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SPORTS IMMIGRATION SERVICES



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ABOUT OUR COMPANY



Sherrod Sports Visa USA is a premier sports- based immigration law firm with offices in Los Angeles, CA, Washington, DC, Las Vegas, NV and Charlotte, NC. Our lawyers are some of the most knowledgeable resources in the world for foreign athletes, coaches, and sports executives seeking to receive work authorization in the United States. We provide full service to sports and esports clients Sherrod Sports Visas packages O-1, P-1 and EB-1 visas for athletes, O-1, P-1S, and O-2 visas for coaches and essential support people, and we also service E-2, L-1, EB-5, and other appropriate visas for sports business professionals. Sherrod Sports Visas is your best resource for all sports-related immigration to the United States.

- **P-1 & O-1 for Athletes, Coaches, and Creative Staff**
- **O-2, L-1, P-1s, E-2 - for Professionals, Staff, and Investors**
- **EB-1 for Permanent Residence**
- **P-4 and O-3 Visas for Family Members**



WHO ARE OUR CLIENTS

There are many structures that can support or sponsor immigration solutions of athletes, coaches, and industry professionals. We specialize in helping our clients identify the sponsorship structure that is the most likely to be successful, durable, and last the longest. Our Sports Practice Group is led by Sherrod Seward, who is a member of the Sports Lawyers Association, Esports Bar Association, Black Entertainment & Sports Lawyers Association, and was appointed to the Mayor's International Cabinet in Charlotte, NC. We are the trusted source to bring the World's best athletes and support staff to the United States.

Who can sponsor visas?

- Sports Leagues - Teams and League Offices
- Sports Agents, Coaches, and Managers in the USA
- Marketing Companies and Brands
- US Citizens
- Training Facilities
- Foreign Owned Companies with USA subsidiary
- And More!



SPORTS LEAGUES & PROMOTIONS

Sherrod Sports Visas supports the complete immigration functions of several world-class sports organizations. Our experience reaches from start-up organizations looking to attract foreign investors to large sports promotions with multi-million dollar broadcast deals who employ athletes all over the world. In addition, Sherrod Sports Visas serves as the first call of in-house counsel to several top tier organizations for especially difficult immigration cases. We also offer tailored services to our corporate clients that include customized in-take portals, strategy sessions, and pricing levels.

Past Performance includes:



MANAGERS & AGENTS

Managers, agents, and coaches can absolutely service as the petitioner (sponsoring entity) for their international athletes and there are a myriad of reasons why it is a good reason to do so. Visa petitions sponsored by agents create a unique situation for athletes to where their visa can support playing for multiple leagues and survive being released from contracts.

- Exercising better and more autonomous control of clients' immigration status
- The same visa can be used for multiple employment opportunities with teams
- Clients' petitions can also support visas for support staff and family members
- Takes the immigration process and responsibility out of the team or league's hands
- Termination of a player contract does not change visa status as long as agency contract is still in play

We also help foreign managers and sports agents find solutions for their athletes and themselves to acquire work authorization as well. Managers and sports agents could be eligible for P-1, O-1, E-2, and/or L-1 Visa.

Highlights include:



BRANDS AND COMPANIES

Domestic and foreign companies can support immigration for sports-related partners by serving as sponsors. For domestic clients, we help companies to add visa sponsorship as an activation package for athletes that promote products and services. For domestic clients, we help foreign companies set up a subsidiary in the United States to serve as the sponsor for executives and athletes.

Sponsoring an international athlete's visa is invaluable and helpful to the athlete's career. By serving as the immigration sponsor to the athlete, brands and companies can establish deeper relationships with the athletes that market products and services. Serving as a visa sponsor or supporter is low risk and high reward pathway to solidify relationships with the world's best athletes.

Highlights include:

- Extreme Saddles | Suzanne Brooks | Australian Equestrian Company
- Maxwell Industries | Scott Farmer | Motorsports Racer



SELF-PETITION GREEN CARDS



Sherrod Sports Visas services EB1A visa petitions for athletes that can prove extraordinary abilities. The EB1A visa does not require a labor certification which consists of an approval from the Department of Labor after the position is advertised to the public. Since the EB-1 does not require a labor certification, the timing is much shorter than both EB-2 and EB-3 visas. The first part of the process which involves getting approved as an alien with extraordinary abilities takes about 7-8 months for USCIS to process and approve. The permanent residence or Green Card portion of the process can take one to three years.

The athlete must meet 3 of the listed criteria below to prove extraordinary ability in the sport:

- Evidence of receipt of lesser nationally or internationally recognized prizes or awards for excellence
- Evidence of membership in associations in the field which demand outstanding achievement of their members
- Evidence of published materials about the athlete in professional or major trade publications or other major media
- Evidence of judging the skills of others, either individually or on a panel
- Evidence of original athletic, or business-related contributions of major significance to the field
- Evidence of performance of a leading or critical role in distinguished organizations
- Evidence of high salary or other significantly high remuneration in relation to others in the field

SPOUSES AND CHILDREN

Non-immigrant visa holders can apply for derivative visas for their spouse and children. These visas will last for the validity period of the non-immigrant visa. They do not provide work authorization but the family member can take classes.

ATHLETE SERVICES

In addition to providing immigration support for our athletes and sports-related companies, we also provide tailored services to compliment our clients. Taking advantage of these services can help athletes protect their brands and tax liability in the United States.

- Individual Tax Identification Numbers (ITEN)
- Limited Liability Company Formation (LLC)
- Trademarks and Copyright (Intellectual Property Protection)
- Contract Review and Drafting
- Expense Recovery (protecting expenses from additional taxation)

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