



Ambasciata d'Italia
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UNIFORM SCHENGEN VISA FOR SPORT COMPETITION

Visa Type:	Uniform Schengen Visa (type "C")
Duration:	up to 90 days
Entries:	1, 2 or multiple
Time limits to apply for the visa:	no more than six months before the intended travel date and no later than 15 calendar days before the intended travel date
Time limit to conclude the procedure:	15 calendar days extendable to 45 under particular circumstances (art. 23 of the Visa Code)
Relevant regulations:	Inter-ministerial Decree no. 850/2011, Attachment A, section 5.

OVERVIEW

The Uniform Schengen Visa for sport competition allows athletes, coaches, technical-sports directors, athletic trainers who intend to or are invited to participate in single competitions (on both amateur and professional levels) or a series of sport events organized by national sport Federations or associated sport disciplines recognized by the Italian National Olympic Committee (*Comitato Olimpico Nazionale Italiano - C.O.N.I.*).

The Visa Office will process only applications submitted no more than six months before the intended travel date and no later than 15 calendar days before the intended travel date. Applications submitted without compliance with the said time limits will be deemed unacceptable and immediately returned to the applicant.

The passport will not be returned until the final decision on the visa is adopted, taking into consideration that the whole procedure may be extended up to 15 calendar days.

ONLY applicants holding a valid UAE Residence Visa issued in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi (Abu Dhabi, Al Ain and Al Dhafra regions) can submit their visa applications for sport competition to the Embassy of Italy in Abu Dhabi. Holders of UAE Residence Visa issued in the Emirate of Dubai/Northern Emirates have to refer to the Consulate General of Italy in Dubai.

With regards to GCC nationals, since they do not hold the UAE Residence Visa, they can prove to reside/live within the Emirate of Abu Dhabi by submitting the below-listed documents:

- Salary and employment certificate attesting that the applicant lives and works in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi;
- *Tawtheeq* tenancy contract or property deed attesting that the applicant lives in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, together with the last three-month water and electricity bills under the applicant's name.

If the applicant does not work and is sponsored by his/her family member, the same above-listed documents related to his/her family member must be submitted.

The Uniform Schengen Visa for sport competition can be issued only based on the no-objection issued by the Italian National Olympic Committee, attesting the notoriety of the competition, confirming the invitation addressed to a single athlete or a whole team to participate in the event and therefore authorizing the issuance of the visa. The said no-objection may consist in a stamp which the Olympic Committee puts on the invitation letter issued by the organizing Federation. The Olympic Committee shall send the said letter bearing its stamp to the Visa Office through the e-mail address visti@coni.it.

Based on the no-objection of the Olympic Committee, the sport competition visa can also be issued for the participation in training internships, acclimatization periods, seminars and sport meetings.

In the absence of no-objection of the Olympic Committee in case of sport events organized by Federations which are not accredited by the Olympic Committee, a Uniform Schengen Visa for tourism may possibly be granted. The appointment for the submission of tourism visa applications can be booked on the BLS International website. It is possible to download the checklist of the documents required for tourism visa from the website of the BLS.

Family members or anybody else accompanying the athlete shall apply for the Uniform Schengen Visa for tourism by booking the appointment on the BLS International website.

With regards to sport completion visa, it is strongly advised to proceed as follows:

- The appointment to submit the visa application shall be booked well in advance by sending an e-mail to visa.abudhabi@esteri.it and the trip shall be scheduled based on the appointment's date.
- Strict compliance with the instructions mentioned in this checklist and submission of all the documents listed below in order to avoid the issuance of the final refusal decision. However, the submission of a complete file does not guarantee the issuance of the visa.



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- The employer of the applicant (through the no-impediment letter) and the organizing sport Federation/Committee in Italy (through the invitation letter bearing the no-objection stamp of the Italian Olympic Committee) shall provide a clear explanation of the type of event, the dates and the itinerary. It must be noted that, although the applicants or the involved Federations/Committees request a specific duration for the visa or a certain number of entries, the final decision in this regard will however be upon the Visa Officers' discretion.

It must be noted as follows:

- The Embassy reserves the right to invite the applicant for a personal interview and/or to request additional documents if needed to properly process the application.
- Although Schengen Visas allow the holders to enter all the Schengen States, travellers are highly recommended to comply strictly with the itinerary declared and the related accommodation and flight bookings submitted upon applying for visa, so that the information and bookings submitted can be deemed reliable (with regards to applicants obtaining a visa for a 90-day stay within 180, the itinerary and bookings submitted for the first trip counts). Indeed, an incorrect usage of the visa may lead to refusals on the occasion of further Schengen Visa applications.

