



Baku 2015
1st EUROPEAN GAMES

BEGOC **September 2014**

PRESS GUIDE TO THE BAKU 2015 EUROPEAN GAMES





Azad Rahimov

Minister of Youth and Sports of
The Republic of Azerbaijan

CEO of Baku 2015

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'A' followed by a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke.

Azerbaijan is honoured to be hosting the first ever European Games and I am delighted to welcome the international press to what will be the biggest sporting event in our country's history.

Coverage generated by the international press during the Games will be crucial in sharing this inaugural event with a worldwide audience, and it is our duty and desire to provide members of the press with everything they need to tell the story of the Games through words and pictures.

A great deal of planning is being undertaken by our experienced and dedicated team to ensure the Baku 2015 European Games will be organised at the highest level. I am fully confident that we will provide the athletes, spectators, fans and media with the best possible facilities to enjoy this historic sporting spectacle. We are determined to be innovative and sustainable, to try new concepts, and to deliver a first-class event of which the whole of Europe will be proud.

With more than 6,000 athletes from the National Olympic Committees of Europe competing across 19 sports, the Baku 2015 European Games will be a catalyst for economic, sporting and social development across Azerbaijan. The Games will be of great benefit to Azerbaijanis of all ages across the country, but particularly to the young people of our nation. It will create positive memories and an excellent legacy of sporting venues to inspire this generation and future generations to take-up and continue to play sport throughout their lives.

Hosting the Games is a wonderful opportunity for Baku and Azerbaijan to showcase itself and its hospitality to the world, and I look forward to welcoming you all to our wonderful city in June 2015.



Contents

Introduction.....	7
Welcome to Azerbaijan.....	8
European Games Overview	12
Press Operations Staff	13
Accreditation.....	14
Accommodation	18
Rate Card	23
Technology	24
Transport.....	26
Customs and Freight Forwarding	30
Sports and Competition.....	31
Venue Press Operations.....	33
Venues Overview.....	41
Photo Operations	100
Games News Service	103
Non-rights Holding Broadcasters and Digital Media.....	104
Useful Information	106
Pre-Games Checklist	109
Appendix – Competition and Training Schedules	111



Introduction

In the run-up to the inaugural European Games we at the Baku 2015 European Games Operation Committee (BEGOC) are finalising the services and facilities that will await your arrival in Baku.

The Press Guide to the Baku 2015 European Games provides an overview of the services and facilities that will be available to the accredited written and photographic press and non-rights holding broadcasters during the Games.

One of the key objectives of BEGOC is to incorporate innovation in all of our planning, and as a member of the press you can expect the following:

- Enhanced interview opportunities in the I-Zone (see page 33)
- Free wired and wireless internet access in press areas (see page 24)
- Free wireless internet access on shuttle buses (see page 24)
- One-stop shop for all information during the Games via the website (see page 103)
- One access control zone for press and broadcasters in the venues (see page 17)

If you have any questions after reading this guide, do not hesitate to contact the Press Operations team. Also, be sure to register for our Press Extranet to get the most current information about the European Games.

The following publications, as well as other useful guides, will be available for download via the Press Extranet in the coming months to help press organisations plan for Baku 2015:

- Rate Card
- News Access Rules (for non-rights holding broadcasters only)
- Customs and Freight Forwarding Guide
- City Filming and Photography Guide (for photographers and non-rights holding broadcasters only)
- Social Media, Blogging and Internet Guidelines
- Games-time Press and Photo Guide

We look forward to welcoming you to Baku in 2015!

Hörmətlə,
The Press Operations Team

Welcome to Azerbaijan

Azerbaijan is a land of plentiful natural resources, centuries-old culture and deeply-engrained hospitality, and has always played a vital role in the Caucasus regions. The country unites Eastern Europe and Western Asia, sharing its borders with neighbours Iran and Turkey to the south, Russia to the north, Armenia to the west, and Georgia to the north-west.

Azerbaijan is the largest and most populated region in the South Caucasus. Azerbaijani is the official state language but many locals speak Russian, Turkish and English, particularly in the cities. In January 2014, the population totalled 9.5 million, with around 50% under 30 years of age.

Azerbaijan enjoys a booming economy that achieved the second highest GDP growth in the world between 2000 and 2010. The boom is mainly driven by the rich oil and gas resources but a strong maritime tradition also exists thanks to its 456 kilometre-long coastal border along the Caspian Sea. The economy is additionally supported by growing agriculture and tourism sectors.

While Azerbaijan is a young country, it has one of the world's oldest civilizations in terms of human history. South of Baku are rock carvings that date to at least 6,000 BCE. Throughout its history, Azerbaijan has been visited by Alexander the Great, the Romans, Genghis Khan and Marco Polo. In fact, Marco Polo was one of the first persons to describe the vast oil reserves in the area.

The first deep oil well was drilled in Baku in 1848 and the first refinery was built a decade later. This was the start of the oil boom in Azerbaijan and the city of Baku grew from a few thousand people to more than 200,000 in about 20 years. At the turn of the 20th Century, Baku was exporting half of the world's oil.

Following World War I, Azerbaijan became the world's first Muslim democratic republic when it declared independence in 1918. That independence was short-lived and Azerbaijan then became part of the Soviet Union in 1920.

Azerbaijan declared independence from the Soviet Union in 1991 and since then has existed as an independent country.

The Baku 2015 European Games will be the biggest multi-sport event that Azerbaijan has hosted to date. Its past experience of hosting international events include the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup in 2012, the annual Tour of Azerbaijan, and the 2012 Eurovision Song Contest in Baku.





Azerbaijan

Main Road Network

Airport

Competition Venue

Other Cities

Khachmaz

Agsu

Sumqayıt

Heydar Aliyev
International Airport
(GYD)

BAKU

Caspian Sea

Shirvan

Lankaran

European Games Overview

The European Games will be a multi-sport event for athletes from all of the National Olympic Committees in Europe. The Games are owned, co-organised, and regulated by the European Olympic Committees (EOC).

The European Games were created at the General Assembly of the European Olympic Committees on 8 December 2012 in Rome, Italy, when an overwhelming majority of the National Olympic Committees of Europe voted for the creation of the competition. At this General Assembly the right to host the inaugural edition was awarded to the city of Baku, Azerbaijan.

The 2015 European Games will be held in Baku from 12 to 28 June 2015.

Baku 2015 European Games Operation Committee

The Baku 2015 European Games Operation Committee (BEGOC) was established in 2012 and is chaired by the First Lady of Azerbaijan Mehriban Aliyeva. The CEO is Minister of Youth and Sports Azad Rahimov and the COO is Simon Clegg.

About the Baku 2015 European Games venues

The location of the competition venues is extremely compact, with all sports except canoe sprint taking place within the Baku city centre. There will be four clusters in Baku: Village Cluster, Flag Square Cluster, City Cluster and Western Venues. Mingachevir, which lies 275km west of Baku, will host the Canoe Sprint events.

About Baku 2015 Press Operations

Press Operations is responsible for the planning, preparation and provision of services and facilities for the accredited written and photographic press, and non-rights holding broadcasters so that they can operate efficiently during the Baku 2015 European Games.

Detailed information about press services and facilities is available on the Press Extranet. To request login details, please email: pressoperations@baku2015.com.

Press Operations Staff



Jayne Pearce

Director of Press Operations
jayne.pearce@baku2015.com



Lorraine Ralston

Head of Press Operations
lorraine.ralston@baku2015.com



Mila Alieva

Press Services Manager
mila.alieva@baku2015.com



Mairi Irvine

Press Information Manager
mairi.irvine@baku2015.com



Anna McInerney

Press Staffing and
Training Manager
anna.mcinerney@baku2015.com



Dusan Zivkovic

Venue Press Operations Manager
dusan.zivkovic@baku2015.com



Pirim Pirimov

Press Operations Specialist
pirim.pirimov@baku2015.com



Kamran Talibov

Press Staffing and Training Specialist
kamran.talibov@baku2015.com



Gary Kemper

Photo Consultant

Have a question?



pressoperations@baku2015.com



www.baku2015.com/en/press-extranet

Accreditation

Accredited persons will receive a European Games Identity and Accreditation Card (EGIAC), commonly referred to as accreditation, which will:

- Establish the identity of the holder
- Permit access to the Baku 2015 European Games
- Authorise entrance into Azerbaijan to participate in the European Games (when used with a valid ID document)

Accreditation categories

Press accreditation will be available for members of the written press, photographers, and non-rights holding broadcasters in three categories:

- | | |
|-----|--|
| E | Journalist, editor, photographic editor, employed or contracted by an international or national news agency, a general daily newspaper, a sports newspaper, magazine or internet site; a digital journalist; or a freelance journalist under contract. |
| EP | Photographer or technician meeting the same criteria as described for category “E”. |
| ENR | Non-rights holding radio or television broadcaster. |

Press professionals who meet the above criteria must be affiliated to one or several news organisations and their applications must be validated by their news organisation.

Press accreditation timeline

12 December 2014	Press accreditation process begins
6 March 2015	Press accreditation process ends
January-April 2015	Applications validated and approved
May 2015	Pre-valid cards distributed to press
29 May 2015	Media Village opens
1 July 2015	Media Village closes

Quotas

There will be no quotas for press to cover the Games.

Application process

1. Submit accreditation application via the Press Extranet (www.baku2015.com/en/press-extranet) no later than 6 March 2015. Applicants will receive an email confirmation that the application has been received.
2. After processing, applicants will receive an email confirming whether their request for accreditation was approved or rejected.
3. Press Operations will mail pre-valid cards to all approved applicants in May 2015. The pre-valid card will serve as a visa to enter Azerbaijan.
4. Pre-valid cards must be validated upon arrival in Baku before they can be used as an accreditation during the Games. The card plus the same identification document that was used to apply for accreditation must be presented at a validation centre. Validation counters will be available at the Heydar Aliyev International Airport and at the Media Village and will begin operations on 29 May 2015.

Note for press based in Azerbaijan: Press based in Azerbaijan will not receive a pre-valid card. Instead, they can visit the Media Accreditation Centre at the Media Village any time after 29 May 2015 to get their accreditation card. The same identification document that was used to apply for accreditation must be presented to get accredited.

Note for press based in the Mingachevir area: Press in the Mingachevir area can collect their accreditation at the canoe sprint venue. The same identification document that was used to apply for accreditation must be presented to get accredited. Further details will be available at a later date.

