends when he/she goes out with friends.
- 4) Whatever is broken in the house due to the student's negligence or some student he/she has invited.

Student's name:

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**We have read this and the five preceding pages of the present regulations and signed accordingly.**

Student's signature: .....

Parent's signature: .....

Rotarian counselor/YEO's signature: .....