



Australian Government
Department of Immigration and Citizenship

Visa Information for XII FINA World Masters Championships (General Guide Only)

- All travellers to Australia must have a valid visa before boarding their plane; they cannot apply for a visa on arrival. (NB: The only exception is New Zealand and Norfolk Island passport holders who will be issued a visa on arrival in Australia and do not normally need to lodge a visa application prior to their departure, unless there are character or health concerns).
- For the purpose of this particular event, participants holding Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) eligible passports may apply for subclass 977 – Business (Short Validity) ETA.
- Participants from non-ETA eligible passport holders may apply for subclass 421- Sport visa (including those holding diplomatic passports).
- Visa applicants are advised to apply for a visa at least 4-6 weeks in advance of your intended date of travel.

Subclass 421 - Sport

For a subclass 421 visa:

- Please apply at an [Australian overseas visa office](#)
- Issued as a label into your passport
- As this is an amateur* event, Visa Application Charge (VAC) will be waived for the participants.

*To be considered an amateur, participants must demonstrate that they compete in their sport mainly on a recreational basis (eg. for recreational or health reasons) and not for the purpose of deriving an income from that sport.

Documentation required for a Sport visa

A completed [form 147](#) and the following documentation:

- confirmation of event registration
- return air ticket
- proof of sufficient funds for the duration of stay in Australia
- evidence of amateur competition (ie. previous attendance in amateur competitions, payslip)

Further information on the subclass 421 Sport visa as well as the application form can be obtained from the Department of Immigration and Citizenship's (DIAC) website: www.immi.gov.au/visitors/special-activity/421/index.htm

Visa applicants must demonstrate that they meet all legislative requirements for a visa to be granted.

Subclass 977 - Business (Short Validity) ETA

For participants holding passports from one of these countries:

Andorra	Iceland	Portugal
Austria	Ireland	San Marino
Belgium	Italy	Singapore
Brunei	Japan	South Korea
Canada	Liechtenstein	Spain
Denmark	Luxembourg	Sweden
Finland	Malaysia	Switzerland
France	Malta	Taiwan *
Germany	Monaco	UK **
Greece	Netherlands	USA
Hong Kong (SAR)	Norway	Vatican City

* Taiwan passport holders can be processed for an ETA only if resident in and applying in Taiwan.

** UK (British National Overseas) passport holders can apply for an ETA only if resident in and applying in Hong Kong (SAR).

You can apply for an ETA:

- Available via the internet at www.eta.immi.gov.au (normally online visa processing takes 20 minutes with an internet service charge of AUD\$20.00)
- Also available through participating airlines & travel agents overseas (service charge may apply)
- No stamp or label in the passport

Please note that, in some instances, an ETA is not automatically granted and you may be referred to the nearest Australian visa office.

Health Requirements: Please be aware that you may be asked to undergo medical and/or x-ray examination www.immi.gov.au/allforms/pdf/1163i.pdf

Bringing family members, guests and friends (who are non-competitors):

- Spouse, children under 18 and other eligible dependant family members can be included in your subclass 421 visa application.
- If they are from an ETA eligible country: apply for a visitor ETA (subclass 976) via DIAC's website www.eta.immi.gov.au or through participating airlines & travels agents overseas.
- Friends and non-dependant family members not from an ETA eligible country: apply for a Tourist Visa (subclass 676, [Form 48R](#)) & obtain the form via DIAC's website at www.immi.gov.au/visitors/tourist/676/apply-person.htm.