

European 10,000m Cup

Visas

The United Kingdom has strict regulations about who needs a visa to enter the UK. If you are a citizen of a country that requires a UK visa (a visa national) you will NOT be allowed to enter the UK without one.

Do you require a visa?

Please refer to the table in Appendix I for a list of countries whose citizens are visa nationals and require visas to enter the UK. You can also check if you require a visa www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa

All applications will be subject to the UK's Immigration Rules, which are available <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/immigration-rules/immigration-rules-index>.

Visa nationals and non-visa nationals can enter the UK as visitors for the purpose of taking part in sporting events, including as participants, officials, team support staff, accredited media and VIPs, as permitted by the visitor rules. You can find UK Immigration visitor rules <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/immigration-rules/immigration-rules-appendix-v-visitor-rules>

Types of visa

Standard Visitor visa

This visa is suitable for applicants who will be attending the Championships and will NOT be receiving payment from a UK source for any activities undertaken in the UK. A Standard Visitor visa is valid for six months from date of issue. You can find out more about the Standard Visitor visa <https://www.gov.uk/standard-visitor-visa>

How do I apply for a visa?

You need to apply online for a UK visa at www.gov.uk/apply-uk-visa and attend an appointment at a Visa Application Centre (VAC) in person to have biometric information (fingerprints and photograph) taken and to provide supporting documents in hard copy.

There are currently VACs in over 200 locations worldwide but please note that there is not a VAC in every country and you may have to travel to a neighboring country.

When should I apply for a visa?

You can apply for a UK visa a maximum of three months prior to your date of travel – from the end of March 2020 for the event. We encourage you to apply as early as possible.

UKVI's standard service for visit visas is 15 working days to decision from providing biometrics at the VAC. Note that your passport is retained during this time. In some countries you may be able to get your visa processed more quickly for a higher fee under UKVI's priority visa scheme.

This 15 working day turnaround time cannot be guaranteed and is dependent on meeting the requirements of the UK's Immigration Rules. Failure to complete the application form correctly or to provide all the required supporting documents may result in your application being delayed or refused.

Please be aware that your nearest VAC may be busy and you may not be able to make an appointment straightaway. We therefore recommend that you submit your online application by 1 May **2020**. You can cancel a VAC appointment prior to attending it and the visa fee will be refunded to you.

How much does the visa cost?

The current standard fees for UK Standard Visitor visa is

Standard Visitor	£95
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Some VACs offer a priority service to enable you to get your visa processed more quickly. Note that the costs below are in addition to the standard fee.

Priority (3-5 working days)	£220
Super Priority (24 hours)	£956

Some VACs are User Pay and you will need to pay an additional fee of £55 to attend an appointment at these VACs.

Which documents do I need to support my application?

Passport - You need to provide your passport details in the online application and take it with you to your appointment at the VAC. We recommend that your passport is valid for six months beyond your stay in the UK. You will need a page in your passport that is blank on both sides for your visa.

Visa support letter - Proof of participation in the European 10,000m Cup will be supplied to you in the form of an official invitation letter from the LOC. You should take a copy of this letter with you when you attend your appointment at the VAC and have it with you to show at the UK Border on arrival in the UK.

**Member Federation
Visa Category**

The below chart is a list of the European Member Federation which show whether a Visa is required to enter the United Kingdom. The chart indicates if a Visa Application Centre is present in the country. All nationals of countries that require a Visa must apply for a Standard Visitor Visa prior to entering the United Kingdom.

Federation	CODE	Do Not Need Visa	Visa Required & Vac
ALBANIA	ALB		X
ANDORRA	AND	X	
ARMENIA	ARM		X
AUSTRIA	AUS	X	
AZERBAIJAN	AZE		X
BELARUS	BLR		X
BELGIUM	BEL	X	
BOSNIA HERZEGOVINA	BIH		X
BULGARIA	BUL	X	
CROATIA	CRO	X	
CYPRUS	CYP	X	
CZECH REPUBLIC	CZE	X	
DENMARK	DEN	X	
ESTONIA	EST	X	
FINLAND	FIN	X	
FRANCE	FRA	X	
GEORGIA	GEO		X
GERMANY	GER	X	
GIBRALTAR	GIB	X	
GREAT BRITAIN & NI	GBR	X	
GREECE	GRE	X	
HUNGARY	HUN	X	
ICELAND	ISL	X	
IRELAND	IRL	X	
ISRAEL	ISR	X	
ITALY	ITA	X	
KOSOVO	KOS		X
LATVIA	LAT	X	
LIECHTENSTEIN	LIE	X	
LITHUANIA	LTU	X	
LUXEMBOURG	LUX	X	
FYR MACEDONIA	MKD		X
MALTA	MLT	X	
MOLDOVA	MDA		X
MONACO	MON	X	
MONTENEGRO	MNT		X
NETHERLANDS	NED	X	
NORWAY	NOR	X	
POLAND	POL	X	
PORTUGAL	POR		

ROMANIA	ROU	X	
RUSSIA	RUS		X
SAN MARINO	SMR	X	
SERBIA	SRB		X
SLOVAK REPUBLIC	SVK	X	
SLOVENIA	SLO	X	
SPAIN	ESP	X	
SWEDEN	SWE	X	
SWITZERLAND	SUI	X	
TURKEY	TUR		X
UKRAINE	UKR		X

All Visas must be obtained prior to entry into the United Kingdom. For additional information, please contact the Local Organising Committee:

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