1	Application form to be filled in and originally signed by the applicant. <i>In case of minors, the form must be signed by both the parents in the presence of the Visa Officers in charge.</i>
2	No. 1 recent passport-size pictures (not older than 6 months) with white background.
3	Original passport. • <i>The passport shall be not older than 10 years.</i> • <i>The passport shall be valid at least 90 days from the date of expiry of the requested visa.</i> • <i>The passport shall contain two blank pages at least.</i>
4	Photocopy of the original passport.
5	Photocopy of the UAE Residence Visa issued in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi (Abu Dhabi, Al Ain and Al Dhafra regions) and valid at least 90 days from the intended return date. <i>With regards to GCC nationals who do not hold the UAE Residence Visa, they can prove to reside/live with the Emirate of Abu Dhabi by submitting the below-listed documents:</i> • <i>Salary and employment certificate attesting that the applicant lives and works in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi;</i> • <i>Tawtheeq tenancy contract attesting that the applicant lives in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi or property deed, as well as last three-month water and electricity bills under the applicant's name.</i> <i>If the applicant does not work and is sponsored by his/her family member, the same above-listed documents related to his/her family member must be submitted.</i>
6	Photocopies of previous Schengen, USA, Canada, Japan, UK visas.
7	No-impediment letter issued by sport federation/Organization located in the UAE promoting the participation of the single athlete or the whole team in the sport competition which will be held in Italy.
8	No-objection issued by the Italian National Olympic Committee (Comitato Olimpico Nazionale Italiano - C.O.N.I.). <i>The competent Federation/Organization, which is concerned in the organization of the sport event in Italy, must send to C.O.N.I. (the Italian National Olympic Committee) a letter requesting the Committee to address the request to issue the visa to the competent Consular Authorities. Then C.O.N.I. must send to the Visa Office of the Embassy of Italy in Abu Dhabi, through the e-mail address visa@coni.it, the no-objection letter authorizing the issuance of the visa as well as the letter issued by the competent sport Federation/Organization bearing the C.O.N.I.'s no-objection stamp.</i>
9	No-impediment letter issued by the sponsor in the UAE. • <i>If the applicant works in the UAE and is sponsored by the employer, the letter must be signed by the employer, who has to authorize the trip of the applicant to Italy for a short stay aimed at participating in the sport competition, as well as he has to assure the re-entry of the applicant to the UAE.</i> • <i>If the applicant does not work in the UAE and is sponsored by one of his/her parents, the letter must be signed by the sponsoring parent, who has to authorize the trip of the applicant to Italy for a short stay aimed at participating in the sport competition, as well as he has to</i>



