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Please find below a memo from Air Canada's Cargo department in relation to sports equipment (in particular hockey bags) being shipped on airlines.

## Sports Equipment

If checked in separately, each item within the sports equipment category is considered a piece of baggage. An excess piece fee will be collected at the airport for each piece that exceeds the free baggage allowance.

Exceptions: The excess piece fee is waived for up to 2 hockey sticks (when taped together and carried as a separate piece) and for a pair of ski boots or snowboard boots (when carried as a single, separate piece and when carried along with other related sports equipment such as skis or a snowboard).\*

Each piece must adhere to the weight limit of 23kg (50lb) and the size and limit of 160 linear cm (63 in). Pieces exceeding these limits are subject to oversize and/or overweight fees.

Exceptions: The oversize fee is waived for skis, snowboards, hockey sticks, and hockey bags if used to carry hockey equipment.\*

No piece may exceed a weight of 32kg (70lb) or linear dimensions (L+W+H) of 292 cm (115 in) or a length of 203 cm (80 in). Please contact Air Canada Cargo for shipping of such pieces.

**\*Note: Effective immediately, for travel on or after January 7, 2008, customers are asked to register their sports equipment online at the time of booking or via the Air Canada call center. By registering prior to check-in, passengers will continue to benefit from applicable waivers on the excess piece fee(s) for hockey sticks, ski boots, and snowboard boots as well as the oversize fee for skis, snowboards, hockey sticks, and hockey bags. As of January 7, 2008 customers who elect not to register their sporting equipment will be subject to all applicable excess piece and oversize fees when checking in at the airport on the day of departure.**

### Golf clubs

One golf bag containing no more than 14 clubs, 12 golf balls and one pair of golf shoes. The bag and clubs must be fully enclosed in a hard shell container specifically designed for shipping. If otherwise packaged, the item(s) will only be accepted with a limited release form (to be signed at check-in), releasing Air Canada of liability.

### Hockey equipment

The excess piece fee is waived for up to 2 hockey sticks if taped together and carried as a separate piece. The oversize fee is waived for both the equipment bag and the hockey sticks. **From January 7, 2008 onward, the above mentioned fees will only be waived if the equipment was registered before check-in at the airport. *Customers using hockey bags as luggage (e.g., not for transport of hockey equipment) will be subject to oversize fee, if applicable. Customers are subject to all applicable overweight fees as well as all applicable excess piece and oversize fees not waived above.***

### Skis and skates (snow or water)

Individual items if packed separately are: one pair of skis (snow or water), one set of poles, one snowboard, one pair of boots, one pair of skates, or a single slalom. Skis and poles must be packaged in a rigid and/or hardshell container specifically designed for shipping. If otherwise packaged, the item(s) will only be accepted with a limited release form (to be signed at check-in), releasing Air Canada of liability. The excess piece fee is waived for a pair of boots if carried as a single, separate piece when carried along with other related sports equipment such as skis or a snowboard. The oversize fee is waived for the ski bag/container. **From January 7, 2008 onward, the above mentioned fees will only be waived if the equipment was registered before check-in at the airport. Customers are subject to all applicable overweight fees as well as all applicable excess piece and oversize fees not waived above.**