

# IIR 2026 - VISA GUIDELINES FOR INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS

All international sailors, coaches, and team officials attending the **Indian International Regatta (IIR) 2026 in Chennai** must obtain the correct Indian visa before travel.

Visa processing times vary by country, so we strongly recommend applying **at least 3–4 weeks in advance**.

India's official visa portal: <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/>

## 1. Eligible Visa Categories for the IIR 2026

For Athletes, Coaches & Team Staff (Those Entering the Port Area):

- ① e-Business Visa - (easy to get by uploading the invitation letter given by the Sailing Association or Yachting Association in the website- <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/tvoa.html> )
- ② e-Entry Visa (X – Miscellaneous / X-Sports) - by mentioning the Sailing event in the application (easy to get by uploading the invitation letter given by the Sailing Association or Yachting Association in the website- <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/tvoa.html> )
- ③ Business (B – Sports) / W Business Visa (Sports Purpose)
- ④ Sticker Business Visa (with Sports Endorsement) - with specific endorsement about the Sailing competition (should be obtained from Indian Mission abroad and it is time consuming process)
- ⑤ Sticker Entry (X–Miscellaneous) Visa (with Sports Endorsement) - with specific endorsement about the Sailing competition (should be obtained from Indian Mission abroad and it is time consuming process)
- ⑥ OCI Card Holders (Persons of Indian Origin / Married to Indian Nationals)
- ⑦ Entry X-1 Visa - given to person of Indian origin or Married to Indian

**Do NOT apply for:**

**✗** Tourist Visa

This visa does not permit participation in official sporting events in India.

**✓** **For Parents / Guardians / Accompanying Visitors (Not Entering Port Area)**

A **Regular Tourist Visa** is acceptable **IF** they do not need access to the port/venue's restricted zones.

If they need to enter any restricted port area → **X-Sports Visa is recommended.**

## 2. Step-by-Step Visa Application Process

### THREE STEP REGULAR VISA APPLICATION PROCESS

1

#### Apply Online

Fill and Submit Visa Application Form Securely.

2

#### Submit Documents

Submit your application with required documents at Indian Visa Application Center or at Indian Mission.

3

#### Receive Passport, visa

Collect your passport/visa from Indian Mission/Visa Application Center or by post.

Applicants may fill the online application form by going to the tab placed below. Once the form is filled and submitted, applicant must print the completed application form and sign and submit the physical copy along with the supporting documents and the Passport to the concerned Indian Visa Application Center (IVAC) or directly at the Indian Mission on the scheduled appointed date. The instructions for filling the form and scheduling the appointment can be seen at [Instructions for Regular Visa Application](#).

The status of Visa Application can be seen on the link for [Visa Enquiry](#).

The applicants are also requested to visit website of the Indian Mission concerned for detailed information about Indian visa.



REGULAR/PAPER VISA  
APPLICATION



COMPLETE PARTIALLY FILLED  
REGULAR/PAPER VISA FORM



CHECK YOUR VISA STATUS



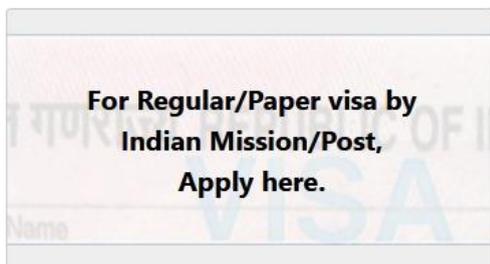
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RE-UPLOAD  
DOCUMENT

### STEP 1: Apply Online

Visit: <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/>



### Select **Regular / Paper Visa Application**

- Fill in the online form
- Upload required documents
- Submit the form securely
- Take a printout of the completed application

### **STEP 2: Submit Documents**

Submit the printed application along with supporting documents at:

- The **Indian Visa Application Center (IVAC)**  
or
- Your nearest **Indian Embassy / Consulate**

An appointment may be required (depending on your country).

### **STEP 3: Receive Passport & Visa**

Collect your passport with the visa from the Visa Application Center / Indian Mission, or receive it by post (if available in your country).

## **3. Documents Required**

### **For X-Sports / B-Sports Visa**

1. **Passport** (valid for at least 6 months, 2 blank pages)
2. **Completed Visa Application Form**
3. **Passport-sized photographs** (as per Indian visa specs)

#### 4. Invitation Letter

- Includes participant's name, **passport details**, event details, dates, and purpose of visit

**NOTE:** This letter needs to be issued by the Yachting Association of India and cannot be issued with a copy of the passport. So all those requiring this need to send us passport copies. Additionally, applicants must reside in the country from which the application is being made, as the letters will need to be addressed to the Embassies of those countries.

5. **Event Registration Confirmation** (from IIR)
6. **Travel Itinerary** (flight bookings or tentative plan)
7. **Proof of Accommodation** (hotel booking OR arrangement by organizers)
8. **Parental Consent** (for applicants under 18)
9. **Any additional documents requested by local consulate**

#### 4. Important Notes

- E-Visa is **not recommended and not valid** for athletes entering restricted sports venues.
- All minors must travel with:
  - Both parents OR
  - A notarized consent letter
- Visa fees vary by nationality and consulate.
- Final approval is at the discretion of the Indian Mission in your country.

#### 5. Useful Links

Official Indian Visa Portal: <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/>

Visa Enquiry: Available on the same portal

Instructions for Paper Visa: Available under the “Regular Visa Application” section