

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR ACCREDITATION, VISA AND ACCOMODATION FOR THE WINTER YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES 13 TO 22 JANUARY 2012, INNSBRUCK, AUSTRIA

## **PROCEDURE FOR COLLECTING YOUR ACCREDITATION CARD**

The Youth Olympic Identity and Accreditation Card (YOIAC) will be distributed at the Main Accreditation Centre (MAC) in Innsbruck, located at the Innsbruck Exhibition Centre (IEC) at Falkstrasse 2-4.

<u>A valid photo identification</u> document is required in order to be able to issue a YOIAC. Each individual must present one of the following valid pieces of photo ID:

EU citizens:

- valid passport (valid until at least May 2012)
- valid EU identity card

Non-EU citizens:

• valid passport (valid until at least May 2012).

#### **VISA APPLICATION PROCEDURE:**

Applicants who are not from a SCHENGEN country and who will enter Austria to participate in or to work at the Innsbruck 2012 Winter Youth Olympic Games must meet the Austrian/SCHENGEN immigration requirements for entry into Austria. This may include obtaining a temporary SCHENGEN visa.

Please note that the entry process is dictated by the Austrian Government and it is not associated with, nor part of the Innsbruck Youth Olympic Games Organising Committee (IYOGOC) application for the accreditation process.

IYOGOC will email a visa invitation letter to all accredited media once the relevant background checks have been positively confirmed by the Austrian Federal Ministry of the Interior.

#### Visa Application Requirements

A correctly completed visa application for a Short-Stay SCHENGEN Visa (1 to 90 days) consists of the following five (5) documents:

- 1. completed, correctly filled out and signed Visa Application Form,
- 2. IYOGOC Visa Invitation Letter,
- 3. passport photograph (biometric),
- 4. valid passport (with two empty pages and valid at least until May 2012), and

5. one copy of the passport data page

The embassies will accept visa applications at the earliest in mid-October 2011 (three months prior to departure). Please make sure to contact the respective embassy directly to make an appointment for you to submit your visa application as well as to agree on the processing timeline.

\*The Visa Application Form is available here

### **PROCEDURE FOR BOOKING ACCOMMODATION**

Once your accreditation request has been confirmed by the IOC, you will receive an email from IYOGOC. This email will provide contact information and instructions on how to book your accommodation. Please allow a couple of weeks for IYOGOC to send you this information as your data will need to be processed first.

Accommodation for the 2012 Youth Winter Olympic Games will consist of 12 media hotels in Innsbruck. The media hotels will range from 2-star to 4-star. Hotel rates will range between EUR 70 and EUR 220. Breakfast is included.

Austria Trend Hotel Congress Innsbruck	4*
Arthotel Binders	3*
Hotel Kranebitterhof	2*
Pension Menghini	3*
Gasthof Engl	3*
Hotel Dollinger	3*
Hotel Maximilian	4*
Hotel Tautermann	3*
Pension Zillertal	3*
Hotel Penz West	4*
Hotel Garni Charlotte	4*
Hotel Muttererhof	3*

Media Hotels in Innsbruck: