

Additional Visa information

Dear all,

Some of you are asking about visa applications. Remember that the list of countries that require a visa is on page 11 of Bulletin 4 (http://www.fai.org/downloads/fai/twg_bulletin4) and on the official website (<http://www.theworldgames2013.com/en/athletes/visa>).

If you need a visa:

For those of you who submitted your questionnaire information to me before 30 May, you will have received a letter of support from me, written by the Colombian organisers. They organisers will also have told the Colombian Foreign Ministry that you need a visa, which will help your application. If you think you need a letter of support and have not received one, please contact my colleague Annick HAUSER in the FAI office. Her email is sports-commissions@fai.org.

If you are having problems obtaining a visa, there is an option to apply for one when you arrive in Cali or Bogota. Please read the **Accreditation Manual** - the link to it is at the bottom of this page:

<http://www.theworldgames2013.com/en/athletes/visa>

Direct link: http://www.theworldgames2013.com/images/migration_instructions.pdf

Page 4 says:

The Colombian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, upon arrival in the country, will give the option to grant a courtesy visa to the participants accredited by the organization not mentioned in the above list, during the necessary time for participation in The Games. These courtesy Visas are recommendable only to nations that do not have embassies or consulates close to their countries or that are having problems with visa issuing to come to Colombia. This will be to facilitate the process for the delegations at the International Airports.

Clearly it is better to obtain a visa before you travel, but please consider the 'courtesy visa' system if you think it is suitable for you.

Best regards,

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