

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/?vgnextchannel=19860b89284a3210VgnVCM10000ob92ca60aRCRD&vgnextoid=19860b89284a3210VgnVCM10000ob92ca60aRCRD>
- 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%202014%20flier.pdf>