



VISA INFORMATION



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Dear WTF Member National Association,

On behalf of the 2016 World Taekwondo Junior Championships Society (the Society), I am pleased to issue this Letter of Invitation to welcome qualified athletes from your association to participate in the 2016 WTF World Taekwondo Junior Championships (the Event). Citizenship and Immigration Canada's Special Event Code for this event is "16WTJC."

The Society is the local organizing committee, and is working closely with the World Taekwondo Federation (WTF) to deliver the Event. The WTF is the international federation governing the sport of taekwondo, and recognizes Member National Associations (MNAs, national taekwondo governing bodies) recognized by the National Olympic Committees in the pertinent country as its members. In order to participate in the event, the individuals must be members of a WTF MNA. The WTF has access to the personal information for any participant that takes part in the Event.

Male and female athletes between the ages of 14 and 17 years will attend the event with the purpose of competing for top honours. Coaches and team support members attend the event to support athletes in organizational, training and other capacities.

The Event will be held at Bill Copeland Sports Centre in Burnaby, Canada, on November 16-20<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The training facility, located at Fortius Sport & Health in Burnaby, Canada, will be open from November 11-15<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The competition will end on the evening of November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Participants are able to arrange for accommodation at designated hotels of the Event, including the Hilton Vancouver Metrotown, Element Vancouver Metrotown, Executive Suites Hotel & Conference Centre Burnaby, Holiday Inn Express Vancouver Metrotown, Accent Inns Burnaby and Best Western Plus Kings Inn, all located in Burnaby, Canada. The participants are responsible for covering all costs associated with participating in the Event, including travel, using Canadian currency.

Sincerely,

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*Date of Registration:* June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

The 2016 World Taekwondo Junior Championships Society is responsible for organizing all local aspects of the 2016 WTF World Taekwondo Junior Championships.



Canada Border Services Agency  
International Events and Convention Services Program  
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Paul McDonell,

In response to your correspondence dated May 4, 2016; the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) - International Events and Convention Services Program (IECSP) officially recognizes the following event:

<p><u>2016 WTF World Taekwondo Junior Championships</u> November 16-20, 2016 Bill Copeland Sports Centre Burnaby, BC</p>
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The information provided to the CBSA states there will be approximately 1500 attendees (including athletes, support staff/coaches, referees and World Taekwondo VIPs) of which 98% are foreign to Canada. The event is open to the general public with sales of merchandise taking place.

CBSA requires everyone seeking admission into Canada to properly declare themselves to CBSA by providing accurate identification. CBSA will accept a valid passport as proof of citizenship. Persons who have been convicted of any criminal offences may be inadmissible to Canada. For more information please visit: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/inadmissibility/index.asp>

If you have attendees from visa-requiring countries (<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp>), please contact the Special Events Unit of Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) at [special.events@cic.gc.ca](mailto:special.events@cic.gc.ca) with the specifics of your event. They will assess the visa requirements of your event.

To ensure that organizers and participants of your event are aware of requirements for entry to Canada, the information provided to the CBSA may be shared with CIC. The CIC may, in turn contact event organizers to confirm details of your event and provide further direction regarding admission to Canada for those attending your event(s).

To facilitate border procedures it is recommended that foreign attendees be provided a copy of this letter for presentation to a CBSA Border Services Officer upon their arrival to Canada.



Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

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*The information you provide in this document is collected under the authority of **Section 107(9) of the Customs Act** for the purpose of the facilitation of border coordination services for organizers of international events being held in Canada. The information may be disclosed to Other Government departments and/or Agencies (e.g. Citizenship and Immigration Canada) for the purposes of providing assistance with admissibility requirements.*

*Individuals have the right of access to, the protection and correction of their personal information under the **Privacy Act – Section 12**. The information collected is described under the **International Events Personal Information Bank CBSA PPU 040** which is detailed at [www.cbsa.gc.ca/agency-agence/reports-rapports/pia-efvp/atip-aiprp/infosource-eng.html](http://www.cbsa.gc.ca/agency-agence/reports-rapports/pia-efvp/atip-aiprp/infosource-eng.html)*



# VISITING CANADA

## Travel Information For International Competitors

The following information is intended for international competitors and teams who will be travelling to Canada for the 2016 WTF World Taekwondo Junior Championships. For more detailed information, please visit <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/index.asp>.

### 1. DO YOU NEED AN ELECTRONIC TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION (ETA) OR A VISA?

A visa is an official document that is inserted inside a passport giving permission for you to come to Canada. For the 2016 WTF World Taekwondo Junior Championships, travellers with passports from visa-required countries and territories will most likely need a single-entry visitor visa to enter Canada.

The eTA is an authorization that is electronically linked to your passport and is valid for five years or until your passport expires, whichever comes first. As of March 15, 2016, travellers with passports from eTA-required countries who enter Canada by air will need an eTA. It is important to travel to Canada with the same passport you used to get your eTA.

Please click here to see the list of countries for which Canada requires a visa or eTA: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas-all.asp>

### 2. ARE YOU A MINOR?

Persons under the age of 18 years are considered minors in Canada. You may need to present additional documents during the visa or eTA application process, or upon arrival in Canada at the border. For more information regarding minors travelling to Canada, please visit <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/minors.asp>.

### 3. APPLY FOR YOUR ETA OR VISA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

**Do not wait until the last minute to apply for your visa or eTA – apply as soon as possible.** It is recommended that WTF Member National Associations encourage all potential participants to submit their applications for visas or eTAs as soon as possible.

+ Apply for an eTA: Please visit <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/eta-start.asp> to apply for an eTA.

+ Apply for a visa: Please visit <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/applications/visa.asp> to apply for a visa.

For an estimate regarding application processing times, please visit the following link: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/times/>

### 4. PREPARE FOR YOUR ARRIVAL

When you arrive in Canada, here is what you can expect:

- + When you arrive in Canada, a border services officer will greet you. The officer works for the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA). The CBSA protects Canada's borders and points of entry.
- + The officer will ask to see your passport or travel documents. Please ensure that you have your Letter of Invitation and Letter of Event Recognition available for the officer to review. Make sure that you have them

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with you and that they are not packed in your luggage. This will speed up your entry into Canada.

- + Even if you do not need a visa or Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) or a visa to enter Canada, the officer will ask you a few questions. The officer will make sure that you meet the requirements to enter Canada.
- + You will not be allowed into Canada if you give false or incomplete information. You must convince the officer that you are eligible for entry into Canada. You will also have to convince the officer that you will leave Canada at the end of your approved stay.
- + Children under 18 must travel with appropriate documents and meet the same entry requirements as adults. The border services officer may ask minor children to present other documents depending on whether the child is travelling alone or with someone. Find out about the specific requirements for minor children by visiting the link in #2 on the previous page.

- + The officer will stamp your passport or let you know how long you can stay in Canada. The period is usually six months. In some cases, the officer may limit or extend this period to cover the planned purpose of your visit. Ask questions if you are not sure about anything.
- + If you do not obey the conditions of your eTA or visa, we will ask you to leave Canada. Most people asked to leave Canada have the right to a fair hearing to review the decision.

### INADMISSIBILITY

Some people are inadmissible—they are not allowed to come to Canada. Several things can make you inadmissible, including involvement in criminal activity, in human rights violations or in organized crime. You can also be inadmissible for security, health or financial reasons.

## For more information

Visit the Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) website: [www.cic.gc.ca](http://www.cic.gc.ca)

## Contact us

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