



REGULATIONS ON CROSSING THE STATE BORDER OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

General information

In order to cross the state border of the Russian Federation, foreigners must have a valid ID document (passport) and a valid visa.

The lists of the documents certifying the identity and authorising the entry to the territory of the Russian Federation are defined by the international agreements on reciprocal travels of citizens. Besides, according to the said agreements, a visa-free regime of crossing the border is established between the Russian Federation and some countries.

In the consular offices and diplomatic representations of the Russian Federation in the country of residence, you may get the information on the list of documents, certifying the identity, that may be used while entering the territory of the Russian Federation, procedure to obtain a visa as well as the list of countries that have a visa-free regime of crossing the border.

Carefully check the expiration date of your ID documents (passport), as well as a visa expiration date. In case these documents are expired at the moment of crossing the border, you will be denied passing the state border of Russia.

Visa-free entry

A visa-free entering/exiting the Russian Federation is granted to the participants of the 16th FINA World Championships 2015 in Kazan.

While entering the territory of Russia, a Championships participant must present a valid ID document (passport) and a personal accreditation certificate. The accreditation certificate will serve as a basis for a visa-free entering/exiting the country for the period of July 15, 2015 – August 15, 2015. An ID document (passport) must be valid at least six months after the expiration date of the accreditation certificate, i.e. until February 15, 2016.

These documents are to be obligatorily presented when you pass passport control.

Please note that a visa-free procedure (on the basis of the accreditation certificate) is not applied for the participants of the 16th FINA World Masters Championships 2015 in Kazan.

Visa support for the participants of the FINA World Masters Championships

The Organising committee of the 16th FINA World Masters Championships 2015 in Kazan offers the participants a simplified procedure of obtaining the Russian visas.

Russian visa will be issued by the Embassy/Consulate of the Russian Federation on the basis of an official letter of invitation provided by the Organising Committee and sent to the participant's e-mail.

Upon receiving the letter of invitation, a participant must collect all the documents in accordance with the requirements of the Embassy/Consulate of the Russian Federation and submit them to the Embassy/Consulate of the Russian Federation, together with the letter of invitation issued by the Organising Committee.

More detailed information on the documents required is available on the website of the Embassy/Consulate of the Russian Federation of the city where the participant intends to apply for a visa.

> Requirements to documents

As a rule, the main document to be used to enter the territory of Russia is a valid passport.

Each participant or a guest of the Championships must check the status and an expiration date of their passport to be used to cross the state border of the Russian Federation.

It must not give rise to any doubts that the passport is authentic or that it belongs to the holder. The passport must not have any pages that have been torn away or detached, or any erasures or corrections not certified by the competent authorities of the relevant foreign state. The passport must be valid at least six months after the expiration date of the accreditation certificate, i.e. until February 15, 2016.

Personal data specified in your passport and accreditation certificate must be identical. Accreditation certificates will be issued on the basis of the personal data submitted through the FINA GMS while registering for the Championships.

You will be denied entry to the territory of Russia in case any discrepancies are discovered between the personal data in your passport and those in your accreditation certificate during passport control. In case of such force-majeure circumstances, the Organising Committee will initiate measures to assist in getting a visa needed to enter the country. In this case visa fees will be covered at the expense of the Championships participant.

In order to obtain a visa, the passport must have at least 2 clean visa pages and it shall be valid for at least 6 months after the expiration date of your visa.

> Completing migration card

While passing passport control you are to fill out a migration card. Migration card forms are given out at the places of crossing the state border. At the Moscow airports of Domodedovo, Vnukovo and Sheremetievo (terminal D), and at the Kazan Airport migration card execution is done automatically with the use of printing devices. At the terminals E and F in Sheremetievo Airport migration cards are to be filled out manually. For the sake of time saving you may fill out the migration card in advance, the form of which you may get on board.

Required personal data shall be filled out in Russian or with the letters of the Latin alphabet in accordance with the personal data in your foreign passport.

The migration card form includes part A and part B. Part A, filled out by you, will be seized by a border control officer as soon as your arrive in Russia. Part B (departure) shall be retained by you during the whole duration of your stay in Russia and will be seized by a border control officer when you leave the country. The migration card (Part B) shall be presented when you check in at the hotel or Athletes' Village.

If the migration card is lost or damaged, a copy thereof will be issued. To have a copy issued, you should apply to the local office of the migration service of Russia within 3 days.

Dedicated passport control booths

At the official arrival airports (Kazan, Sheremetievo, Domodedovo, Vnukovo) separate booths of passport control marked with relevant Championships signage are allocated for the invited guests and competition participants. Representatives of the Organising Committee will be present within the passport control area at the said airports and will assist you with passing border control procedures.

> Liability for violating the rules on crossing the state border of the Russian Federation

Violation of the rules on crossing the state border of the Russian Federation by foreign citizens will entail an administrative fine at a rate from RUB 2,000 to RUB 5,000 with or without administrative expulsion from the Russian Federation.

Please forward your enquiries in a free form to the Organising committee e-mail address **customs@kazan2015.com**.

SAMPLES of completed migration cards

1) Completed part A and part B

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2) Completed part B with a "passport control passed" mark

