

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=1986ob89284a321oVgnVCM10000ob92ca6oaRCRD&vgnextoid=1986ob89284a321oVgnVCM10000ob92ca6oaRCRD>

- 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_t/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%202014%20flier.pdf>