## **VISA PROCEDURE FOR AUSTRALIAN EVENTS**

A professional sports person, team, support staff or official *invited to participate in an event by an Australian organisation* may be eligible to apply for the following visa option:

Temporary Activity (subclass 408) (Invited Participant) visa (where there is an inviting Australian organisation). For more information see:

https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/temporary-activity-408/invited-for-other-social-and-cultural-activity

Please note that the letter of support from an Australian organisation is a legislative requirement for the **Temporary Activity (subclass 408) (Invited Participant) visa.** 

NB: These are the visa options available presently, but the Department reserves the right to change regulations. IECN assistance will NOT guarantee a visa grant. Visa applicants must demonstrate that they meet all the legislative requirements for an Australian visa.

Please note that subclass 408 visa applicants are required to provide a letter from the organisation in Australia who is responsible for the events or activities they will be undertaking which identifies:

- the visa applicant and any family members travelling with them
- the event/s, activity or work the applicant will be involved in
- the duties in relation to event/s, activity or work the applicant will be involved in
- the date/s, location/s of the event/s activity or work

We have created template letters for staff, players, caddies, and managers to reflect the 2 events that we will co-sanction.

## There are:

- A single letter for the 2022 Fortinet Australian PGA Championship,
- A single letter for ISPS Handa Australian Open and
- A letter which includes both events.

Where a family member is travelling with the player, their name should also be included in the letter. This does not mean that they need to apply for a work visa, but it will advise the Immigration Department of who is coming into the country.

Please advise Ana Maria Neves (<u>aneves@europeantourgroup.com</u>) about which events you will need the visa for, and which family members will be accompanying you so the proper invitation letter can be provided.

To obtain those letters, please provide names, date of birth and passport number used to obtain the visas.