

VISA APPLICATION PROCEDURE
THE EWF SENIOR WEIGHTLIFTING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2020
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Moscow, Russia

The Russian Foreign Ministry has approved a special facilitated visa procedure for all categories of participants of the EWF Senior Weightlifting Championships 2020, i.e. athletes, members of the official delegations, international technical officials (referees and judges), EWF Family members and official guests. All the Russian Consulates throughout the world will be notified of the above procedure. According to it the visas are to be issued on a priority basis, i.e. within three days from the date of application (or on the same day if necessary) at any Russian Consulate regardless of citizenship.

In this case after processing the personal data submitted to the LOC in a special EXCEL form (ANNEX 1), a scanned invitation letter will be issued and sent to the applicant(s). It is to be submitted to any Russian Consulate or its authorized Visa Handling Service Centre regardless of citizenship along with other personal documents (such as the passport, the necessary number of pictures, completed application form, etc.) for visa processing in person or by a representative. As the above visa procedure is exceptional, please make sure to mention that you are applying for the Russian visa to attend the EWF Senior Weightlifting Championships 2020.

Some consulates of the Russian Federation accept postal applications. Though there is a number of consulates, where personal attendance is required for fingerprints. All details are to be checked on the consular website in advance.

Here is some useful information for completing a visa application form on the website: *In the field 'Purpose of visit (section)' please choose 'science-culture-sports-religion'; in the following field 'Purpose of visit' 'Sport relations' is to be chosen. In this case 'Visa category and type' will automatically come as 'common humanitarian'. The field 'Name of organization' is to be completed with 'Moscomsport', its address being '18 Milyutinskiy per, Moscow 101000, Russia', TIN 7708308010. As the above visa procedure is exceptional, don't complete the fields 'Directive (telex) number' or 'Invitation number'.*

The completed Form with the personal data is to be provided in EXCEL format and e-mailed to: Yulia Alekseeva

Phone: +7 906 089 3722 (WhatsApp)

Contact e-mail: moscoweuro2020@rffw.ru

Important to remember

1. Make sure that each passport has two blank visa-designated pages.
2. Make sure that the expiry date of the passport is at least six months after the last day of the expected stay in Russia.
3. If the passport does not meet these two requirements, a new passport must be obtained or the existing one is to be prolonged before you can request the invitation letter.

Important COVID-19 restrictions information:

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- On boarding the plane to Russia all foreign citizens are to provide a printed medical document (in English or Russian) confirming the negative PCR test for COVID-19 which was made not earlier than 72 hours prior their arrival in Russia, i.e. the moment of crossing the border control in Russia. The document may also be in the official language of the country of issuing authority with a Russian translation notarized by a Consular Officer of the Russian Federation.
- Please note that the document is to be printed out. SMS or any other form of confirmation on the mobile phone will not be accepted.
- It is also mandatory that prior the arrival in Russia foreign citizens are to complete and submit a special Application form for border crossing following the link <https://www.rospotrebnadzor.ru/upload/авиаАнкета%20RUS.docx>.
- Due to COVID-19 travel restrictions it is necessary to inform the OC of the travel schedule not later than 2 weeks prior the trip as this information is to be submitted to the Boarder Control in advance.

In view of COVID-19 travel restrictions foreign participants with a valid Russian visa and citizens of visa-free countries who do not require a visa to enter the Russian Federation are to complete and submit the form and provide personal data in order to receive permission from the Federal Security Service to enter Russia.