



To World Archery Member Associations,

In response to the on-going COVID-19 pandemic, [38 countries](#) currently have travel suspended or have limited entry into the U.S. Nationals of these countries or individuals who have travelled to these countries in the 14 days prior to their travel to the United States, MUST apply for a National Interest Exemption (NIE) Waiver to travel to the United States. Please see the necessary action described in the flowchart on next pages. Be aware that these requirements will affect your team if they will be travelling through these countries.

All NIEs which will be asked from the organisers, will be sent out latest on 8 September and will be necessary for the time of travel. However, all other usual processes related to visa or ESTA, still apply.

People who would normally travel with ESTA (online application and system for obtaining advance authorization to use the visa waiver program) - for example Schengen countries – will need to make sure their last ESTA is valid or apply for ESTA.

At the same time, for countries who will need a visa – it is necessary to ask for a Visa invitation letter in WAREOS as soon as possible. For some countries, obtaining a Visa may mean you will have to travel to another country to secure an appointment. It is important you start your Visa process as quickly as possible so the LOC and USOPC have time to work with you to obtain needed appointments if they are difficult to schedule.

It is important not to automatically give up on the participation plans for teams who might have the following situation:

- Belong to these 38 countries, which currently require NIE
- Will travel through one of those countries - transfer within the airport will count
- USA embassy in your country is closed or has very long waiting times
- You have not yet decided the team composition and are therefore not able to complete the registration, but visa invitation letter, ESTA or NIE might be needed

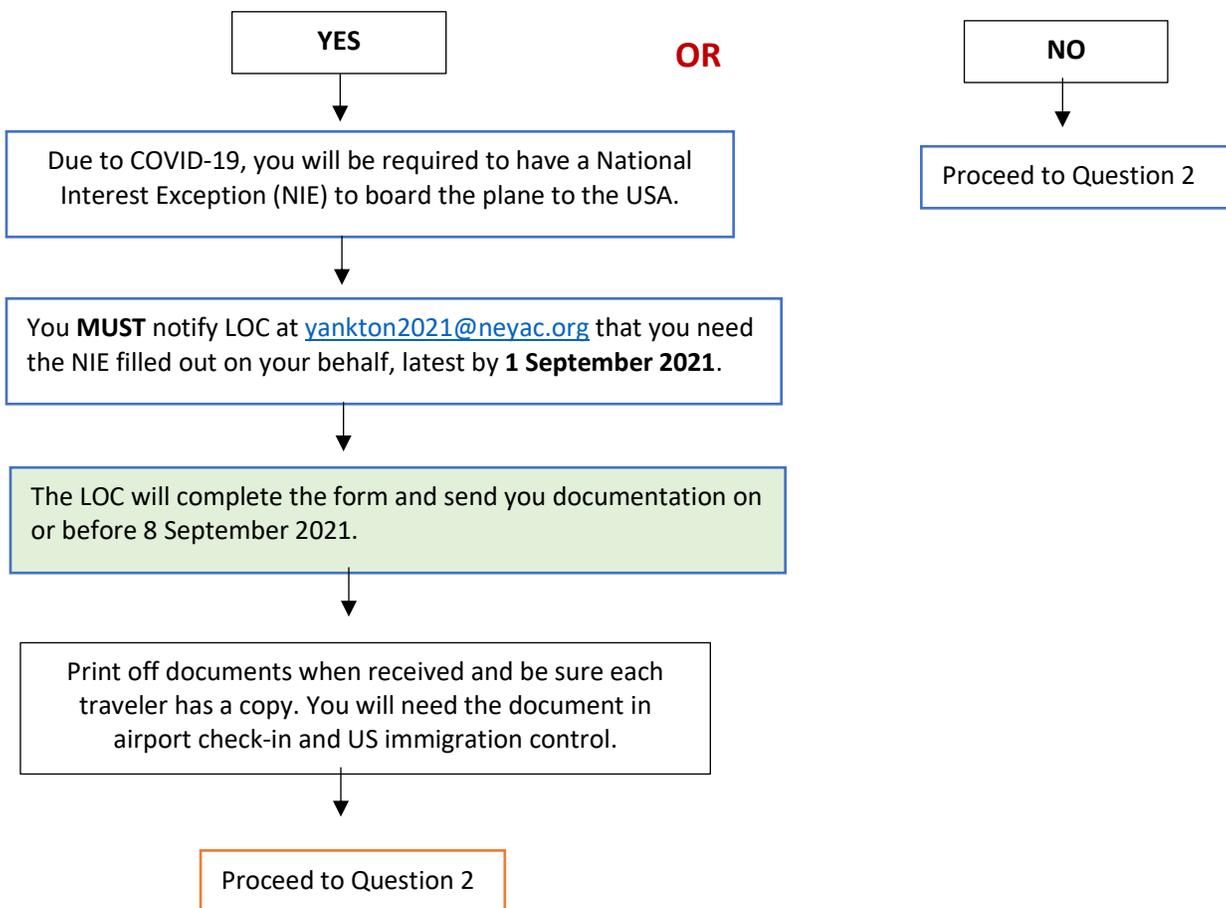
In these cases, please follow the flowchart in next pages or go to <https://www.yankton2021.org/visas> and answer the questions as it applies to your team. If you still have questions, you should contact the LOC as soon as possible.

The LOC is doing their best to help the teams; however, it is only possible if the first actions and contact by you comes as early as possible. Last minute requests might not be successful. Do it NOW!



