ENTRY VISA GUIDE

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Visa Exemption - Transitory Subcategory "24-H"

All accredited non-Argentinian participants of the Summer Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018 (see below for exceptions that apply for international volunteers and contractors), are exempted from visa requirements in virtue of Disposition 6333-E/2017, enacted by Argentina National Direction of Migrations (DNM) with the purpose of facilitating migratory entry procedures to participants of the Summer Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018 regardless their nationality.

In order to be eligible for the visa exception, participants must not only be accredited by International Olympic Committee (IOC) and Buenos Aires Youth Olympic Games Organizing Committee (BAYOGOC) but should also be in possession of the personal Pre-Valid Card (PVC) that will be issued and delivered by the IOC and BAYOGOC (see "On time registrations" below).

Participants will be given entry under migratory transitory subcategory "24-H" that is granted by DNM when entering to the country for "special purposes", as is the case of Summer Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018, and this migratory categorization will also be required to participate in the event. Thus, it is very important that, when participants arrive to Argentina and present themselves at the migrations control desk, they inform the migrations officer that the purpose of entry into the country is to participate in the Summer Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018.

The "24-H" visa refers to article 24, part H, of the Argentinian immigrations law N° 25.871. For more details about the law, please refer to the <u>Argentina Immigrations website</u>.

On time registrations; by the Accreditation deadline of 24 May 2018

All non-Argentinian participants, registered in the accreditation platform from 5 March 2018 to 24 May 2018 are eligible to receive a Pre-Valid Card (PVC). The PVC will be required at the migratory control desk upon arrival to a port of entry to Argentina together with the holders' valid travel document.

The duration of stay will be authorized for up ninety (90) calendar days, as it is set under Disposition 6333-E/2017 mentioned above, and this period will be counted uninterruptedly as from the day of arrival to Argentina.

The PVC replaces the consular visa required to enter Argentina to participate in the Summer Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018, and it will be valid to be used as such from 20 August until 18 October 2018. PVC holders must make sure that their travel documents are valid at least until 18 April 2019 and that the valid travel document the participant will use to enter Argentina matches the travel document information provided in the accreditation platform.

Travel documents accepted by Argentina are: Passport issued by the country of origin of the participant and, for MERCOSUR and Associated States' nationals, those listed under $\frac{\text{Decision N}^{\circ}}{46/2015 \text{ of the MERCOSUR}}$.

Please note that an exceptional extension has been granted to participants who wish to be registered in the accreditation platform until 31 July 2018. This exceptional extension is subjected to terms and conditions.





Late Registrations; 1 August onwards:

All non-Argentinian participants requesting to be registered in the accreditation platform after 31 July 2018, will need to apply for special entry visa type "24-H" to enter Argentina and participate in the event.

Visa application must be presented and submitted in person at the nearest Argentinian Foreign Representation. <u>Immigration arrangements and visa application costs shall be covered by each applicant.</u>

To do so, participants must contact your dedicated BAYOGOC client representative to:

- 1. identify the chosen Argentine Representation that the participants will visit to apply for a '24-H' and
- 2. request for an official invitation letter from BAYOCOC

The participant should contact the chosen Argentine Representation to make the necessary arrangements and must be in possession of the following documents to apply for the '24-H' visa at the chose Argentine Representation in person:

- <u>Visa application form</u>
- Official Invitation Letter from BAYOGOC
- Valid travel document (valid at least until 18 April 2019)

To begin the visa application procedure, please contact the relevant Argentinian Foreign Representation in order to make an appointment. Please note that the documentation requested and the time for processing the visa might vary from representation to representation.

A list of all the Argentinian Foreign Representations can be found at <u>Ministry of Foreign Affairs</u> and <u>Worship website.</u>

Other considerations

The PVC does not work as a transit visa for any country. If transit visas are required for countries through which a participant will travel on the way to Argentina, the participants are responsible to obtain the transit visas before leaving their country of origin. Please contact the Foreign Representation of the country or countries through which you will be travelling before reaching Argentina to find out if you need a transit visa.

If a PVC is lost, stolen or damaged before or after entry into Argentina, individuals must inform BAYOGOC Accreditation immediately so that the card can be cancelled in the system. The cancelled PVCs will no longer be valid for entry into Argentina, even if the card is later found.

Please note that BAYOGOC will not be responsible to replace any lost, stolen or damaged PVCs. BAYOGOC is also not responsible should the PVCs' delivery is delayed due to local customs' regulations.

Note: This guide does not apply to individuals that enter the country as "tourists" i.e. Athletes' family and friends visiting the country as Games' spectators. For more information about VISA to enter Argentina, please refer to Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship website.



