

Over-Seas Travel

Part I

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Overseas travel can be a nightmare for both the veteran and first time traveler. Simple advice can be summed up as: *“Expect the unexpected, be prepared for anything, and keep your focus on your competition.”*

At the 1999 FILA-Junior World Wrestling Championships in Bucharest, Romania, there were a number of potential problems that hit both the U.S. Greco-Roman and the

Women’s freestyle teams. The Greco-Roman team had flight problems in Paris due to overbooking of a flight on Air France. Two coaches had to stay overnight in Paris and 11 members of the party were rerouted by taking a flight on Lufthansa to Frankfurt, then to Bucharest. As a result none of the team’s luggage arrived. The Greco team was forced to workout in their underwear and socks until their baggage arrived a full 24 hours later.