Visa

International accredited press will be able to enter Azerbaijan without a visa if carrying a pre-valid card and a valid passport or official travel document.

The pre-valid card may not be used as a transit visa and will only facilitate entry into Azerbaijan. Accredited members of the press coming to Azerbaijan via another country that might require a visa are responsible for obtaining everything necessary for entry into or transit through that country.

General guidelines

- All press applications should be submitted before 6 March 2015 to ensure a pre-valid card can be received and used as a visa to enter Azerbaijan. Press applying for accreditation after the deadline may have to apply for a visa following the normal visa process.
- All applications must be signed.
- All applications must include a recent high-quality photo, pre-valid cards cannot be produced without a photo.

Photo requirements

- Digital image file (JPEG, GIF or BMP)
- 100-400 KB size
- Passport-style photograph (width-to-height ratio of 4:5)
- Face forward, looking straight into the camera with eyes open and nothing covering the face
- Looking natural with no facial expressions (smiling grinning etc)
- Nothing covering the eyes (hair or the frames of glasses)
- No sunglasses or tinted glasses
- No hat or anything covering the head unless for medical or religious reasons
- No other people in the photo
- In colour, not black-and-white
- Taken against a white background

Media Accreditation Centre (MAC)

The Media Accreditation Centre will be located at the Media Village. It will be operational from 29 May to 1 July 2015.

Services available at the MAC are accreditation card production, accreditation card validation, accreditation photos, and issue resolution.

Press zones in venues

An innovation for the Baku European Games is the consolidation of the traditional zone 4 (press) and zone 5 (broadcast) in the competition venues.

During the Games, there will be one media zone (zone 5) which allows access to the following areas: Venue Media Centre, media workroom, press and broadcast tribunes, I-Zone, photo positions (with photo bib only), photo file area, and media lounge.

Accommodation

Press accommodation will be available in the Media Village or in the official media hotel in Baku, and in the official media hotel in Mingachevir (for Canoe Sprint).

Key dates

12 December 2014	Accommodation online booking system opens
12 February 2015	Deadline for hotel bookings (100% payment due)
6 March 2015	Deadline for Media Village bookings (100% payment due)
29 May 2015	Media Village opens
1 July 2015	Media Village closes

Media Village

The Media Village, located next to the Athletes Village, will accommodate about 1,400 press and broadcasters in four buildings. Common services such as a dining hall, bar, laundry facilities and support area will be available on the ground floor.

The hub for the Games-time shuttle transport system (T-All) will be located at the Media Village.

In addition, transport will be provided to and from the Heydar Aliyev International Airport which is about 17 kilometres from the Media Village.

Media Village rooms

Most bedrooms are singles and include a bed and a lockable drawer. Each room will have a television with entertainment and news channels plus the Games channels from the competition venues. Free Wi-Fi will also be available.

While most rooms have dedicated bathrooms, some rooms will share a bathroom between two rooms. Twin bedrooms will be available at a special discounted price.

Media Village rates

All Media Village room rates include breakfast and applicable taxes. A minimum of four nights stay is required when staying in the Media Village.

Single €50 per night

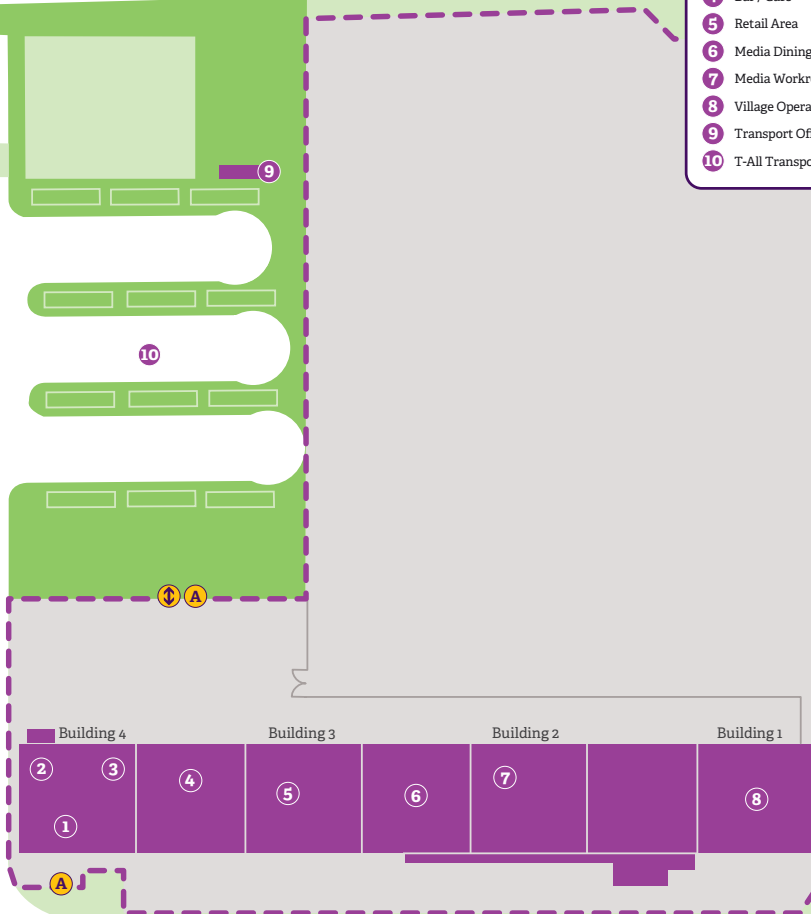
Twin €65 per night

Note: Due to the high demand for accommodation in the Media Village, we recommend you book as early as possible. The deadline to book rooms in the Media Village is 6 March 2015.



Media Village

- Secure Perimeter
- Media Entrance/Exit
- Pedestrian Screening Area
- 1 Media Accreditation Centre
- 2 Medical Centre
- 3 Resident Centre
- 4 Bar / Café
- 5 Retail Area
- 6 Media Dining Hall
- 7 Media Workroom
- 8 Village Operations Centre
- 9 Transport Office
- 10 T-All Transport Mall



Heydər Əliyev prospekti

Heydər Əliyev prospekti

Media Village amenities

Media Dining Hall	Serving breakfast and dinner. (Breakfast included in room rate).	Open 0500-1100 and 1700-2400.
Café/Bar	Serving a selection of coffees, soft drinks, and hot and cold snacks.	Open 24 hours. Alcohol served between 1800-0200.
Press Information Desk	Transport information, photo bib distribution, press welcome bag distribution, and general press information	Open 0900-2100.
Medical Centre	General first aid.	Open 0700-2300. Medic on-call after hours.
Retail Area	General store, BEGOC merchandise, dry-cleaning and laundry, and ATM.	Hours TBC.
Media Accreditation Centre	Full-service accreditation centre for media.	Hours TBC.
Media Workroom	Free wired and wireless internet access.	Open 24 hours.
Rate Card/Spectrum Desk	Rate Card items and wireless equipment testing.	Hours TBC.
Guest Pass Office	For guest access to the Media Village.	Hours TBC.

Media hotel

The Qafqaz Baku City Hotel & Residence (www.qafqazcityhotel.com/) is the official media hotel for the Games. This four-star hotel is conveniently located in the Yasamal area, which is the heart of the business and commercial district and near the Heydar Aliyev Arena, the Games venue for Judo and Wrestling. Amenities include a restaurant, bar/lounge, spa and fitness area. All rooms have televisions and free Wi-Fi is available.

Transport will be provided to the competition venues and the Media Village via the T-All system from the Heydar Aliyev Arena, the nearest stop on the system and a short walk from the hotel. Transport will also be provided to and from the Heydar Aliyev International Airport.

Media hotel rates

All hotel room rates include breakfast and applicable taxes. There is no minimum number of nights required.

Single/Twin €148 per night

Note: Rooms at the Qafqaz Hotel are limited and early booking is recommended. The deadline for booking rooms in the Qafqaz Hotel is 12 February 2015.



Accommodation in Mingachevir



Press accommodation will be available in Mingachevir at the River Side Hotel (<http://riverside.az/>).

This four-star hotel is located on the banks of the River Kur across from the canoe sprint venue. Amenities include a restaurant, bar, swimming pool, spa and fitness centre. All rooms have televisions and free Wi-Fi is available.

Transport will be provided to the competition venue as well as to and from the Ganja International Airport.

Mingachevir media hotel rates

All hotel room rates include breakfast and applicable taxes. There is no minimum number of nights required.

Single/Twin €68 per night

Note: Rooms at the River Side Hotel are limited and early booking is recommended. The deadline to book rooms in the River Side Hotel is 12 February 2015.

Booking process

Press will be able to book accommodation from 12 December 2014. The deadline to book a room in a media hotel (either in Baku or Mingachevir) is 12 February 2015 and the deadline to book a room in the Media Village is 6 March 2015.

Rate Card

A selection of rate card items will be available for press during the Games. Orders can be placed through the Press Extranet from 20 December 2014 to 15 March 2015. Orders placed after 15 March will be subject to a 10% late fee.

Note: Certain items such as internet ports and T-X upgrade passes should be ordered as early as possible to ensure availability.

The rental period is from 29 May to 30 June 2015. There is no discount for shorter-term rentals.

All prices are in Euro and include any VAT or local taxes. Payment will be in Euro and full payment is due upon invoice (once the order has been confirmed). Payment instructions will be included with the invoice. BEGOC reserves the right to adjust prices if there is a significant fluctuation in exchange rates.

All items are subject to availability and no deposits are required.

Rental items can be picked up from the Rate Card Office in the Media Village.

Item	Description	Price	Games-time Price (after 15 March)	Available During Games	Note
10M Internet Port *	Dedicated access point with RJ-45 connection. Up to 10M bandwidth but throughput is dependent on the internet and general network use.	€ 260	€ 285	No	Available in Press Tribunes (Tableted), select Photo Positions and Media Workrooms only.
Mobile Phone, Basic Smartphone	Handset Only. Basic touchscreen with 2G and 3G capability.	€ 90	€ 100	✓	Available for purchase only. Does not include SIM card.
Mobile Phone, Smartphone	Handset Only. Large touchscreen with 2G and 3G capability.	€ 260	€ 290	✓	Available for purchase only. Does not include SIM card.
SIM Card	Multi SIM allows standard, micro and nano sizes. Includes start-up fee, 1GB data and 16 AZN credit.	€ 20	€ 20	✓	Available for purchase only. Access to outgoing voice national and international calls, SMS and data. Free incoming local, national and international calls and SMS.
T-X Upgrade Card	Provides T-X system transport privilege, an on-demand taxi-style service available at Games venues.	€ 2,893	€ 3,168	Limited	Available from 3 June to 1 July 2015.