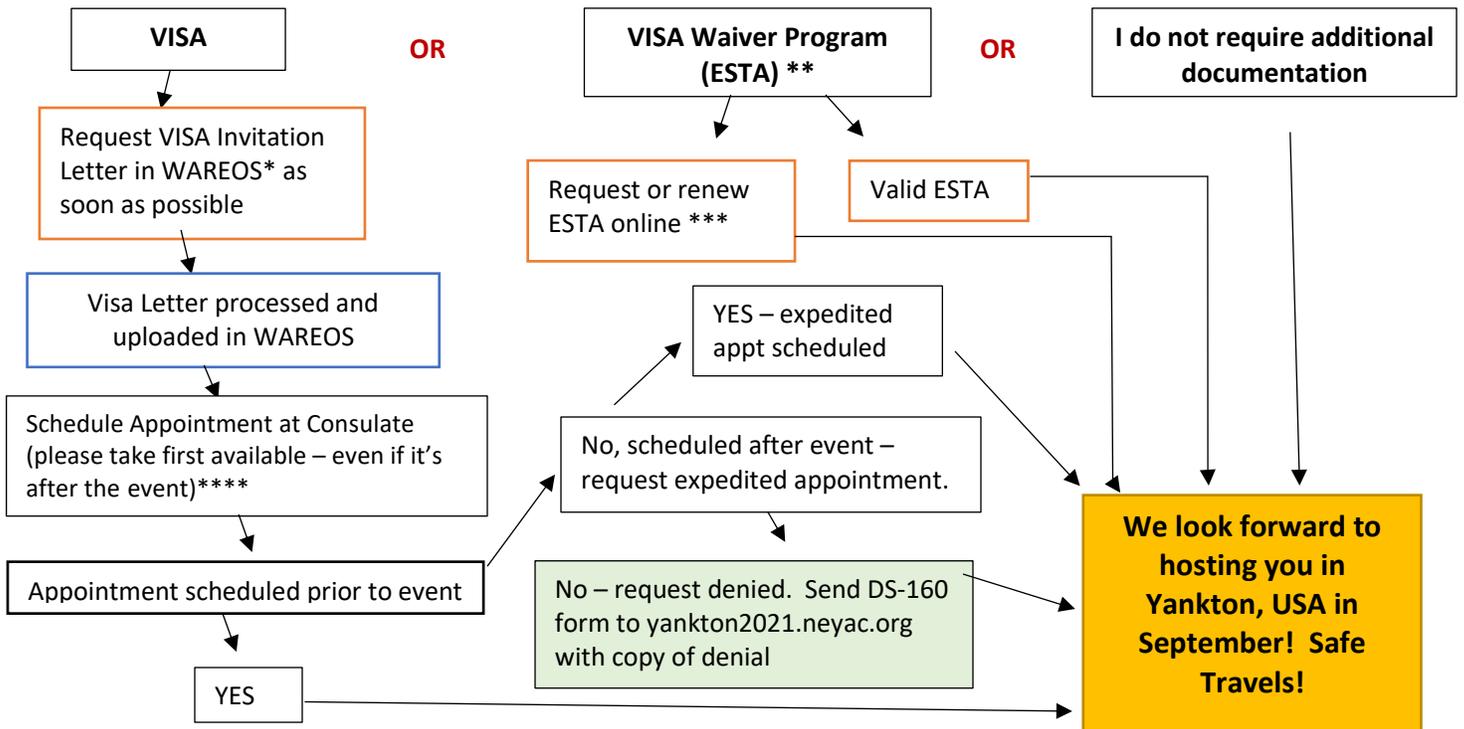
Flowchart for travel processes and requirements to attend World Archery events in Yankton, USA

Question 1: Are you travelling from, transferring through or visiting within 14 days prior departure, one of these countries: **China, Iran, European Schengen Area, United Kingdom, Republic of Ireland, Brazil, South Africa or India**?*



*With specific exceptions, several Presidential proclamations suspend and limit entry into the United States, as immigrants or nonimmigrants, of noncitizens who were physically present within the listed countries during the 14-day period preceding their entry or attempted entry into the United States. Countries on this list could be updated at any point. The LOC will try to watch if any countries get added but delegations may want to check <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/from-other-countries.html> prior to travel. Currently NIE requests are taking 5-7 days to process.

Question 2: How will you be entering the USA to attend these events?



*Must be done by national federation. Guidelines are on pages 26-28 in this presentation: <https://documents.worldarchery.sport/?doc=5477>

**The Visa Waiver Program (VWP) enables most citizens or nationals of participating countries to travel to the United States for tourism or business for stays of 90 days or less without obtaining a visa. Travelers must have a valid Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) approval prior to travel and meet all requirements. You must be a citizen or national of the following countries to be eligible to travel to the United States under VWP.

Andorra	Czech	Greece	Liechtenstein	Norway	South Korea
Australia	Republic	Hungary	Lithuania	Poland	Spain
Austria	Denmark	Iceland	Luxembourg	Portugal	Sweden
Belgium	Estonia	Ireland	Malta	San Marino	Switzerland
Brunei	Finland	Italy	Monaco	Singapore	Taiwan
Chile	France	Japan	Netherlands	Slovakia	United
	Germany	Latvia	New Zealand	Slovenia	Kingdom

***In most cases, your ESTA will be valid for two years. To renew or apply for ESTA please to <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta>.

****Please note the visa process may take longer than normal as U.S. Embassies or Consulates may be experiencing long wait times, may only be open for emergency appointments, or may be closed. Due to closures, attendees may be required to travel to a third country for Visa appointments. Because of this, it is extremely important to begin your visa process as soon as possible. For up to date information on visas go to <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas.html>. Please DO NOT give up if you have to schedule appointments past event dates or embassy/consulate is closed. Contact the LOC at yankton2021@neyac.org if you are struggling with either of these issues.

For more detailed information on travel and visas go to yankton2021.org/visas