	<i>attest to bear all the expenses related to his/her stay in Italy and assure his/her return to the UAE.</i>
10	Proof of adequate financial means. <i>In case the applicant works in the UAE, the following is required:</i> • Last three-month updated bank statement of the personal account in which the salary is received. If the applicant is an investor as a partner in a local company, the company's trade license is required in addition to both the personal and corporate bank statements. All the bank statements must be printed out on a bank letterhead and bear the original stamp of the bank; • Employment and salary certificate to be originally signed by the employer. If the applicant is an investor as a partner in a local company, the employment and salary certificate must be signed by the local partner; • Pay slips of the last 3 months originally stamped and signed. • Any other document to support the evidence of adequate means of subsistence during the intended stay (such as additional account bank statements). <i>In case the applicant is sponsored by a family member as per the UAE Residence Visa, the following is required:</i> • Last three-month updated bank statement of the personal account in which the salary of the sponsoring family member is received. If the sponsoring family member is an investor as a partner in a local company, the company's trade license is required in addition to both the personal and corporate bank statements. All the bank statements must be printed out on a bank letterhead and bear the original stamp of the bank; • Employment and salary certificate of the sponsoring family member originally signed and stamped. If the sponsoring family member in an investor as a partner in a local company, the employment and salary certificate must be signed by the local partner; • Pay slips of the last 3 months originally stamped and signed. Important: <u>only bank statements issued by banks located in the UAE are accepted.</u>
11	Photocopy of medical travel insurance certificate covering the whole period of stay in the Schengen Area. <i>The insurance policy is required to provide a minimum coverage of 30.000 euro, valid throughout the Schengen area, for emergency hospitalization and repatriation for medical reason, urgent medical attention, emergency hospital treatment or death and repatriation of mortal remains.</i>
12	Proof of accommodation. <i>The accommodation can be proved as follows:</i> • Confirmed official hotel booking; • Invitation to lodge at the private accommodation of a citizen (Italian or foreigner) legally resident in Italy (see for reference the Invitation Form Private Accommodation). In this case, photocopies of the host's passport and signed tenancy contract or property deed, both duly legalized by the competent Italian Authorities, shall be submitted. <i>If the applicant intends to travel also to other Schengen States in addition to Italy, based on the declarations made in the cover letter, the proof of accommodation, such as confirmed hotel bookings in each State to be visited, shall be submitted.</i> <i>If the applicant is a minor, his/her full name must be mentioned on the hotel and flight bookings together with the accompanying parents'.</i>
13	Round-trip flight booking. <i>If the applicant is a minor, his/her full name must be mentioned on the hotel and flight bookings together with the accompanying parents' full names.</i> <i>If the applicant intends to travel also to other Schengen States in addition to Italy, based on the declarations made in the cover letter, flight/train bookings related to the trips to the other States shall be submitted.</i> IMPORTANT: the Visa Office will process only applications submitted no more than six months before the intended travel date and no later than 15 calendar days before the intended travel date. Applications submitted without compliance with the said time limits will be deemed unacceptable and immediately returned to the applicant.
14	If the applicant is a minor (below the age of 18), the following is required: • Photocopy of passport and UAE Residence Visa of both the parents (or legal guardians). • No-impediment letter originally signed by both the parents. The NOC must detail purpose of the trip, destination, itinerary and exact



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dates.

- If only one of the parents travels with the minor, the other parent who will stay in the UAE is requested to proceed as follows:
 - Contact the Visa Office by e-mail (visa.abudhabi@esteri.it) and ask for an appointment at the Embassy;
 - Fill in and sign the Consent Form (see for reference [Assenso rilascio visti figli minori](#)) in the presence of a Visa Officer in charge at the Embassy;
 - Get the signature on the Form legalized by the Officer in charge at the Embassy;
 - If the parent not accompanying the minor lives abroad, he/she must contact the Italian Diplomatic-Consular Mission accredited in the State where he/she resides in order to fill in and sign the same Consent Form in the presence of the Officer in charge and get his/her signature legalized. In this case a photocopy of the Form legalized by the Consulate/Embassy will be accepted;
 - If the parent not accompanying the minor passed away, the death certificate must be submitted. Death certificates must be either apostilled pursuant to the 1961 Apostille Convention or duly legalized by the competent Italian Diplomatic-Consular Mission accredited in the State where the death certificate was issued.
- Photocopied and original birth certificate bearing names of both the parents, duly legalized by the UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The certificate must be legally translated into Italian or English language by a legal translator attested in the UAE. No birth certificate is required if the full name of both parents/legal guardians are mentioned (in English) in the applicant's passport.
- If the parents intend to authorize any other adult third party to accompany the minor children for the trip, they have to fill in and sign the Parents consent form minor trip with adult, while the accompanying adult has to fill in and sign the Custody acceptance form for minors travelling. The forms will be provided by the Visa Office of the Embassy. Photocopies of passport and UAE Residence Visa of the accompanying adult are required;
- Minor's full name must be mentioned on the hotel and flight bookings together with the accompanying parents'/adults' full names.

Important: originals and/or certified copies will be returned if a copy is provided.

DECLARATION:

I understand that failing in submitting a complete set of ALL the above-listed documents may result in the refusal of my visa application. However, the submission of a complete file does not guarantee the issuance of the visa.

I understand that the Embassy of Italy reserves the right to request additional documents whether needed to properly process the application.

I understand that the time needed to process my visa application might be extended up to 15 calendar days (45 days under particular circumstances pursuant to art. 23 of the Visa Code), and the passport will not be returned until the final decision on the visa is adopted.

I, the undersigned, declare that I have read the information on the protection of personal data concerning the issuance of an entry visa in Italy and in the Schengen Area (General Data Protection Regulation/GDPR (EU) 2016/679, art.13) available on the website of the Embassy of Italy in Abu Dhabi	Initials:
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E-mail address (capital letters)	Mobile number
Place and date	Applicant's signature (parents' signatures in case of minors)