*Free 10 Mb wired and wireless internet connections will be available in media workrooms, tableted press tribunes, photo file areas, and select photo positions.

Technology

For the first time at a major multi-sport event, technology will be provided almost exclusively using cloud-based services. This is another innovation that has been introduced for the European Games and provides an effective and repeatable model that will provide a more robust and secure service during the Games.

Working in close cooperation with the Ministry of Communications and High Technologies and local mobile providers, the Technology team has enhanced the Baku mobile network and created a high-speed internet backbone that connects all of the competition venues and key non-competition venues.

Internet

Free 10 Mb wired connections will be provided in all media workrooms, tabled press tribunes, photo file areas, and select photo positions.

Free Wi-Fi will also be provided in all media workrooms, media lounges, tabled and non-tabled press tribunes and I-Zones.

In the Media Village, free Wi-Fi will be provided in every bedroom and in a selection of “hot spots” including the café/bar and media workroom. No Wi-Fi will be available in the media dining hall.

Wi-Fi will also be available in the Media Conference Room for the Games, located within the Athletes Village.

Wi-Fi on buses

BEGOC will provide free Wi-Fi on all T-All shuttle system buses. This service will be reserved exclusively for press and broadcasters and will allow up to 10 simultaneous users to do basic browsing and email.

Mobile services

Mobile coverage is extensive throughout Baku and major cities in Azerbaijan including Mingachevir. Press who wish to use their own mobile telephones and

SIMs while in Azerbaijan should ensure that their roaming service has been activated by their home mobile service supplier. Relevant roaming charges will apply. BEGOC will not provide any technical support for personal handsets.

Most mobile phone retail outlets sell pay-as-you-go SIM cards for a range of mobile network providers. In addition, BEGOC will offer SIM cards and mobile telephones for purchase via the Rate Card (see page 23).

Television services

BEGOC will provide television services in all competition venues and the Media Village.

Televisions will be available in media workrooms and media lounges. The competition venue service will display all live sports feeds produced within that venue only.

In the Media Village, televisions will be provided in every bedroom. In addition to the live sports feeds produced in the competition venues, the Media Village television service will include a selection of international entertainment, news and sports channels.

Copying and printing

Press will have access to a multi-function device in every media workroom. These machines will offer copy, fax and print services via cloud printing.

Technology support

Support for BEGOC technology, including internet access and Wi-Fi, will be provided with both venue-based help desks and a centralised help desk service from 0600-0100 from 1-29 June 2015.

Transport

The Baku 2015 Transport mission is to deliver a reliable and efficient transportation system during the Games. One of the innovations that will be implemented is the creation of a T-All system which will be a shared shuttle for press and broadcasters, technical officials, European Games family members, and selected workforce.

All Games vehicles will travel around the city using dedicated Games lanes within the Games Route Network. More than 47 kilometres of road comprise the Games Route Network to ensure consistent and guaranteed access of official vehicles to all competition venues and select non-competition venues.

The Games Route Network will have special signage and traffic cameras, and will be monitored by the police to ensure there is a continuous flow of traffic and that pedestrians do not cross the roads.

Airport arrivals

The official port of entry to Azerbaijan is Heydar Aliyev International Airport (GYD). It is the only port of entry with accreditation validation facilities.

Transport will be available between the airport, the Media Village, and official media hotel from 29 May until 1 July 2015. No press transport services will be available from any other port of entry.

Press should notify BEGOC of their arrival and departure information to ensure adequate transport is available. Arrival and departure information can be captured on the Arrivals and Departures Portal available on the Press Extranet.

Press representatives who do not book their accommodation through BEGOC will need to make their own travel plans to and from the airport by public transport or taxi.

Games-time transport system (T-All)

Press will be able to access the competition venues and select non-competition venues using the T-All system, which will operate a “loop” shuttle service to/from the competition venues and the Media Village. Press will have to pass through security screening upon arrival at the venue.

The T-All system will operate with 50-seat modern air-conditioned coaches. It should be noted that the T-All system is not a dedicated media transport system.

The T-All system will operate 0500-0100 from 29 May to 1 July.

T-All Shuttle Routes (subject to change)

Route 1 Media Village Tofiq Bahramov Stadium Heydar Aliyev Arena Baku Shooting Centre/Mountain Bike Velopark Heydar Aliyev Arena Tofiq Bahramov Stadium Media Village	Route 4 Baku Sports Hall Crystal Hall European Games Park BMX Arena Media Village
Route 2 Media Village Baku Shooting Centre/Mountain Bike Velopark BMX Velopark European Games Park Crystal Hall Baku Sports Hall	Route 5 Baku Sports Hall Baku Shooting Centre/Mountain Bike Velopark Heydar Aliyev Arena Tofiq Bahramov Stadium Baku Sports Hall

Travel to Mingachevir

Ganja International Airport (KVD) is about 80km from Mingachevir, where the Canoe Sprint event will take place. Press arriving at Ganja International Airport will be transported to and from the airport and the River Side Hotel, the official media hotel.

Transport will also be provided to and from the River Side Hotel and the venue.

In addition, a transport service between the Media Village in Baku and Mingachevir will be provided during training and competition. Press will need to book this transport 48 hours in advance. The estimated driving journey time to Mingachevir is five hours.

Public transport system

Press will be able to use local public transport for free from 29 May to 1 July. Local transport includes the Baku Metro and the bus network.

Baku Metro, a rapid-transit system notable for its art, murals, mosaics and ornate chandeliers, was opened in November 1967 and includes 23 stations at present. The fare for a single journey is 20 qepik (equivalent to €0.20), or free with media accreditation.

The bus system is extensive but traffic can make this an unwise option during working hours and weekend days. The fare for a single journey within Baku is 20 qepik, or free with media accreditation.

The current hours of operation for public transport are 0500-2400 but extended hours are being considered during the Games.

Boulevard Train and Harbour Boat Service

Press will also have free access to the “hop-on, hop-off” coastal train that runs on the promenade along the Park Boulevard, as well as the Caspian Harbour Boat Service that connects the White City in downtown Baku to the Flag Square Cluster (location for Crystal Hall and the European Games Park).

Parking

No press parking will be available at any venue, including the Media Village, during the Games. All press should use the T-All transport system or public transport to access the venues.

Driving in Baku

Driving in Baku can be challenging as traffic can often be congested at peak hours. Road awareness is essential if trying to manoeuvre through the city by car, or indeed on foot.

Taxi prices are very reasonable so this is often a more advisable method of transport than driving.

Customs and Freight Forwarding

Some press organisations may choose to ship equipment or other items to Azerbaijan for the Baku 2015 European Games. To help these organisations, the Customs and Freight Forwarding Guide will be available in October 2014.

The guide will contain detailed information regarding BEGOC logistics, its partners, freight forwarding policies and procedures, customs formalities, deliveries to venues, and re-export procedures.

Baku 2015 customs procedure

Press organisations will be able to clear eligible items into Azerbaijan temporarily without any duties payable.

Goods imported under the Baku 2015 customs procedure can remain temporarily in Azerbaijan and should subsequently be re-exported after the Games.

Goods imported under the Baku 2015 customs procedure must be used for the Baku 2015 European Games. They may not be used for commercial activities, including being disposed of in any way, sold, rented and/or used for the purposes of providing income-generating services.

Types of goods that can be temporarily imported for use at the Baku 2015 European Games under the Baku 2015 customs procedure include:

- Personal effects, new or used
- Professional equipment, such as computer equipment and photography equipment
- Sportswear and uniforms, sports gear, food products, medicines
- Consumables given away as gifts and awards or for advertising, marketing or other non-financial purposes during the Baku 2015 European Games

Excisable goods (e.g., alcoholic beverages and tobacco products) and certain restricted goods are not eligible.

Sports and Competition

Nineteen sports will be competed in 18 competition venues during the European Games. Each competition venue as well as the Athletes Village will have a Venue Media Centre.

All of the competitions except one – Canoe Sprint – are located in greater Baku.

The venues have been grouped into four clusters around the city: Village Cluster, City Cluster, Flag Square Cluster and Western Venues.

	Sport	Discipline	Venue	Cluster
1	Aquatics	Diving, Swimming, Synchronised Swimming	Baku Aquatics Centre	Village Cluster
		Water Polo	Water Polo Arena	Flag Square Cluster
2	Archery		Tofiq Bahramov Stadium	City Cluster
3	Athletics		National Stadium	Village Cluster
4	Badminton		Baku Sports Hall	City Cluster
5	Basketball	3x3	Basketball Arena	Flag Square Cluster
6	Beach Soccer		Beach Arena	Flag Square Cluster
7	Boxing		Crystal Hall (CH2)	Flag Square Cluster
8	Canoe	Sprint	Mingachevir	Mingachevir
9	Cycling	BMX	BMX Velopark	Western Venues
		Mountain Bike	Mountain Bike Velopark	Western Venues
		Road	Freedom Square	Western Venues
10	Fencing		Crystal Hall (CH3)	Flag Square Cluster
11	Gymnastics	Artistic, Rhythmic, Trampoline, Aerobic, Acrobatic	National Gymnastics Arena	Village Cluster
12	Judo		Heydar Aliyev Arena	City Cluster
13	Karate		Crystal Hall (CH3)	Flag Square Cluster
14	Shooting		Baku Shooting Centre	Western Venues
15	Table Tennis		Baku Sports Hall	City Cluster
16	Taekwondo		Crystal Hall (CH3)	Flag Square Cluster
17	Triathlon		(tbc)	Western Venues
18	Volleyball		Crystal Hall (CH1)	Flag Square Cluster
		Beach	Beach Arena	Flag Square Cluster
19	Wrestling	Freestyle, Greco-Roman	Heydar Aliyev Arena	City Cluster
Opening Ceremony, Closing Ceremony			National Stadium	Village Cluster
Athletes Village			Athletes Village	Village Cluster

Competition schedule

Please see the appendix for the latest versions of the competition and training schedules.

