



Ambasciata d'Italia in Etiopia

SPORTS EVENTS Visa

The Sports Events visa allows entry into Italy and the Schengen Area for short or long stays for foreign nationals intending to participate in sports competitions, events or activities.

To apply, applicants must submit the completed and signed Schengen application form ([Schengen Form](#)) or National visa application form ([National Form](#)) together with the documents listed below, based on the harmonized checklist agreed upon by the Schengen countries for Ethiopia ([Lista Armonizzata](#))

Please note that the Embassy reserves the right to request additional documentation.

The required documents for applying for a visa are:

- Original Schengen or National visa application form, duly completed and signed. For minors, the form must be signed by a parent or legal guardian.
- Recent ICAO-format photograph (3.5 x 4.0 cm), light background, taken within the last 6 months. For further information: [ICAO Photograph Guidelines](#).
- Valid passport and copy of the passport, with validity of at least 3 months beyond departure from the Schengen Area, issued within the last 10 years and with at least 2 blank pages.
- Copies of previous Schengen visas, if available.
- Travel medical insurance with minimum coverage of €30,000 valid for the entire duration of the stay.
- Round-trip flight reservation with complete itinerary. Purchase of the flight ticket is not required before the visa decision.
- Proof of accommodation through hotel reservation or invitation/accommodation letter.
- Detailed travel itinerary with complete stay program.
- Proof of financial means through bank statements for the last 6 months and/or savings account booklet.
- Proof of ties to the country of origin, such as property ownership, rental agreements, vehicles, civil status, children, etc.
- Civil status documents, such as legalized marriage certificate and/or children's birth certificates, if applicable.

- **Invitation letter** related to the sports event containing: applicant's details, event dates; indication of cost coverage; organization contact details; CONI approval, if applicable.
- **Official participation confirmation** issued by the competent Ethiopian sports federation. Submission of this document is mandatory.
- **CONI** authorization, mandatory for events organized in Italy.
- Letter from the team, organization or sports club indicating: applicant's role; sports level; achievements; function within the group or team.
- Employer letter, if applicable, indicating: position; salary; approved leave; purpose of the trip.
- Sponsorship agreement, if travel costs are covered by a sponsor.
- Event registration confirmation, if prior registration is required.
- Proof of professional or sports activity for employees, self-employed applicants or professional athletes.
- Any additional financial documents relating to income, sponsorship or financial support.
- Any additional supporting documents relevant to the application.

- For foreign applicants residing in Ethiopia: copy of the Ethiopian residence permit valid for at least 3 months beyond the intended stay in the Schengen territory, or proof of entry into the country of origin or another third country.