

# 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)

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