Road to Rio

Nine sports are part of the Road to Rio Qualification:

Archery	Ranking points available
Athletics	Qualification standards
Cycling	Ranking points available in all three disciplines
Shooting	The winner in each of the 15 Olympic events will automatically receive a quota place
Swimming	Qualification standards
Table Tennis	The winner of the men's and women's singles olympic events will receive automatic qualification
Taekwondo	Ranking points available
Triathlon	The winner of the men's and women's events will receive automatic qualification
Volleyball, Beach	Ranking points available

Training venues

While no dedicated working facilities for press will be available at training venues, press and broadcasters will have an opportunity to watch training and conduct interviews. Training opportunities will be available for all sports at either the competition venue or at a separate training site.

Press are advised to contact the team press attache before approaching any athlete for an interview at a training venue.

Venue Press Operations

Venue Media Centres (VMCs)

Every competition venue and the Athletes Village will have a Venue Media Centre that offers a help desk, workroom, I-Zone, and lounge area.

VMC opening hours

VMCs will open two hours before competition and close up to three hours after competition ends. For competitions with sessions that finish after 2300 the VMC will close 90 minutes after competition.

Media workroom

The VMC workrooms in competition venues will be combined for press and photographers. Each workroom will be equipped with televisions, broadcasting the official host broadcaster channel for that venue. There will also be printing facilities available.

Each workroom position will have a cabled Internet port and European standard power sockets (220v). Work positions will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Other services available at each VMC include:

- Help desk for general information including competition details and transportation schedules
- Free tea and coffee refreshment area
- Lockers for temporary storage
- Language services support

I-Zone

One of the innovations introduced at the Baku 2015 European Games will be the interview zone or I-Zone. The I-Zone will replace the Press Mixed Zone and Media Conference Room at a venue. There will be no change to the Broadcast Mixed Zone and athletes will still be required to pass through the Broadcast Mixed Zone. The I-Zone will be a comfortable area in or near the Venue Media Centre where media can interview athletes and coaches in a more relaxed atmosphere. Interviews can be one-on-one or in a group. After passing through the Broadcast Mixed Zone, athletes will be free to return to the changing room or go to Medical/Doping unless they are requested for the I-Zone.

Our dedicated Press Operations team will ensure that key athletes from each event, including all medallists, are asked to come to the I-Zone for interviews, to create a truly news-driven, interactive interview environment. Press wanting to interview a specific athlete in the I-Zone would make a request to Press Operations staff at least 15 minutes before the end of competition. Press Operations will liaise with Sport to escort the athlete from the Broadcast Mixed Zone to the I-Zone.

There will be no time limit on the length of interviews in the I-Zone and there will be no guarantee that it would be exclusive, meaning one or two journalists might want to interview the same athlete.

Media lounge

Near each Venue Media Centre there will be a media lounge where food and other refreshments will be available on a user-pay basis.

The selection of food and drink items available includes sandwiches, salads, soup, paninis, cakes and pastries, confectionary and snacks.

The media lounge will be available from two hours before competition until one hour post-competition.

Free tea and coffee will be available in each VMC workroom.

Press tribunes

Each competition venue will provide a dedicated seating area for the press with unobstructed views of the field of play.

Both tabled and non-tabled press tribunes will be available.

Tabled positions in the press tribunes will be fitted-out with cabled internet ports and one European standard power socket (220v) at every seat.

Wi-Fi internet access will be available both in the tabled and non-tabled tribunes.

Athletes Village VMC

In addition to a media workroom and I-Zone, the VMC at the Athletes Village, located next to the Media Village, will offer the following:

Athlete interview room

A replica of an athlete bedroom in the VMC for press wanting to interview an athlete in a “bedroom” setting.

Media guest passes

Access for press to the Athletes Village will require a media guest pass.

One hundred media guest passes will be available at any given time for access to the Village Square only (formerly known as the international zone).

No access will be available to the Residential Zone except during scheduled Village media tours (see below). Guest passes will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis by Press Operations at the Athletes Village VMC. No media guest passes will be available on 12 June or 28 June.

Media conference room

One of the innovations for Baku 2015 is the elimination of media conference rooms in the competition venues and the offer of enhanced opportunities to interview athletes in the I-Zone. Nonetheless, BEGOC will have one media conference room, located in the Athletes Village, available during the Games for official media conferences. Only accredited media will be allowed access.

Village media tours

While press will not be allowed into the Residential Zone, they will be able to tour the Residential Zone during one of three Village media tours scheduled for 4 June, 6 June and 10 June 2015.

Only 100 media (both press and broadcast) will be allowed on each tour. Press will be able to register for these tours at pressoperations@baku2015.com.

Team Welcome Ceremony

A Team Welcome Ceremony for all teams participating in the European Games will be held 11 June 2015. Press will be welcome to cover this ceremony.

VILLAGE CLUSTER

- 1 National Stadium**
Athletics
Opening & Closing ceremonies
- 2 National Gymnastics Arena**
Acrobatic
Aerobic
Artistic
Rhythmic
Trampoline

AVL Athletes Village

MVL Media Village

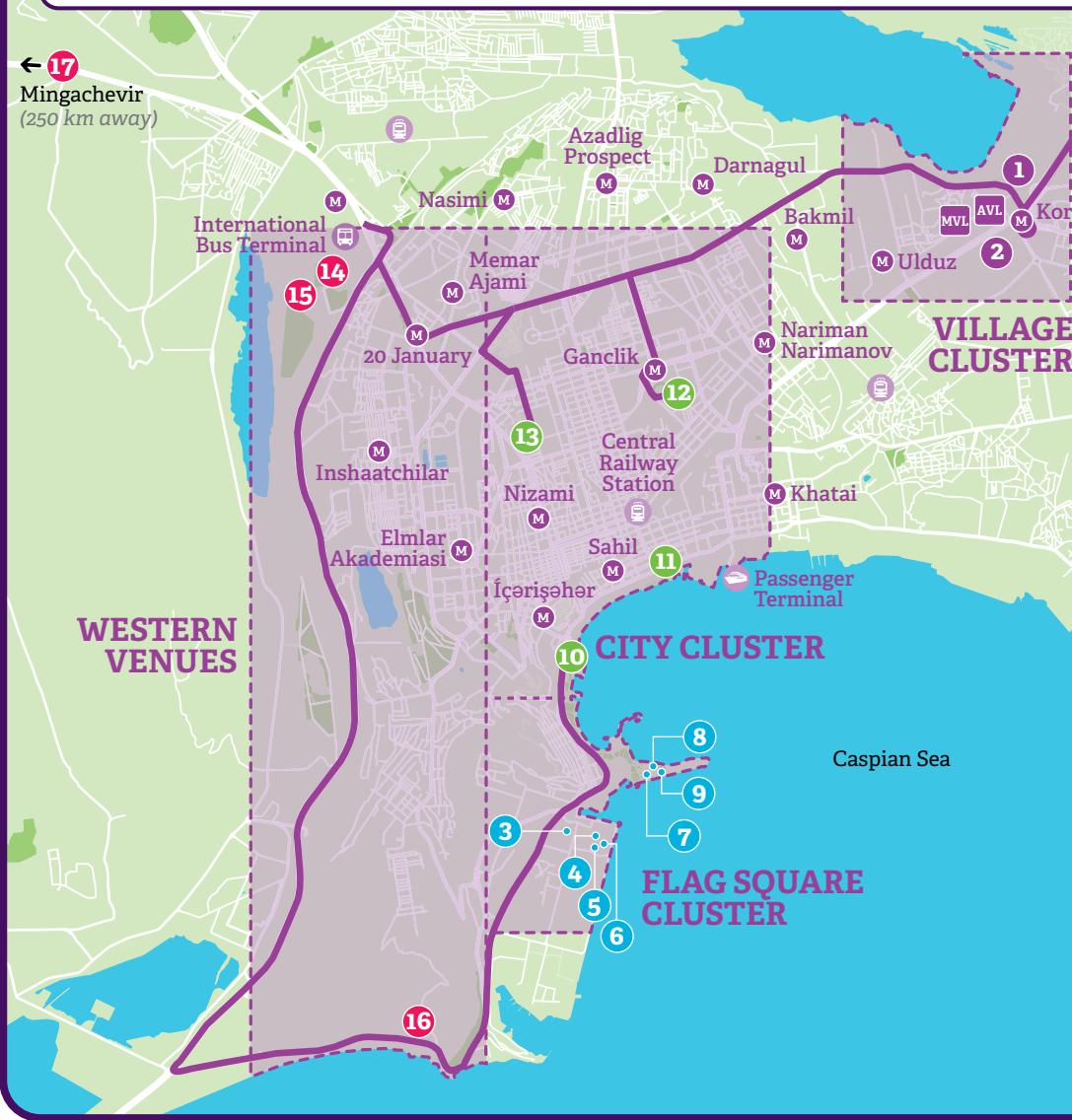
FLAG SQUARE CLUSTER

- 3 Baku Aquatics Centre**
Diving
Swimming
Synchronised Swimming
- 4 Water Polo Arena**
Water Polo
- 5 Beach Arena**
Beach Volleyball
Beach Soccer
- 6 Basketball Arena**
Basketball
- 7 Crystal Hall 1**
Volleyball
- 8 Crystal Hall 2**
Boxing
- 9 Crystal Hall 3**
Fencing
Karate
Taekwondo

CITY CLUSTER

- 10 Baku Sports Hall**
Badminton
Table Tennis
- 11 Freedom Square**
Road Cycling
Cycling Time Trial (tbc)
- 12 Tofiq Bahramov Stadium**
Archery
- 13 Heydar Aliyev Arena**
Judo
Wrestling

← **17**
Mingachevir
(250 km away)



WESTERN VENUES

VILLAGE CLUSTER

CITY CLUSTER

FLAG SQUARE CLUSTER

Caspian Sea

WESTERN VENUES

- 14 Baku Shooting Centre**
Shooting
- 15 Mountain Bike Velopark**
Cycling - Mountain Bike
- 16 BMX Velopark**
Cycling - BMX
- 17 Mingachevir**
Canoe Sprint

Baku 2015 Venues Masterplan

adium
na



SPORT	VENUE	MEDIA WORKROOM
Aquatics – Diving/ Swimming/Synchronised Swimming	Baku Aquatics Centre	150
Aquatics – Water Polo	Water Polo Arena	55 (located at Beach Arena)
Archery	Tofiq Bahramov Stadium	40
Athletics	National Stadium	125
Badminton	Baku Sports Hall	55
Basketball	Basketball Arena	110 (located at Beach Arena)
Beach Soccer	Beach Arena	110
Boxing	Crystal Hall 2	130
Canoe -- Sprint	Mingachevir	30
Cycling – BMX	BMX Velopark	55
Cycling – Mountain Bike	Mountain Bike Velopark	55 (located at Baku Shooting Centre)
Cycling – Road Race	Freedom Square	55
Fencing	Crystal Hall 3	180
Gymnastics	National Gymnastics Arena	70
Judo	Heydar Aliyev Arena	110
Karate	Crystal Hall 3	180
Shooting	Baku Shooting Centre	55
Table Tennis	Baku Sports Hall	55
Taekwondo	Crystal Hall 3	180
Triathlon	(tbc)	70
Volleyball	Crystal Hall 1	180
Volleyball – Beach	Beach Arena	110
Wrestling	Heydar Aliyev Arena	110
	Athletes Village	25

