



The ECA Dragon Boat Nations & Clubs European Championships

Olympic Regatta Course "Krylatskoe" - Moscow, RUSSIA
July, 17 - 21, 2019

VISA APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The Russian Foreign Ministry has approved a special facilitated visa procedure for all categories of participants of the 2019 ECA Dragon Boat Nations & Clubs European Championships, i.e. athletes, members of the official delegations, international technical officials (referees and judges), ECA Family members and official guests, as well as media representatives. All the Russian Consulates throughout the Europe 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, 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 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 you mention that you are applying for the Russian visa to attend the 2019 ECA Dragon Boat Nations & Clubs European Championships.

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';*
- *if you have a media ID, you choose 'business visits' in the field 'Purpose of visit (section)', 'mass media business trip' in the field 'Purpose of visit' and in this case 'Visa category and type' will automatically come as 'common business';*
- *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 EXCEL Form with the personal data is to be provided strictly in EXCEL format and e-mailed along with a scan of the data page of the passport to dragon@kayak-canoer.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.