

## 15. SPORTS VISA APPLICATION PROCESS

A citizen of a foreign country, who wishes to work as a sportsman in Turkey or to participate in a sports competition, must enter Turkey on a sports visa.

### Application Method:

1. Assemble the required documents listed below.
2. Start an online application on [www.visa.gov.tr](http://www.visa.gov.tr) and upload the documents when prompted.
3. Print out the application form. (*Requirement #2*)
4. After submitting the application successfully, schedule an appointment for the interview.

Applicants are required to bring hard copies of the documents on the day of the interview as well.

- **Screenshots will not be accepted. Documents are requested in their original size.**
- **The documents such as travel insurance, flight and hotel reservations must contain the name and surname of the applicant/s.**

### Required documents:

1. National passport and copy of the front page with photo.
  - a) with an expiration date at least 60 days beyond the last day of your intended stay.
  - b) with a blank page to affix the visa.
2. The application form
3. One recent passport photo - size (2" x 2")
4. Contract, indicating association between the professional sports club and the applicant
5. Letter from the related sports federation in Turkey
6. Letter from the Ministry of Youth and Sports
7. Original and the copy of your green card or your valid US visa. (*for NON-US applicants only*)
  - Valid I-20 or the letter from school is required for the student visa holders.
  - B1/B2 visa holders can only apply for a sports visa in their country of residence.
8. Proof of travel health/accident insurance, valid through duration of stay, including:
  - a) minimum coverage of 30,000 Euros or equivalent USD
  - b) transfer of the patient to nearest healthcare facility or residency address after discharge and transfer of body in case of death,
9. Non-refundable visa fee
  - Visa fees can only be paid in cash or as money order payable to Turkish Consulate General in NY. Debit, credit and personal checks are not accepted.
  - **Single entry visa: 185.00 USD** for US citizens.
  - **Multiple entry visa: 265.00 USD** for US citizens.
  - You may e-mail us to find out the visa fee for non-US citizens.

### Optional:

10. A pre-paid envelope (mail carrier of your choice) if you would like your visa-issued passport to be returned by mail. (*Turkish Consulate General in NY is not responsible for any delivery issues*)

### Important notes:

- Your sports visa will have 90-day stay only. If necessary, you must apply for a residence permit on <https://e-ikamet.goc.gov.tr> which will allow you to stay beyond that period.
- It is strongly advised for applicants to apply at least one month prior to their intended trip and not to finalize their travel arrangements before having their visa.