PRESS TRIBUNE (TABLED)	PRESS TRIBUNE (NON-TABLED)	PHOTO FILE AREA	MEDIA LOUNGE
50	50	no	30
40	10	no	45 (located at Beach Arena)
20	10	no	12
75	no	no	28
30	10	no	14
30	10	5	45 (located at Beach Arena)
30	10	no	45
40	10	no	52
20	10	no	13
20	20	no	15
20	20	5	15 (located at Baku Shooting Centre)
0	25	no	27
30	10	5	52
50	20	no	19
50	20	no	23
30	10	5	52
20	20	5	15
26	10	no	14
30	10	5	52
20	20	no	17
30	10	5	52
30	10	no	45
50	20	no	23
no	no	no	no

Venues overview

Aquatics – Diving

As one of the most exciting sports in the world, Europe's divers are guaranteed to create a great atmosphere at the Baku Aquatics Centre over the four days of competition. The 160 athletes will demonstrate their fearless skills as they take to the boards in search of medals. The competition will feature eight medal events across the 1m Springboard, 3m Springboard, Synchronised 3m Springboard and Platform.

Days of competition: 4

Competition dates: 18-21 June 2015

Medal events: 8

Total athlete quota: 160

Qualification method: Qualification places for Diving will be determined based on the average team size from the last three European Junior Diving Championships, host NOC allocation and universality.

BAKU AQUATICS CENTRE

Sports: Diving, Swimming and Synchronised Swimming

Capacity: 6,000

Construction status: Permanent – under construction

The Baku Aquatics Centre is being constructed for the Games and is set to be an iconic sporting venue for Azerbaijan. Located in the Flag Square Cluster, the venue will host three Aquatics disciplines at Games time - Swimming, Diving, and Synchronised Swimming. The venue is due to be completed in January 2015 and will have a seating capacity of 6,000.





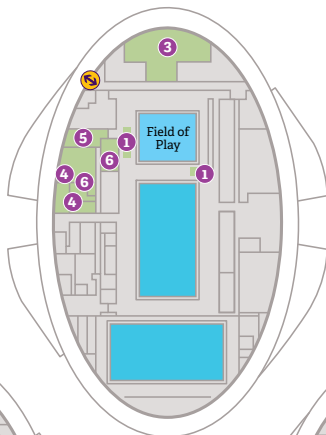
Diving Baku Aquatics Centre

- Competition Venue
- Venue Perimeter
- Media Entrance/Exit
- Pedestrian Screening Area
- T-All Load Zone
- 1 Photo Positions
- 2 Press Tribune
- 3 I-Zone
- 4 Media Workroom
- 5 Media Lounge
- 6 Venue Media Centre

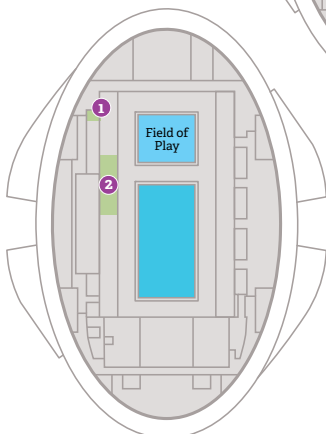


Level 1

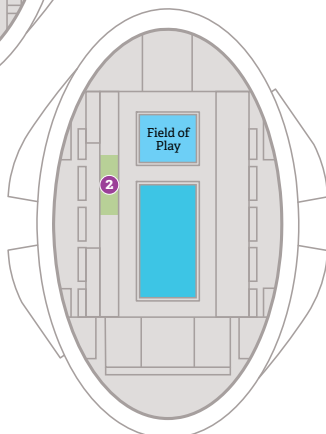
© Baku European Games Operation Committee (BEGOC) 2015.
All Rights Reserved. Bz015 0054.



Level 3



Level 4



Aquatics – Swimming

Always one of the most popular disciplines in any multi-sports programme, Swimming is expected to be no different at the European Games. It is one of three sports that will be making a splash at the new Baku Aquatics Centre, located in the Flag Square Cluster. At Baku 2015, Swimming will feature 526 athletes competing across a total of 42 medal events with Olympic qualification standards for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games available.

Days of competition: 5

Competition dates: 23-27 June 2015

Medal events: 42

Total athlete quota: 526

Qualification method: Qualification places for Swimming will be determined based on the average team size from the last three European Junior Swimming Championships, host NOC allocation and universality.

Road to Rio 2016 qualification: Qualification standards

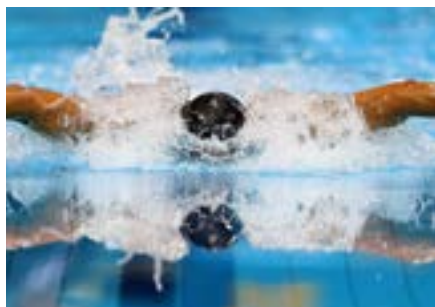
BAKU AQUATICS CENTRE

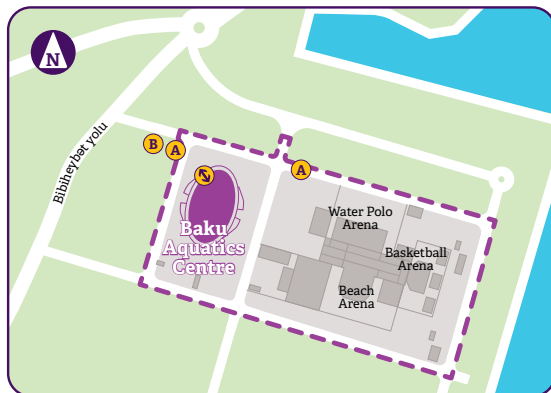
Sports: Diving, Swimming and Synchronised Swimming

Capacity: 6,000

Construction status: Permanent – under construction

The Baku Aquatics Centre is being constructed for the Games and is set to be an iconic sporting venue for Azerbaijan. Located in the Flag Square Cluster, the venue will host three Aquatics disciplines at Games time - Swimming, Diving, and Synchronised Swimming. The venue is due to be completed in January 2015 and will have a seating capacity of 6,000.





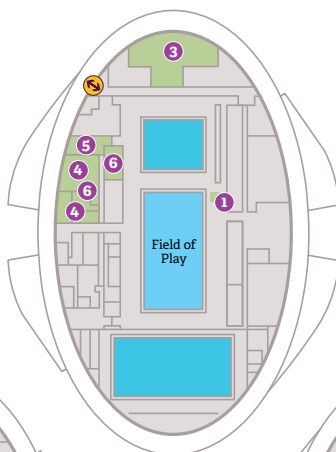
Swimming Baku Aquatics Centre

- Competition Venue
- Venue Perimeter
- Media Entrance/Exit
- Pedestrian Screening Area
- T-All Load Zone
- Photo Positions
- Press Tribune
- 1-Zone
- Media Workroom
- Media Lounge
- Venue Media Centre

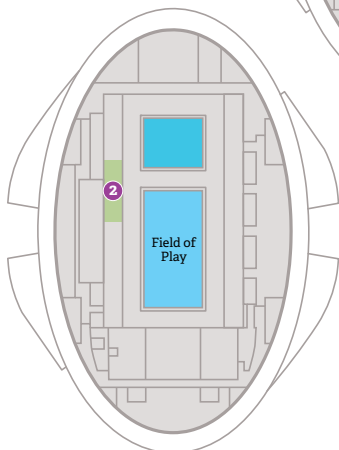


Level 1

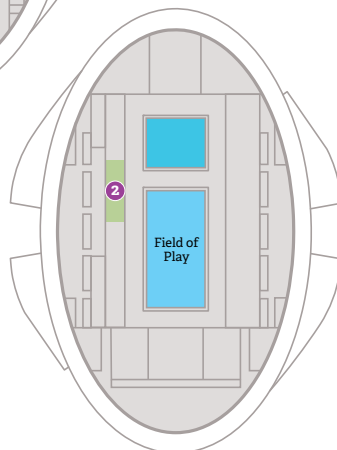
© Baku European Games Operation Committee (BEGOC) 2015.
All Rights Reserved. Bz015 0052.



Level 3



Level 4



Aquatics – Synchronised Swimming

The new Baku Aquatics Centre will play host to the discipline of Synchronised Swimming, which features four medal events. The five days of competition will see 150 athletes gather in Baku to showcase their talent and attempt to win gold. Medals will be available across Solo, Duet, Team and Free Combination events in Synchronised Swimming.

Days of competition: 5

Competition dates: 12-16 June 2015

Medal events: 4

Total athlete quota: 150

Qualification method: Qualification places for Synchronised Swimming will be determined based on the average team size from the last two European Junior Synchro Championships, host NOC allocation and universality.

BAKU AQUATICS CENTRE

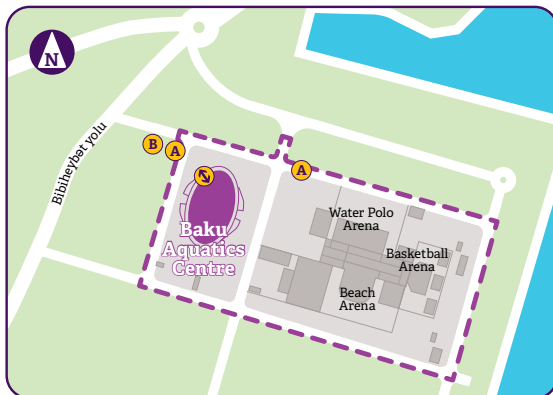
Sports: Diving, Swimming and Synchronised Swimming

Capacity: 6,000

Construction status: Permanent – under construction

The Baku Aquatics Centre is being constructed for the Games and is set to be an iconic sporting venue for Azerbaijan. Located in the Flag Square Cluster, the venue will host three Aquatics disciplines at Games time - Swimming, Diving and Synchronised Swimming. The venue is due to be completed in January 2015 and will have a seating capacity of 6,000.





