

IMMIGRATION

Adjudicating Nonimmigrant Visa Applicants in Their Country of Residence

Effective immediately, the U.S. Department of State has updated its instructions for all nonimmigrant visa applicants scheduling visa interview appointments:

- Applicants for U.S. nonimmigrant visas are required to schedule their visa interviews at the [U.S. Embassy or Consulate](#) in their country of nationality or residence.
- Nationals from countries where the U.S. government is not conducting routine nonimmigrant visa operations must use [designated alternative consular posts](#) to determine the designated location for NIV applications.

Effective September 6, 2025, the U.S. Department of State is requiring all foreign nationals including athletes seeking nonimmigrant visa applications such as a B1/B2, P-1, P-1S, and O-1 to schedule and attend their visa interviews at the U.S. embassy or consulate in their country of residence or nationality. Applicants must substantiate their residence in the country where they apply, and those nationals from countries without routine visa operations must use [designated alternative consular posts](#). Previously, athletes seeking new or renewed visas were permitted to submit approved applications and attend interviews at a U.S. embassy or consulate in other countries such as Canada, UK, or other countries that may be more convenient based upon their travel schedule even if not a citizen or resident of those countries.

Please note this new State Department policy should not affect travel plans including attending PGA TOUR events outside the U.S. for those athletes and their staff and family who have a currently valid nonimmigrant U.S. visas that permit multiple entries into the United States. Please contact immigrationinquiries@pgatourhq.com if you need additional information on this or any issue related to requirements for entry into the U.S. and other countries related to participation in PGA TOUR events.