

Letter of Colombian Immigration Authority

The World Games 2013 – Cali – Valle del Cauca

The World Games 2013 are the most important multidisciplinary sport event, with a considerable number of participating countries. The sports competing in these Games are not part of the current Olympic program but are intending to be. Therefore, this is the biggest opportunity Colombia has to promote the host city of Cali, the Valle State and the country.

The World Games 2013 Cali, in its ninth edition, will gather together more than 3500 athletes, more than 100 countries and around 5000 visitors during the event.

This activity is headed by the National Government together with The International World Games Association and entities such as: Colombian Olympic Committee, Coldeportes (Ministry of Sports), Valle Governorship and Cali Mayorship.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Colombian Immigration will join this national effort contributing to facilitate the Migration Process at each of the Migration Control Points of this sport event:

1. BOGOTA El Dorado International Airport
2. CALI (Palmira) Alfonso Bonilla Aragon International Airport

Furthermore, the migration authority, through the 27 Migration Support Service For that purpose, Migration officials along with Visa Coordination staff of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will be assigned to the above-mentioned International Airports; these individuals will be in charge of providing support for migration processes during the arrival and departure of the delegations.

INSTRUCTIONS COLOMBIA MIGRATION

The World Games 2013 - Cali - Valle del Cauca, 25 July - 4 August 2013

REQUIREMENTS

Colombia Migration and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs require full information about the delegations, organized as required on the **Accreditation System of The World Games 2013**, to enable them to provide an efficient migration service and effective control of people, who are part of the delegations participating in the World Games 2013. IFs should calculate the risk of not sending the information in due time.

Also, in order to ensure flexibility and security in the process of immigration control, a standard procedure has been arranged at international airports for the entry and exit of delegations.

IMMIGRATION OFFICES

For your participation and entry to the country, the citizens of the countries listed below must present their passport or national identity card (applies to citizen members and associates of the CAN and MERCOSUR) in effect at the time of entry into the country.

LIST OF NATIONALITIES THAT DO NOT REQUIRE A VISA

1. Germany
2. Andorra
3. Antigua and Barbuda
4. Argentina
5. Australia
6. Austria
7. Bahamas
8. Barbados
9. Belgium
10. Belize
11. Bolivia
12. Brazil
13. Brunei-Darussalam
14. Bhutan
15. Canada
16. Czech (Republic)
17. Chile
18. Cyprus
19. Korea (Republic of)
20. Costa Rica
21. Croatia
22. Denmark
23. Dominica
24. Ecuador
25. El Salvador
26. United Arab Emirates
27. Slovakia

28. Slovenia
29. Spain
30. USA
31. Estonia
32. Fiji
33. Philippines
34. Finland
35. France
36. Granada
37. Greece
38. Guatemala
39. Guyana
40. Honduras
41. Hungary
42. Indonesia
43. Ireland
44. Iceland
45. Marshall Islands
46. Solomon Islands
47. Israel
48. Italy
49. Jamaica
50. Japan
51. Latvia
52. Liechtenstein
53. Lithuania
54. Luxembourg
55. Malaysia
56. Malta
57. Mexico
58. Micronesia
59. Monaco
60. Norway
61. NZ
62. Netherlands
63. Palau
64. Panama
65. Papua New Guinea
66. Paraguay
67. Peru
68. Poland

69. Portugal
70. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
71. Dominican Republic
72. Romania
73. Saint Kitts and Nevis
74. Samoa
75. San Marino
76. St. Lucia
77. Holy See
78. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
79. Singapore
80. South Africa
81. Sweden
82. Switzerland
83. Suriname
84. Trinidad and Tobago
85. Turkey
86. Uruguay
87. Venezuela
88. Russia

Passport holders from HONG KONG SAR do not require a visa.

PARTICIPANTS WHO NEED A VISA

15 April – 15 May 2013 Accreditation data should be sent during this period

The World Games 2013 Committee will send to Immigration Authorities the required information as completed on the Accreditation System by the dates set for accreditation/visa processes. The information sent by TWG Organization will be the only guarantee for issuing visas as well as facilitating entry to the County.

The Colombian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, upon arrival in the country, will give the option to grant a **courtesy visa** to the participants accredited by the organization not mentioned in the above list, during the necessary time for participation in The Games.

These **courtesy Visas** are recommendable **only** to nations that do not have embassies or consulates close to their countries or that are having problems with visa issuing to come to Colombia. This will be to facilitate the process for the delegations at the International Airports.

The airports available for issuing **courtesy visas** are: **El Dorado** in Bogota and **Alfonso Bonilla Aragón** in Cali.

Upon arrival in Colombia, athletes and officials enter through the hall of the International terminal of each Airport following the signs set by the event organizers, which will guide them through the Immigration control filters; this ensures preferential treatment during the immigration process.

OFFICIAL PRESS OF THE ORGANIZATION

Journalists who are part of the organization as official press, whose nationality DO NOT require a Visa, may enter the country as temporary visitors for a period of up to 90 days.

To journalists who are part of the organization as official press and whose nationality DOES require a visa, as listed above, the Colombian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, upon their arrival to the country, will grant a **courtesy visa** (recommendable **only** to nations that do not have embassies or consulates close to their countries or that are having problems with visa issuing to come to Colombia) for the necessary time for participation during The Games (According to the information sent by TWG Organization).

UNOFFICIAL PRESS

Journalists who are not part of the organization as official press and whose nationality requires a Visa, must apply to the Temporary Visitor Visa in the overseas Colombian Consulates, complying with the corresponding requirements posted on the following website:

<http://www.cancilleria.gov.co/en/servicios/exterior/visas/visitante/temporal>

FANS

Fans attending the events related to The World Games whose nationality requires a Visa, should follow the procedures for Temporary Visitor Visa in overseas Colombian Consulates for entering Colombia. This is based on the existing legal provisions in Decree 4000 of 2004. The requirements and forms are available on the following website:

<http://www.cancilleria.gov.co/en/servicios/exterior/visas/visitante/temporal>

DELEGATIONS' DEPARTURE

To leave the country, participants of The World Games 2013 must submit their valid travel documents (passport or identity card) and their visas if the country of destination so requires.

The organization of The World Games will report, according to the dates set in the accreditation period, the schedule of the different delegations.

At the international Airport, the athletes and officials enter through the departure areas of each airport following the signs provided by the organizers of the event. These will guide them through the emigration modules, which guarantee preferential treatment during the emigration process in each of the (2) international airports.

If there are any Visa problems or loss of passport, the immigration authority after consultation with the representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will inform these eventualities in due time, to event organizers and the representative of the delegation.

For more information about visas you can visit our webpage:

<http://www.theworldgames2013.com/en/athletes/visa>

National Institute of Food and Drugs Surveillance (INVIMA)

The delegations coming to TWG2013 should bear in mind the following recommendations according to Regulation 3075 of INVIMA:

Food: for the participants of TWG2013 who bring food in their luggage, this food must have the Sanitary Registration of each country, the labels must have an explicit description of contents. In case it requires refrigeration, the cold chain must be preserved. It is recommended not to bring raw products (fish and meat). In general, it should be canned products.

Medicine: Medicine brought by athletes must be for personal use and with medical prescription; the quantity must be appropriate for the length of stay in the country; and it should be brought in the original packaging. This is due to traceability, expiry dates and sanitary registration.