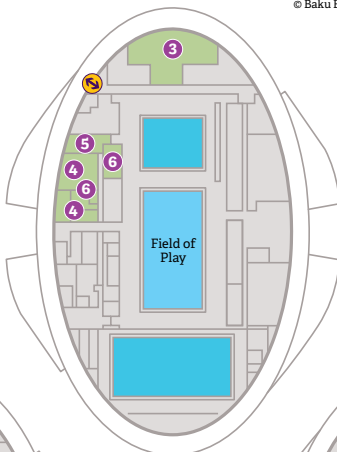
Synchronised Swimming Baku Aquatics Centre

- Competition Venue
- Venue Perimeter
- ↔ Media Entrance/Exit
- A Pedestrian Screening Area
- B T-All Load Zone
- 1 Photo Positions
- 2 Press Tribune
- 3 I-Zone
- 4 Media Workroom
- 5 Media Lounge
- 6 Venue Media Centre

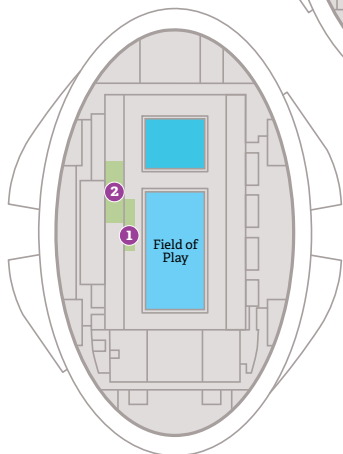


Level 1

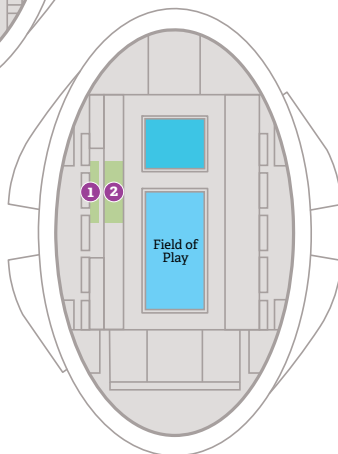
© Baku European Games Operation Committee (BEGOC) 2015.
All Rights Reserved. B2015 0053.



Level 3



Level 4



Aquatics – Water Polo

The physically demanding discipline of Water Polo will excite spectators over the 10 days of competition at the European Games. More than 360 competitors will battle it out for gold as they go head-to-head at the Water Polo Arena, new venue located in the European Games Park. The competition will feature increased team numbers from the traditional Olympic programme with 16 men's teams and 12 women's teams competing.

Days of competition: 10

Competition dates: 12-21 June 2015

Medal events: 2

Total athlete quota: 364

Number of teams: 16 - men's tournament, 12 - women's tournament

Qualification method: Qualification places for Water Polo will consist of direct qualification from the last two European Junior Water Polo Championships and host NOC allocation.

WATER POLO ARENA

Sports: Water Polo

Capacity: 2,500








Construction status: Temporary – under construction

The Water Polo Arena is one of five temporary venues constructed for the Games. The outdoor arena will be located in the Flag Square Cluster, close to the Baku Aquatics Centre, and will be completed in March 2015. Two pools will be constructed for competition and will have capacity for 2,500 spectators to watch the action on the edge of the Caspian Sea.





Water Polo Water Polo Arena

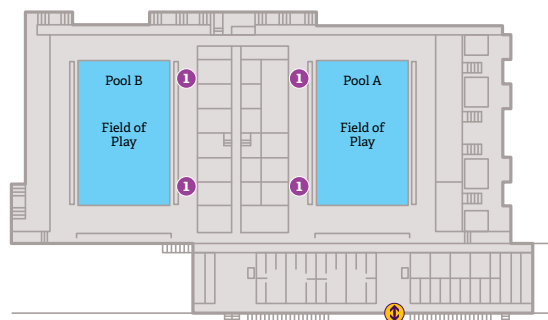
-  Competition Venue
-  Venue Perimeter
-  Media Entrance/Exit
-  Pedestrian Screening Area
-  T-All Load Zone
-  Photo Positions
-  Press Tribune



Level 3



Level 1



© Baku European Games Operation Committee (BEGOC) 2015.
All Rights Reserved. B2015 0055.

Archery

Europe's most accurate archers will shoot for gold at the iconic Tofiq Bahramov Stadium over seven days of competition. The European Games format will follow that of the Olympic Games with 64 men and 64 women competing in the recurve division, in Individual and Team events as well as in a mixed team event. There will be a total of five medal events. Archery will also offer the opportunity to win ranking points for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games qualification.

Days of competition: 7

Competition dates: 16-22 June 2015

Medal events: 5

Total athlete quota: 128

Qualification method: Qualification places for Archery will be determined based on rankings from qualification events, host NOC allocation and universality.

Road to Rio 2016 qualification: Ranking points available

TOFIQ BAHRAMOV STADIUM

Sports: Archery

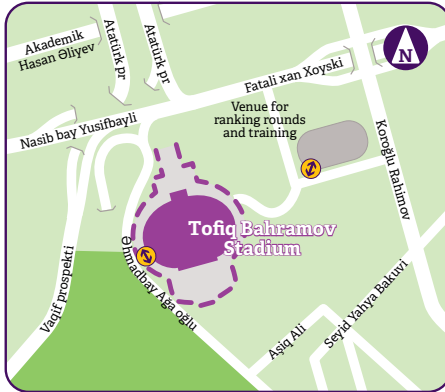
Capacity: 3,000

Construction status: Permanent – complete

The Tofiq Bahramov Stadium is home to the Azerbaijani national football team and will host 3,000 spectators for Archery at the European Games. It is part of the City Cluster and was first built in 1951, before being extensively renovated and reopened in 2012.

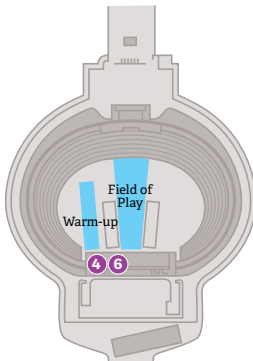


Archery Tofiq Bahramov Stadium

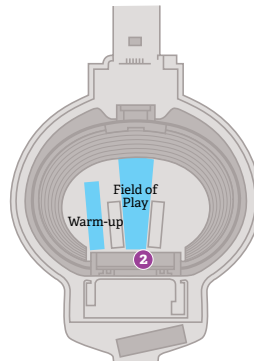


- Competition Venue
- Venue Perimeter
- Media Entrance/Exit
- Pedestrian Screening Area
- T-All Load Zone
- 1 Photo Positions
- 2 Press Tribune
- 3 I-Zone
- 4 Media Workroom
- 5 Media Lounge
- 6 Venue Media Centre

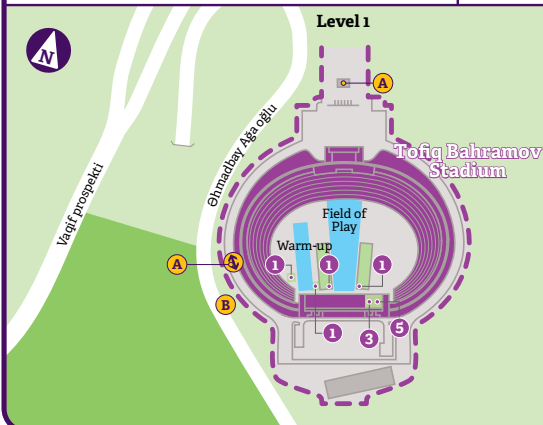
Level 2



Level 3



Level 1



© Baku European Games Operation Committee (BEGOC) 2015.
All Rights Reserved. B2015 0047.

Athletics

The spectacular National Stadium will be the setting for the 40 men's and women's Athletics events that will also be the European Athletics Team Championships Third League. Athletes will compete over two days for points in each event, which will then be combined for a final team score as they chase gold, silver and bronze. Athletics at the European Games offers possible qualification standards for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

Days of competition: 2

Competition dates: 21-22 June 2015

Medal events: 1

Total athlete quota: 500

Qualification method: Qualification places for Athletics will be determined based on qualification event rankings and host NOC allocation.

Road to Rio 2016 qualification: Qualification standards

NATIONAL STADIUM

Sports: Athletics

Capacity: 65,000

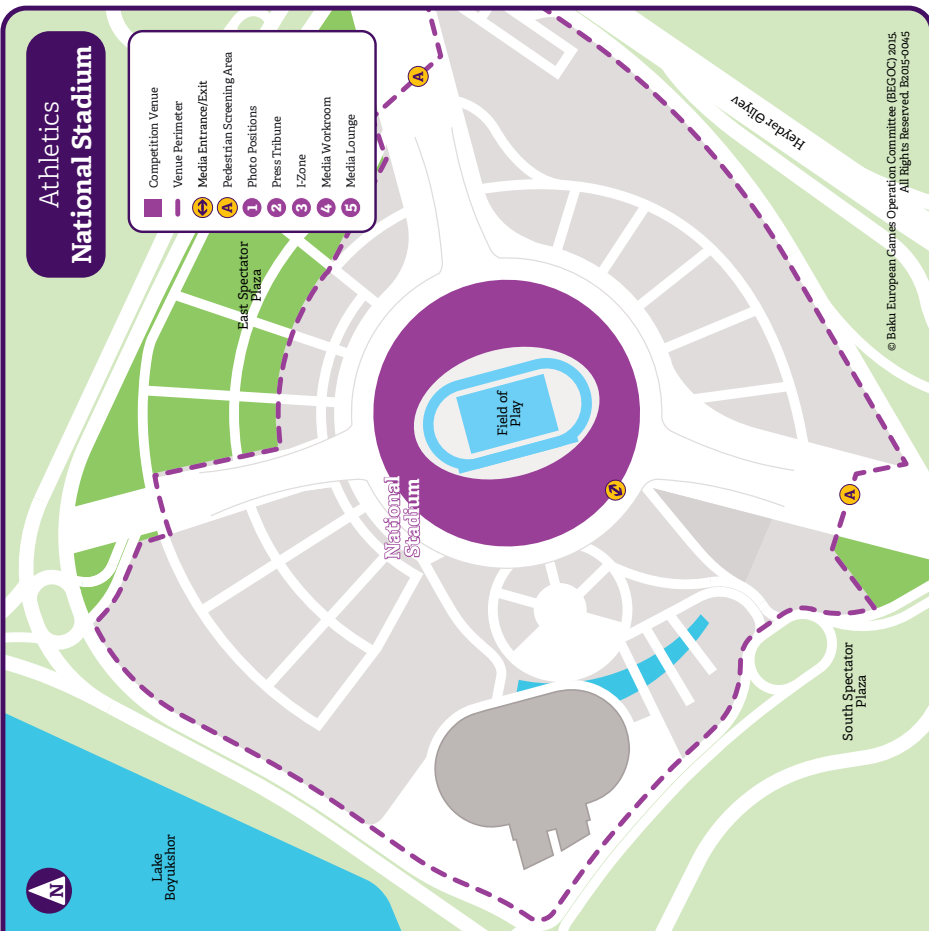
Construction status: Permanent – under construction

Situated close to the Athletes Village, the spectacular National Stadium will host two days of Athletics events as well as the Opening and Closing ceremonies. The multi-function venue has capacity for 65,000 spectators and construction is scheduled to be completed in February 2015.



