



Travelling to Australia for sporting events

Visa options for overseas sporting teams, individuals, and support staff

To facilitate entry to Australia to take part in the planned sporting events, it is important to apply for the visa most appropriate for the proposed activities. Applying for a visa that is not appropriate could result in a refusal of the visa application, or the visa holder being denied entry to Australia at the border.

Amateur level

For the purposes of this advice, athletes, coaches, judges, officials and support people are considered to be participating in an amateur sporting event if they:

- do not derive any payment for participating in the event, including prize money, and
- do not have a profession closely related to the sport.

The **Visitor visa** (subclass 600, subclass 651 or subclass 601) (Tourist) is appropriate for the following individuals for a stay of 3 months or less:

- athletes, coaches, judges, support staff and officials engaging in amateur sporting events without payment and where their profession is not related to the sport
- spectators/family.

See: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/visitor-600/tourist-stream-onshore>

Professional or activities for remuneration

The **Temporary Activity visa** (subclass 408)

Invited Participant stream - stay of 3 months or less:

- athletes competing in a paid/professional sporting event, including competing for prize money
- coaches, support persons, judges, and officials whose profession is closely related to the activity/sport - whether they are paid or unpaid for the Australian sporting events.

See: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/temporary-activity-408/invited-for-other-social-and-cultural-activity#About>

Sporting Activities stream – stay for a part or full sporting season:

- sportspersons must apply for this visa stream if they have a contract or agreement to play, coach or judge for an Australian sporting club/organisation.

See: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/temporary-activity-408/sporting-activities>

The **Short Stay Specialist visa** (subclass 400)

- sportspersons and their support staff competing in professional sporting events where the stay period is between 3 and 6 months
- journalists or other media personnel travelling to Australia to cover a sporting event(s), where the production is not intended for Australian audiences
- persons otherwise working at the event, for example, project managers or site supervisors.

See: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/temporary-work-400>

For further information on visas and entry to Australia, refer to the website of the Department of Home Affairs at: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/> or contact the Global Service Centre at +61 2 6196 0196.