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Visa Application Process for Athletes

Dear Presidents and General Secretaries,

To best assist with the visa application process for athletes, please refer to the below instructions. Following these instructions will help with the success of securing visas for your delegation:

1. Enter all required information into the preliminary entry system by the closing deadline **16, July 2021, 23:59 GMT**.

<https://wtcentries.ittf.link/>

2. Please begin the process of securing your travel visas for entry into the United States by applying online at <http://www.travel.state.gov>.

- Complete the online Nonimmigrant Visa Application Form [DS-160](#).
- Upload your photo while completing the online Form DS-160
- Pay the required visa application fee, if required to do so prior to the date of your interview. For country-specific information, please visit the [U.S. Embassy or Consulate website](#).
- Print the DS-160 barcode page and bring with you to your interview appointment.
- Schedule an interview appointment. Appointments should be scheduled as soon as possible.
- For instructions and information, please consult [U.S. Visa info](#).

If there are no interview appointments available prior to the date of the meeting or event, please confirm the earliest appointment available and notify Accreditation@houstonports.org immediately

3. When the visa application has been completed and submitted, and the visa interview has been scheduled, please notify Accreditation@houstonports.org. An official personalized visa invitation letter will then be sent to the delegation via email. This document must be brought with the individual to the visa interview appointment.

4. For countries that require a [National Interest Exemption Waiver](#) for travel, the LOC will provide assistance with this process. Information will be collected from the preliminary entry system to provide this document to the delegation.

5. If any member of your delegation already has a visa, there still might be additional paperwork required for travel depending on the COVID-19 government-imposed travel restrictions. Please complete all necessary fields in the preliminary entry form. The LOC will provide details to the delegation if additional paperwork is required for existing visa holders.

If you have any questions, please contact Meredith Pardue at Accreditation@houstonports.org. We look forward to your participation in this event and wish you safe travels.