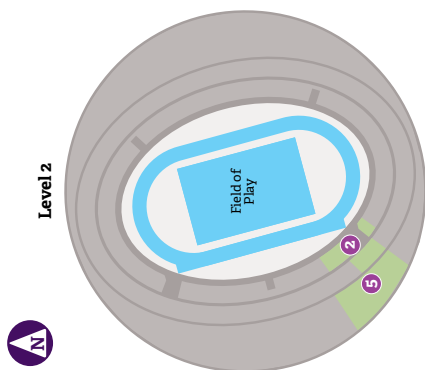
Athletics National Stadium

- Competition Venue
- Venue Perimeter
- Media Entrance/Exit
- Pedestrian Screening Area
- Photo Positions
- Press Tribune
- I-Zone
- Media Workroom
- Media Lounge

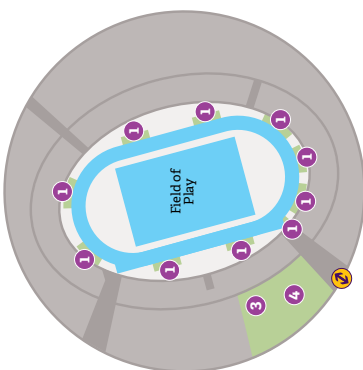


© Baku European Games Operation Committee (BEGOC) 2015
All Rights Reserved. B2015-0045

Level 2



Level 1



Badminton

High-energy action will thrill the crowds in the Baku Sports Hall when the Badminton events begin on 22 June. The competition will be held over a seven-day period and include five medal events in men's and women's singles, men's and women's doubles, and mixed doubles. Approximately 160 athletes will be going for gold in front of 1,700 spectators.

Days of competition: 7

Competition dates: 22-28 June 2015

Medal events: 5

Total athlete quota: 160

Qualification method: Qualification places for Badminton will be determined based on the Badminton World Federation (BWF) ranking list, host NOC allocation and universality.

BAKU SPORTS HALL

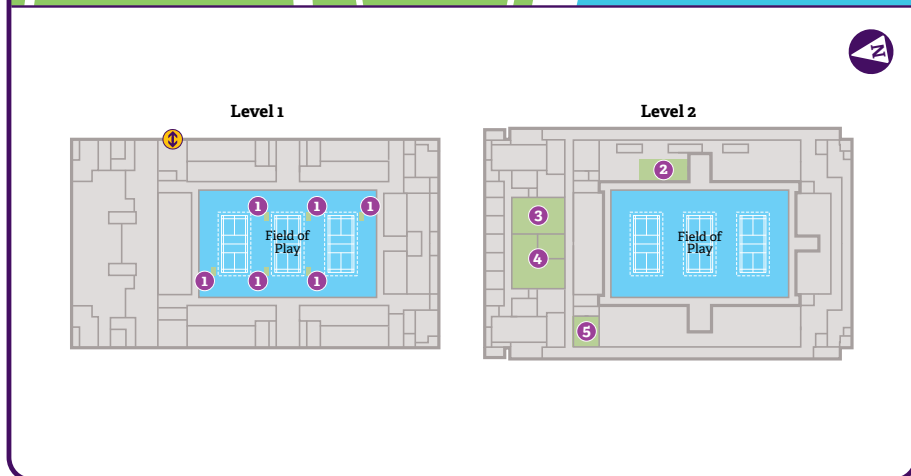
Sports: Badminton and Table Tennis

Capacity: 1,700

Construction status: Permanent – under construction

The Baku Sports Hall is an existing venue that will receive a permanent upgrade for the Baku 2015 European Games. Located close to the Baku Boulevard, this City Cluster venue will have a capacity of 1,700 at Games time for spectators to enjoy the Table Tennis and Badminton competitions.





Basketball 3x3

The innovative Basketball 3x3 competition will be one of the most popular sports at the Games, thanks to high scores, high drama and high tempo. A total of 32 teams comprising of 128 athletes will compete over four days, finishing with one medal event each in the men's and women's tournaments. The game is played on a half-court between two teams of three players and is estimated to be enjoyed by more than 250 million players worldwide. The temporary Basketball Arena will have spectators cheering on every slam dunk.

Days of competition: 4

Competition dates: 23-26 June 2015

Medal events: 2

Total athlete quota: 128

Number of teams: 16 -men's tournament, 16 - women's tournament

Qualification method: Qualification places for Basketball 3x3 will be determined based on qualification event rankings and host NOC allocation.

BASKETBALL ARENA

Sports: Basketball 3x3

Capacity: 2,500

Construction status: Temporary – under construction

The Basketball Arena will be located in the European Games Park as part of the Flag Square Cluster. The temporary venue will have capacity for 2,500 spectators to watch every slam dunk that takes place throughout the European Games. Construction is set to be completed on the outdoor venue in March 2015.



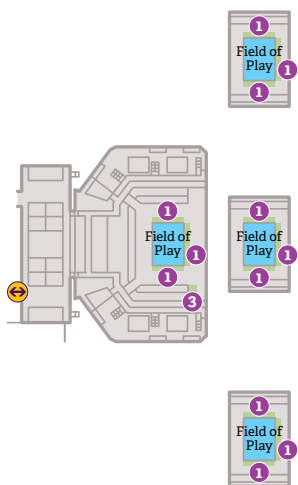


Basketball Basketball Arena

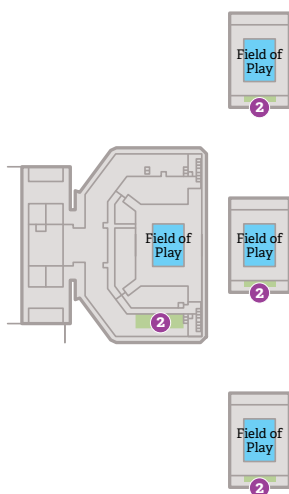
- Competition Venue
- Venue Perimeter
- ↔ Media Entrance/Exit
- A Pedestrian Screening Area
- B T-All Load Zone
- 1 Photo Positions
- 2 Press Tribune
- 3 Photo File Area



Level 1



Level 3



Beach Soccer

One of the most popular variations of football, Beach Soccer is played on a sand pitch roughly a quarter of the size of a traditional football pitch but with larger goals. The result is a fast-paced clash with an emphasis on attack, which means a shot on goal every 30 seconds and an average of nine goals per game. Eight men's teams, comprising of 96 athletes, will go head-to-head over five days of competition. The Beach Arena is in the European Games Park and will host 2,900 supporters for the Games.

Days of competition: 5

Competition dates: 24-28 June 2015

Medal events: 1

Total athlete quota: 96

Number of teams: 8 – men's tournament

Qualification method: Qualification places for Beach Soccer will be determined based on qualification event rankings and host NOC allocation.

BEACH ARENA

Sports: Beach Soccer and Beach Volleyball

Capacity - Beach Soccer: 2,900

Construction status: Temporary – under construction

The Beach Arena is a temporary venue being constructed for the Games and will be part of the Flag Square Cluster. Located on the edge of the Caspian Sea, the outdoor venue will have capacity for 2,900 spectators during the Beach Soccer competition, and 3,900 for Beach Volleyball, to enjoy two of the world's most popular beach sports. Construction will be completed in March 2015.





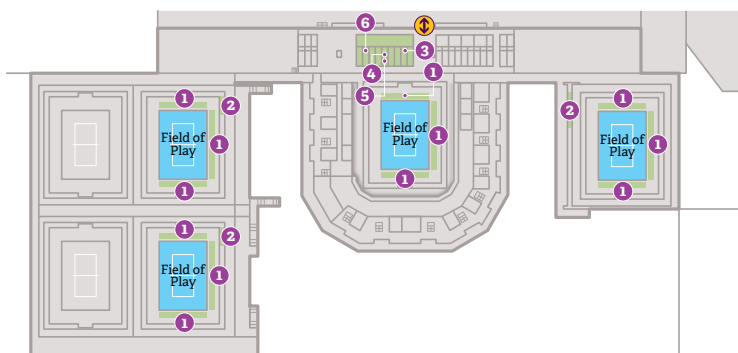
Beach Soccer Beach Arena

- Competition Venue
- Venue Perimeter
- ↕ Media Entrance/Exit
- A Pedestrian Screening Area
- B T-All Load Zone
- 1 Photo Positions
- 2 Press Tribune
- 3 I-Zone
- 4 Media Workroom
- 5 Media Lounge
- 6 Venue Media Centre

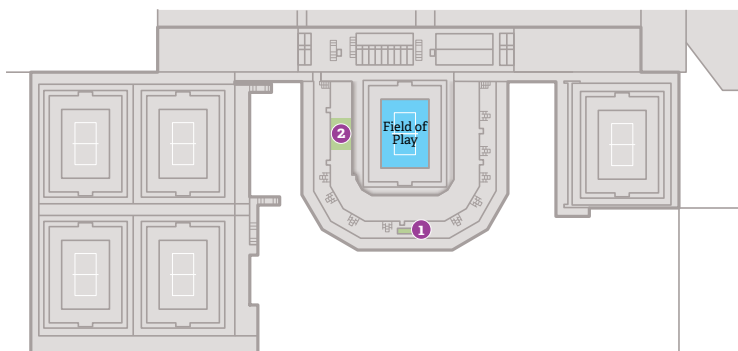
© Baku European Games Operation Committee (BEGOC) 2015.
All Rights Reserved. B2015 0056.



