Sport Accord 2024 VISA & ETA Application User Guide

The purpose of this guidance is to provide delegates of Sport Accord 2024 the relevant information and links to enable them to apply for either a VISA or ETA to attend the conference.

Do I need a Visa to enter the United Kingdom?

Delegates from the following list of countries require a Visa to enter the UK (information correct as of 15ᵗʰ December 2023):

Afghanistan	Albania	Algeria	Angola	Armenia
Azerbaijan	Bahrain**	Bangladesh	Belarus	Benin
Bhutan	Bolivia	Bosnia Herzegovina	Burkina Faso	Burundi
Cambodia	Cameroon	Cape Verde	Central African Republic	Chad
People's Republic of China*	Comoros	Congo	Cote d'Ivoire (formerly Ivory Coast)	Cuba
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Djibouti	Dominica	Dominican Republic	Ecuador
Egypt	El Salvador	Equatorial Guinea	Eritrea	Eswatini (formerly Swaziland)
Ethiopia	Fiji	Gabon	Gambia	Georgia
Ghana	Guinea	Guinea Bissau	Haiti	Honduras
India	Indonesia*	Iran	Iraq	Jamaica
Jordan**	Kazakhstan	Kenya	Korea (North)	Kosovo
Kuwait**	Kyrgyzstan	Laos	Lebanon	Lesotho
Liberia	Libya	Madagascar	Malawi	Mali
Mauritania	Moldova	Mongolia	Montenegro	Morocco
Mozambique	Myanmar (formally Burma)	Namibia	Nepal	Niger

Nigeria	North Macedonia	Oman**	Pakistan	Philippines
Russia	Rwanda	Sao Tome & Principe	Saudi Arabia**	Senegal
Serbia	Sierra Leone	Somalia	South Africa*	South Sudan
Sri Lanka	Sudan	Suriname	Syria	Taiwan*
Tajikistan	Tanzania	Thailand	Timor-Leste	Togo
Tunisia	Turkey*	Turkmenistan	Uganda	Ukraine
United Arab Emirates**	Uzbekistan	Vanuatu	Venezuela	Vietnam*
Yemen	Zambia	Zimbabwe		

Countries that have a * by them are subject to some exceptions. Details of these exceptions can be found on the link below:

Check if you need a UK visa - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Countries that have a ** by them will be required to follow the Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) process from 1st February 2024. This can be done by following the following the link below:

Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

What is an Electronic Travel Authorisation? - YouTube

The UK Visa Application Process

All Visa applications must be submitted online using the link below. Before applying for your Visa, please have your passport and method of payment ready.

How to apply for a visa to come
to the UK: Choose a visa - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Once you have completed the application form is completed, you will be taken automatically to the visa payment site where you will enter your payment details and pay for your visa application. Once payment has been taken you will be automatically re-directed to the booking page for the Visa Application Centre (VAC) in your country of origin. An appointment will be available for you to book within 5 days of your visa application being made. You will need to visit a Visa Application Centre for your fingerprint and electronic photograph to be captured. **It is not until you have visited the Visa Application Centre that the 15 day processing time for your visa begins.**

Details of your nearest Visa Application Centre can be found by using the link below:

Find a visa application centre - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

UK Visa application Timings & Cost

It will take <u>15 days from the date you visit the Visa Application Centre</u> for your visa to be processed and issued. Please ensure that you allow sufficient time to apply for your visa to attend Sport Accord 2024. The standard cost of a UK Visa is **£115**. In the event of you are not able to meet this timescale there are options for a quicker service. This will significantly increase the cost of your visa.

The table below shows the timings and cost for a UK visa and the dates below are based on a travel date into the UK of 6th April 2024 and show the latest possible date Visa applications can be made.

Service	Last Biometric date	Additional Cost per application	Processing time	Availability
Standard	**15/03/2024**	£0	15 working days	Available at all Visa application centres
Priority Service (PV)	**01/04/2024**	**£500**	5 working days	Limited application centres
Super Priority Service (SPV)	**05/04/2024**	**£1000**	Next working day	Limited application centres

Please note that not all Visa application centres offer PV or SPV services. Availability of these two services can be found on

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Participants who intend to travel into the UK before 06/04/2024 will need to calculate their individual cut off dates for the various processing service using Business Date Calculator: Add/Subtract Workdays, Holidays or Weekends (timeanddate.com)

UK Visa Application – Supporting Information.

Below are some links that should answer any questions you might have regarding your UK visa application.

Info	Link
Do I need a visa	Check if you need a UK visa - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
Visa Waiting Times	Visa processing times: applications outside the UK - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
Visa nationalities	Immigration Rules Appendix Visitor: Visa national list - Immigration Rules - Guidance - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
Visa fees	Home Office immigration and nationality fees: 6 April 2022 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
Applying for a standard visit visa	Guidance on applying for a standard visitor visa
Supporting documents	Visiting the UK: guide to supporting documents
Visitor rules	Immigration Rules Appendix V: Visitor
Permitted activities	Immigration Rules Appendix Visitor: Permitted Activities
Find a Visa Application Centre	Find a visa application centre - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
EU visitor	Visiting the UK as an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
Withdraw application	Cancel your visa, immigration or citizenship application - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
Checking right to work	Checking a job applicant's right to work - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
TLS (commercial partner who runs Visa Application Centres in Europe, Africa, Central Asia and Russia)	UK Visa Application Centre | TLScontact
VFS (commercial partner who runs Visa Application Centres in Asia, Pacific and Americas Africa, Central Asia and Russia)	Welcome to VFS Global | VFS Global
Online application portal	Select your language (visas-immigration.service.gov.uk)
TLS Customer Journey video	Book an appointment for a UK Visa at a TLScontact Application Centre - TLScontact - YouTube
Working day Calculator	Business Date Calculator: Add/Subtract Workdays, Holidays or Weekends (timeanddate.com)
Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) Guidance for non-visa nationals	Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Info	Link
Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) information video	What is an Electronic Travel Authorisation? - YouTube
Electronic Visa Waiver (EVW)	Get an electronic visa waiver to enter the UK - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
Guidance on who qualifies as exempt from immigration control	Exempt (EXM) - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)