



2010 Australian Open Junior Summer Circuit Visa Information

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Please note that all travelers to Australia for these events must have a valid visa before boarding their plane. Travelers to Australia cannot apply for a visa on arrival. However, because Australia has special visa arrangements with New Zealand, New Zealand passport holders will be visaed on arrival in Australia and do not need to lodge a visa application prior to their departure from New Zealand.

Event participants, other than New Zealanders, should read the following information carefully. Information on "visitor visa processing and requirements" can be found on the department's website: www.immi.gov.au

Details for contacting the appropriate visa office closest to the applicant's place of residence can be found at: <http://www.immi.gov.au/contacts/overseas/index.htm>

Section 1 - The Sport Visa (subclass 421)

- Amateur Players under 18 years of age
- Amateur Players 18 years of age or older
- Amateur Coaches

****No Application Fee Applies for the 421 visa****

As some players and coaches are amateurs, no application fee will apply. This is in accordance with the department's policy on the word 'amateur'. To be considered an 'amateur', a person must demonstrate that they compete in their sport mainly on a recreational basis (e.g. for pleasure or health reasons) and not for the purpose of deriving an income from that sport.

Supporting Documentation

All applicants must provide the following documents with their subclass 421 application:

- letter of invitation/registration
- return air ticket
- proof of sufficient funds for the duration of stay in Australia

The link to information on the subclass 421 sports visa as well as application form can be found on the department's website at: <http://www.immi.gov.au/visitors/special-activity/421/index.htm>

Section 2 - The electronic short stay validity Business visa (ETA 977)

- Amateur Players 18 years of age or older
- Professional Players 18 years of age or older
- Amateur Coaches
- Professional Coaches





Some players and coaches will be eligible to apply for an Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) 977 visa. The ETA is an electronic (invisible) that can be applied for online and is usually issued the same day. There is no Australian Government fee for this electronic visa but currently, the service provider charges a fee of \$AUD20. The ETA can also be applied for through many travel agencies and they may choose to impose a fee to travelers, for this service.

Players and coaches with passports from any of the following countries or locations can apply for an ETA visa:- Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Brunei, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong SAR, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Monaco, The Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Republic of San Marino, Singapore, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan*, United Kingdom – British Citizen, United Kingdom - British National (Overseas)**, USA, Vatican City

*Taiwan passport holders can be processed for an ETA only if resident in, and applying from, Taiwan.

**UK passport holders whose nationality is British National (Overseas) can be processed for an ETA only if resident in, and applying from, Hong Kong SAR.

***Please be aware that Taiwanese passport holders and BNO passport holders cannot apply for an ETA online. Such passport holders must contact their closest visa office for information about how to obtain their ETA.

Following, is a guide for the ETA-eligible visa applicants on how to apply for a short stay Business visa online:

When the website <http://www.eta.immi.gov.au> is accessed, the visa applicant will see the following heading: "Welcome to the Australian Government's Electronic Travel Authority System". At the top left hand side of that screen, the visa applicant will see a tab suggesting that they "Apply for ETA". The visa applicant should click on that tab and then proceed to lodge their visa application online. When asked to choose the kind of ETA for their needs, they should indicate that they are applying for a short stay validity Business ETA. Once processing is complete, the visa applicant will be provided with a personalised reference number to keep. There will be no visible visa in their passport but their visa will exist electronically and will be visible when read at passport control, on their arrival in Australia.

ETA visa holders are permitted to attend an event (or several) and to partake in general tourism activities.

Section 3 - The short stay validity Business visa (subclass 456)

- Amateur Players 18 years of age or older
- Professional Players 18 years of age or older
- Amateur Coaches
- Professional Coaches

Players and coaches who do not hold a passport from one of the ETA eligible countries listed above will be eligible to apply for a short stay Business visa (456) at the closest Australian visa office to their current place of residence. If visa grant occurs, a visa label will be attached to the traveler's passport. There is currently, a fee of \$AUD70 for 456 visa processing, to be paid at the time of lodgment of the visa application. Contact details for the appropriate visa office closest to the applicant's place of residence can be found at:

<http://www.immi.gov.au/contacts/overseas/index.htm>





The application for the subclass 456 visa (11 pages) can be downloaded from the department's website at: <http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms/pdf/456.pdf>

Subclass 456 visa holders are permitted to attend an event (or several) and to partake in general tourism activities. Subclass 456 visa holders are also advised to note any visa conditions, as may be stipulated on their visa label.

