



Consulate General of Italy
Bengaluru

REQUISITES FOR SPORTS VISA (C/D)

Sport visas (Schengen short-stay) allow sports professionals, including athletes, trainers, coaches, sports directors, or managers, to visit the Schengen Area for participating in sport competitions or events or for taking part in training sessions or workshops.

The necessary requirements for applying for a sport visa are:

- The sport event must be organized by a recognized Italian sports federation or association approved by the Italian National Olympic Committee (CONI).
- The applicant must have received a no-objection certificate from the Italian National Olympic Committee (CONI).

If these requirements are not met, your application for a sport visa is not acceptable; you will need to apply for a tourist visa.

CHECKLIST			✓
1.	Passport / Travel Document	<p>a) Issued within the previous 10 years, and the validity must not exceed 10 years.</p> <p>b) No handwritten passports will be accepted. Passports with any manual observations will not be accepted.</p> <p>c) Must have a validity of at least 3 months after the intended stay.</p> <p>d) Have at least 2 blank pages.</p> <p>e) Should be issued within the jurisdiction of the Consulate General of Italy in Bengaluru (Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Puducherry); otherwise, proof of address for a minimum of 6 months must be provided.</p> <p>In case the address shown on the passport does not lay in the mentioned States or in case of non-correspondence of the addresses shown in the documents submitted, the applicant must provide proof of residence in the jurisdiction (Aadhaar card, rental agreement, electricity bill, water bill, broadband bill, bank account) for the last 6 months prior to application submission.</p>	
2.	Visa Application Form duly filled	<p>a) 2 signatures of the applicant. For minor applicants, the form must be signed by both parents in both places.</p> <p>b) 2 passport-sized photographs to be submitted</p> <p>c) Travel dates and duration of stay must be mentioned.</p> <p>d) Contact details must be mentioned clearly and must pertain to the applicant, NOT TO THE AGENT.</p>	
3.	Cover letter from the Indian Sport Organisation	<p>A cover letter from the Indian sport organisation, in original and on the organisation's letterhead, specifying the following:</p> <p>a) Full name & role of the applicant in the competition, event or training.</p> <p>b) Mention if travelling solo or with somebody or a group. In case of co-traveller(s), mention their names, passport numbers, role in the event, existing Schengen visas, or visa appointment location and date.</p> <p>c) Travel dates, itinerary, and duration of stay.</p> <p>d) Mention the details of the sponsor of the trip (or if the cost is borne by the applicant).</p> <p>e) Name, designation, and signature of the authorised signatory.</p> <p>f) A copy of the ID Proof of the authorised signatory must be attached.</p>	

4.	Cover letter from the Italian inviting Sport Organization	<p>A cover letter from the Italian association or organization hosting the sport event, in their letterhead, indicating:</p> <p>a) Full name & role of the applicant in the competition, event or training.</p> <p>b) Mention if travelling solo or with somebody or a group. In case of co-traveller(s), mention their names, passport numbers, role in the event, existing Schengen visas, or visa appointment location and date.</p> <p>c) Travel dates, itinerary, and duration of stay.</p>	
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5.	Invitation letter (LoI) from Italian Sport Federation	<p>Original Invitation letter from the competent Italian Sport Federation (official federation under the Italian National Olympic Committee - CONI), on the organisation's letterhead, specifying the following:</p> <p>a) Full name & role of the applicant in the competition, event or training.</p> <p>b) Mention if travelling solo or with somebody or a group. In case of co-traveller(s), mention their names, passport numbers, role in the event, existing Schengen visas, or visa appointment location and date.</p> <p>c) Travel dates, itinerary, and duration of stay.</p> <p>d) Mention the details of the sponsor of the trip.</p> <p>e) Name, designation, and signature of the authorised signatory.</p> <p>f) Copy of the ID Proof of the authorised signatory must be attached.</p> <p>LoI must be sent via email by the inviting Italian Sport Organisation to this Consulate General bangalore.visa@esteri.it and the Indian Sports Organisation before submitting the visa application.</p>	
6.	NOC from CONI	<p>Copy of No objection certificate issued by the Italian National Olympic Committee (CONI) indicating the sport event and endorsing the invitation of the applicant by the Sport Federation.</p> <p>a) The NOC must be sent directly from CONI to the Consulate General email or certificate email.</p>	
7.	Leave sanction letter from employer / educational institution	<p>This letter must be on the letterhead of the company / educational institution and must mention:</p> <p>a) Dates of sanctioned leave;</p> <p>b) Name, designation and signature of the authorised signatory.</p> <p>ID Proof of the authorised signatory.</p>	
8.	Travel Itinerary / Complete stay details	<p>- Confirmed hotel reservation covering the travel dates.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>- details of the hotel reservation (for the whole travel) can be included in the cover letter from the Italian sport organization.</p>	
9.	Financial Status and Means of Sustenance	<p>a) Personal Bank Statement of the last 3 months with bank stamp and seal (in every page) in original copy</p> <p>b) ITR acknowledgement for the last 3 years or form 16A.</p> <p>c) In case of employment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Salary slips of the last 3 months; - Appointment letter from employer or Employment contract or work ID. <p>c1) In case of proprietorship:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Company's Bank Statement of the last 3 months with bank stamp and seal (in every page) in original copy; - Company's registration certificate. 	

		c2) In case of retirement: - Pension statement of the last 3 months or proof of yearly income.	
10.	Sponsor (if any)	In the absence of full sponsorship by the Indian or Italian Organisation, the following documents of the sponsor must be provided: a) Cover letter confirming he/she will bear the expenses of the travel; b) Proof of financial status as per point no. 9, in addition to the applicant's personal financial documents. c) ID proof of sponsor.	
11.	Applicant's Passport copy	a) Photocopy (one copy of the front page, one copy of the last page and a copy of the page where any observations are mentioned in the passport) b) Photocopies of all Schengen visas issued in the last 10 years (if any) c) Photocopy of a valid US visa (if any)	
12.	Overseas Medical Insurance	a) Covering travel period with coverage of Euros 30000 inclusive of a repatriation clause. b) Insurance for a minimum of 10 days is mandatory from the travel date.	
13.	Air Ticket / Means of Transport	a) Copy of flight tickets or airline reservations (round trip). b) Proof of all internal travel within the Schengen territory including train bookings, car rentals, etc.	

Kindly note that applicants have no legal right to be issued a visa, but a legitimate interest to have their application processed in compliance with the Italian law and the Schengen regulations. Therefore, the consular authorities have no obligation to compensate the applicant for any financial loss or moral prejudice resulting from the processing of his/her application.

By signing here below, the applicant formally confirms:

- to have submitted the tick-marked documents;
- that the purpose of his/her visit to Italy or the Schengen area corresponds to the requested visa category (tourism, business, etc.);
- to be aware that, in accordance with the Schengen Visa Code and Italian law, the Consulate General of Italy in Bengaluru can extend the application's processing time in order to request the applicant for a personal interview and/or additional documentation.

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Acknowledgement by Applicant

Date :

Sign :