



## 2018 PABCON Senior and Super Senior Championships

August 18 thru the 25th, 2018  
Calgary, Alberta  
Canada



## BULLETIN 2

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### Visa Requirements, Instructions, Information

The following countries must obtain visas to enter Canada

Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Panama, Paraguay, Uruguay,

A full list of countries can be found on the Canadian Immigrant Website:

[www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/visit-canada/entry-requirements-country.html](http://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/visit-canada/entry-requirements-country.html)

### **Submission of Applications**

Canada does not have a visa office in every country so it is important that delegates visit the website of the Canadian [visa office](#) responsible for processing their visa application. Information is available on the website on how to submit a visa application and the documentation required.

[Processing times for visa applications](#) vary depending on the visa office and the time of the year. Participants are encouraged to apply approximately **12 weeks** in advance of their departure date to ensure they receive the visa in time.

<a href="#">Electronic Applications (e-Apps)</a> .	<b>Submission at a <a href="#">Visa Application Centre (VAC)</a> (<i>In person or by mail</i>)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This system allows clients to submit applications online.</li><li>• Delegates that choose to apply on-line will not have to submit their passport until requested to do so by a visa officer.</li><li>• The visa office will send the applicant instructions on how and where to send their passports to finalize the visa process.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• VACs are commercial service providers authorized by Canada to provide specific services to applicants.</li><li>• VACs provide a number of services to clients, including help applicants fill out forms, answer questions and ensure that applications are complete.</li><li>• Reduces unnecessary delays or refusals due to incomplete applications.</li><li>• VACs serve as a collection point for applicants required to provide a <a href="#">biometric</a>.</li><li>• VACs send applications to visa offices and transmit decisions to applicants in a secure and confidential manner.</li><li>• VACs do not process visa applications and have no decision-making authority.</li></ul>

### Visa Invitation Letter

Included in this bulletin is an invitation letter that must be submitted at time of application. This must be done at least 12 weeks prior to the event in Canada to ensure time for approval.

The letter attached is a sample of what must be personalized and signed by The Canadian Tenpin Federation.

The Canadian Tenpin Federation will personalize each letter as names, addresses, and email is submitted to us. If you should know now who your coaches, delegates or any guests travelling to this event now, please submit to [pabcon2018@gotenpinbowling.ca](mailto:pabcon2018@gotenpinbowling.ca) as soon as possible and we will get your letter to you.

We will need:

Full Passport Name:

Full Address:

Email:

Contact Phone Number for Emergency:

The deadline to register is June 1, 2018, but if your country needs visas, please send in names as early as you can.



Canadian Tenpin Federation, Inc.  
Fédération Canadienne des Dix-Quilles, Inc.

Mr./Mrs \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Company \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Country \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Mr. \_\_\_\_\_

I am pleased to invite you (and confirm your registration) to attend/participate on the Pabcon Senior and Super Senior Championships which will be held in Calgary, Alberta Canada, August 17 – 25, 2018.

The Pabcon Senior and Super Senior Championships is open to all athletes in the American Zone that are over the age of 50 years. We expect over 150 participants from over 20 countries to attend this prestigious and popular Championships.

Should you [require a visa](#) to visit Canada, I suggest that you contact at your earliest convenience the [visa office](#) responsible for your place of residence to obtain information and to submit an application. I have supplied some information in Bulletin 2. Please include a copy of this letter along with all other required documentation with your visa application.

or

Depending on where you live, you will need to meet certain entry requirements to visit Canada. Detailed information on travel to Canada, including visa information, can be found on the Citizenship and Immigration Canada Web site at <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/index.asp>.

Please note that we are unable to cover the costs of any of the fees related to your participation in the event. Costs related to travel, accommodation, transportation and conference registration will be your own responsibility.

Sincerely,

**Catherine Innes**  
**Executive Director – The Canadian Tenpin Federation**  
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