Visa Applications

Do I need a UK visa?
To check if you need a visa to come to the UK, please visit
https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa and select 'Tourism, including visiting friends or family' as the reason for travel.

What type of visa do I need?
If a visa is required, you will need to apply for a Standard visitor visa. You can apply online by visiting https://www.gov.uk/standard-visitor-visa/apply

More information can be found by visiting https://www.gov.uk/standard-visitor-visa

How long will it take?
The earliest you can apply is 3 months before you travel. You should get a decision within 3 weeks of attending your appointment.

For more information about visa processing times for your country please visit https://www.gov.uk/visa-processing-times

How much does it cost?
The cost of a standard visitor visa is £93 per person. Additional customs costs may apply if you are a Class 1 team bringing a car.

What information do I need to provide with my application?
You'll need to provide the following:

- the dates you're planning to travel to the UK
- details of where you'll be staying during your visit
- how much you think your trip will cost
- your current home address and how long you've lived there
- your parents' names and dates of birth
- how much you earn in a year
- You might also need:
- details of your travel history for the past 10 years (as shown in your passport)
- your employer's address and telephone number
- your partner's name, date of birth, and passport number
- the name and address of anyone paying for your trip
- the name, address and passport number of any family members you have in the UK
- details of any criminal, civil or immigration offences you have committed

For more information about supporting documents please visit
https://www.gov.uk/standard-visitor-visa/documents-you-must-provide

Can you provide a letter to support my application?
We can provide a letter for your team, but we first need you to do the
following:

- ensure your team account is up to date with all team members planning
  to travel to the UK event listed in your team list in 'Manage Members'
  and 'attending Silverstone' box ticked
- email a copy of this list of names (the names must EXACTLY match the
  names registered on your team account), along with each team
  member's date of birth and passport number*
- provide us with an email address for your embassy as we will send the
  letter directly to them, copying you in

NOTE: We will cross check the names against those listed as team members
on your team account, so please check that the names match and that your
team list is up to date. We will not issue letters if there are any discrepancies.

Please email fs@imeche.org if you require a letter to support your application.
You should allow 14 working days for processing.

*These details will only be used to create your visa support letter. We will not
share this information with anyone else.