All subclass 456 visa applicants for events should note that event registration does not guarantee visa grant. In order to be granted a visa to visit Australia, a subclass 456 visa applicant must demonstrate that they meet all the legislative requirements for visa grant, including meeting the bona fide and character checks. Visa processing is stringent and subclass 456 visa applicants are advised, in the current global situation, to apply for a visa well in advance (4 - 6 weeks) of their intended date of travel, if possible.

Section 4 - Subclass 676 Tourist Short Stay Visa

- Amateur Players under 18 years of age
- Professional Players under 18 years of age

Players under 18 years of age will be eligible to apply for the subclass 676 Tourist Short Stay visa as they will need to provide written evidence of parental consent to visit Australia. They will need to apply for a subclass 676 Tourist visa at the closest Australian visa office to their current place of residence. If visa grant occurs, a visa label will be attached to the traveler's passport. There is a fee of \$AUD70 for subclass 676 visa processing, to be paid at the time of lodgment of the visa application. Contact details for the appropriate visa office closest to the applicant's place of residence can be found at:

<http://www.immi.gov.au/contacts/overseas/index.htm>

Information on the subclass 676 and application form can be downloaded from the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs' website at

<http://www.immi.gov.au/visitors/tourist/676/index.htm>

Section 5 - Electronic Travel Authority (ETA 976) Visitor Visa

- For Parents/Spectators Only

Some parents/spectators are eligible to apply for an ETA 976 Visitor Visa. The ETA is an electronic (invisible) visa that can be applied for online and is usually issued the same day. There is no Australian Government fee for this electronic visa but the service provider does charge a fee of \$AUD20. The ETA can also be applied for through many travel agencies and they may choose to impose a fee to travelers, for this service.

Participants with passports from any of the following countries or locations can apply for an Electronic Travel Authority (ETA):- Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Brunei, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong SAR, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Monaco, The Netherlands, Norway, Portugal,





Republic of San Marino, Singapore, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan*, United Kingdom - British Citizen, United Kingdom – British National (Overseas)** , USA, Vatican City

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Following, is a guide for the ETA-eligible visa applicants on how to apply for a short stay ETA 976 Visitor visa online:

When the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs' website

<http://www.eta.immi.gov.au> is accessed, the visa applicant will see the following heading: "Welcome to the Australian Government's Electronic Travel Authority System". At the top left hand side of that screen, the visa applicant will see a tab suggesting that they "Apply for ETA". The visa applicant should click on that tab and then proceed to lodge their visa application online. When asked to choose the kind of ETA for their needs, the visa applicant should indicate that they are applying for a Visitor ETA. Once processing is complete, the visa applicant will be provided with a personalised reference number to keep. There will be no visible visa in their passport but their visa will exist electronically and will be visible when read at passport control, on their arrival in Australia. ETA visa holders are permitted to attend an event and to partake in general tourism activities

Section 6 - Subclass 676 Tourist Visa

- For Parents/Spectators Only

Parents/spectators who do not hold a passport from one of the ETA eligible countries listed above will need to apply for a subclass 676 Tourist visa at the closest Australian visa office to their current place of residence. If visa grant occurs, a visa label will be attached to the traveler's passport. There is a fee of \$AUD70 for subclass 676 visa processing, to be paid at the time of lodgment of the visa application. Contact details for the appropriate visa office closest to the applicant's place of residence can be found at:

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Application Processing Times

All visa applicants for this event should note that event registration or invitation does not guarantee visa grant. In order to be granted a visa to visit Australia, the visa applicant must demonstrate that they meet all the legislative requirements for visa grant. Visa processing is stringent and visa applicants who need to apply through an overseas visa office are advised, in the current global situation, to apply for a visa well in advance (4 - 6 weeks) of their intended date of travel, if possible.

