



U.S. Open Championship

INTERNATIONAL PLAYER TRAVEL

Each player is responsible for his travel to the U.S. Open Championship. International players must arrange for their own passport and visa. The USGA does not have any method to provide assistance with either document. The following information may be helpful as players make their arrangements:

- Entry into the United States is managed by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS); Customs and Border Protection; and the U.S. Department of State.
- All foreign nationals must present a passport and visa to enter the United States.
- There is a special type of visa designated for "Internationally Recognized Athletes." The visa requirements for this visa (P1-A), are identified at the following link to the USCIS website:

<http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis/menuitem.eb1d4c2a3e5b9ac89243c6a7543f6d1a/?vgnnextchannel=19860b89284a3210VgnVCM100000b92ca60aRCRD&vgnnextoid=19860b89284a3210VgnVCM100000b92ca60aRCRD>

- Foreign nationals of some countries may be eligible for entry into the United States through the Visa Waiver Program. Those countries are listed on the State Department's website:

http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/without/without_1990.html

- If the player is eligible for entry into the United States via the Visa Waiver Program, they **MUST** apply online and receive electronic confirmation before traveling. The link to that application process is:

<https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta/>

- Information on "business travel" authorized under the Visa Waiver Program which includes athletes competing for prize money is contained at this link:

<http://travel.state.gov/content/dam/visas/BusinessVisa%20Purpose%20Listings%20March%20014%20flier.pdf>