Level 1



Level 3



Beach Volleyball

Beach Volleyball will be played at the Beach Arena, with 64 teams competing for medals in the men's and women's tournaments. Athletes will dive to keep the play alive and score points against their opponents as they aim for gold. The competition will begin on 16 June and provide an opportunity to gain valuable ranking points for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

Days of competition: 6

Competition dates: 16-21 June 2015

Medal events: 2

Total athlete quota: 128

Number of teams: 32 – men's tournament, 32 – women's tournament

Qualification method: Qualification places for Beach Volleyball will be determined based on the CEV entry system and host NOC allocation.

Road to Rio 2016 qualification: Ranking points available

BEACH ARENA

Sports: Beach Soccer and Beach Volleyball

Capacity - Beach Volleyball: 3,900

Construction status: Temporary – under construction

The Beach Arena is a temporary venue being constructed for the Games and will be part of the Flag Square Cluster. Located on the edge of the Caspian Sea, the outdoor venue will have capacity for 2,900 spectators during the Beach Soccer competition, and 3,900 for Beach Volleyball, to enjoy two of the world's most popular beach sports. Construction will be completed in March 2015.





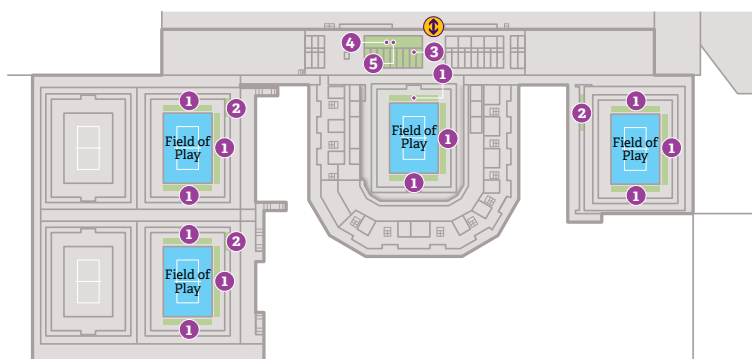
Volleyball, Beach Beach Arena

- Competition Venue
- Venue Perimeter
- Media Entrance/Exit
- Pedestrian Screening Area
- T-All Load Zone
- 1 Photo Positions
- 2 Press Tribune
- 3 I-Zone
- 4 Media Workroom
- 5 Media Lounge

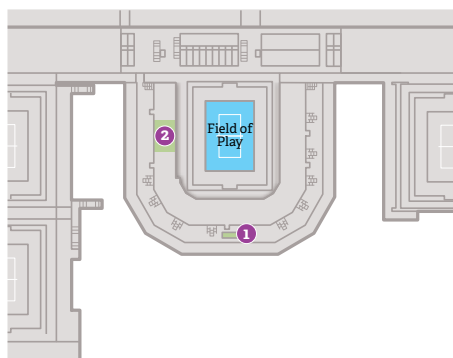
© Baku European Games Operation Committee (BEGOC) 2015.
All Rights Reserved. Bz015 0057.



Level 1



Level 3



Boxing

Hugely popular in Azerbaijan, Boxing will be held over a 12-day period and feature 296 athletes and 15 medal events. There will be 10 weight categories for men and five weight categories for women, which for the first time at a major Boxing tournament is an increase from the usual three weight categories for women. Crowds will be cheering on their boxing heroes – both local and international – in the setting of the Crystal Hall.

Days of competition: 12

Competition dates: 16-27 June 2015

Medal events: 15

Total athlete quota: 296

Qualification method: Qualification places for Boxing will be determined based on qualification event rankings, host NOC allocation and universality.

CRYSTAL HALL

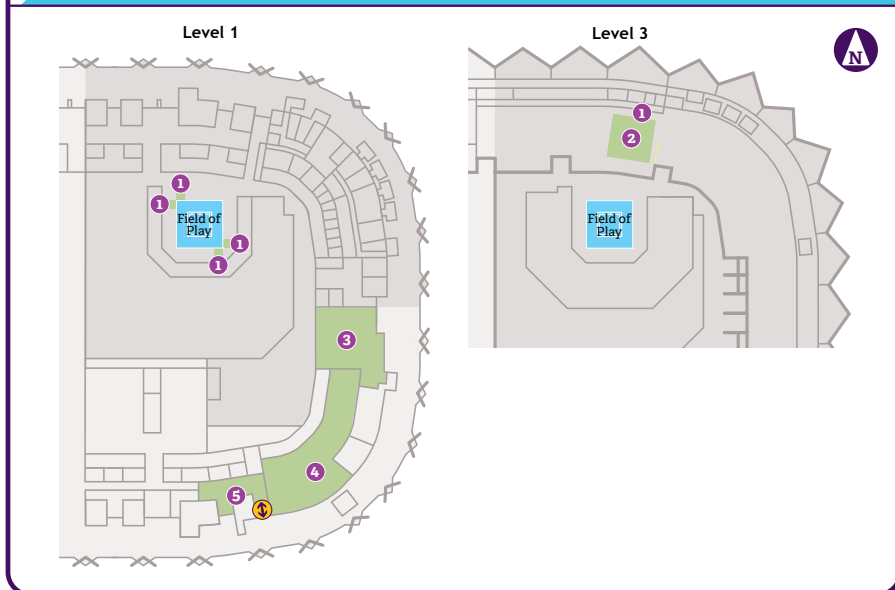
Sports: Volleyball, Boxing, Fencing, Karate and Taekwondo

Capacity - Boxing (CH2): 3,400

Construction status: Permanent – complete

The Crystal Hall is located in the centre of the Flag Square Cluster on a dramatic peninsula jutting out into the Bay of Baku in the Caspian Sea. This multipurpose venue was originally built for the Eurovision Song Contest in 2012 and will receive an additional upgrade ahead of Baku 2015. The Crystal Hall will host five sports during the Games.





Canoe Sprint

The historic city of Mingachevir will host the Canoe Sprint competition, with more than 350 athletes taking to the water over three exciting days of competition. In total, there will be 12 kayak events (men's and women's) and three canoe events (men's only). Mingachevir – known as the City of Lights – is around 250 kilometres from Baku and the existing facilities are undergoing extensive upgrades in preparation for the Games.

Days of competition: 3

Competition dates: 14-16 June 2015

Medal events: 15

Total athlete quota: 350

Qualification method: Qualification places for Canoe Sprint will be determined based on qualification event rankings, host NOC allocation and universality.

MINGACHEVIR

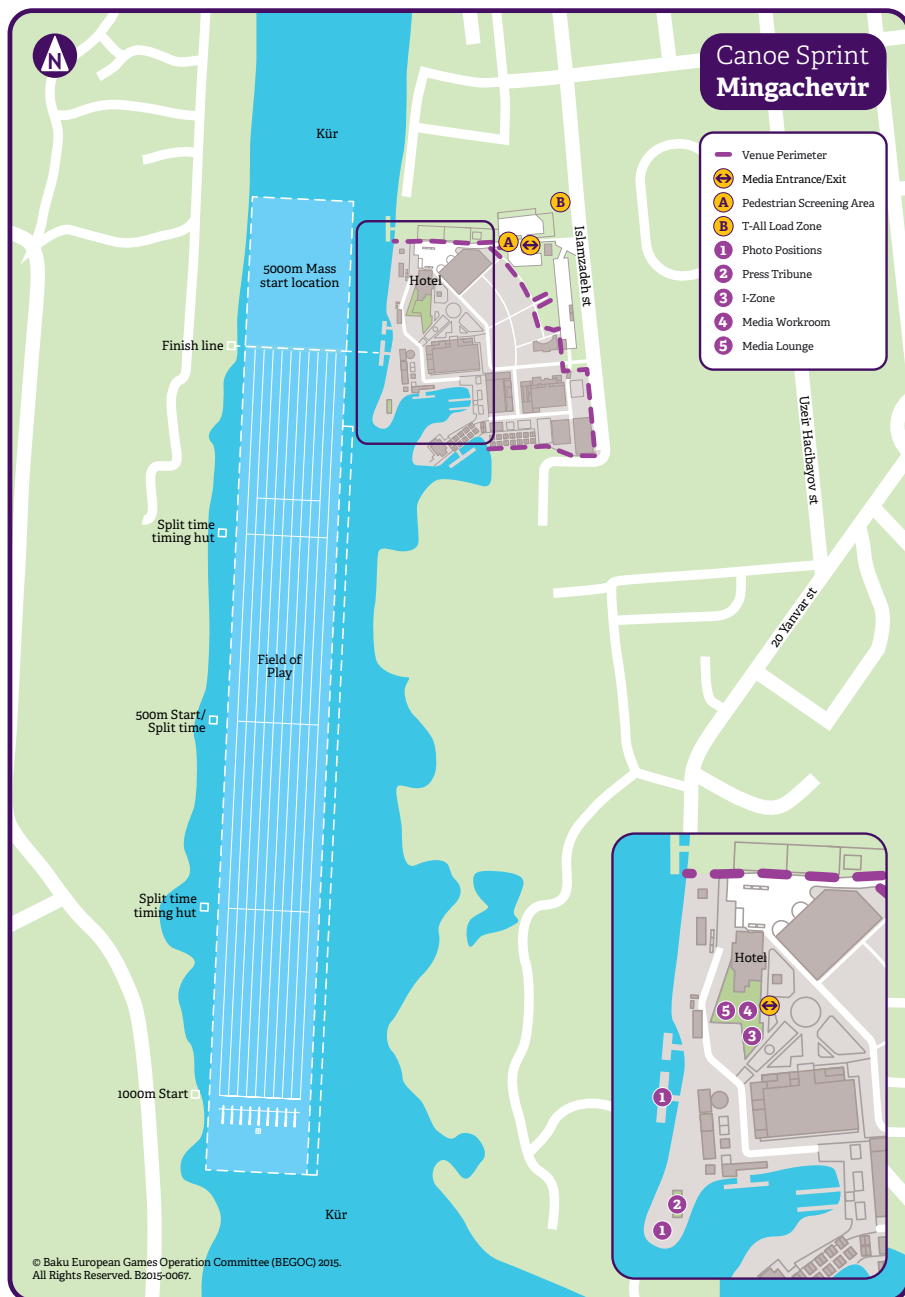
Sports: Canoe Sprint

Capacity: 1,350

Construction status: Permanent – complete

Home to the Azerbaijan Canoe Sprint and Rowing teams, the Kur Sport and Rowing Centre is the national Olympic training centre. Located on the picturesque banks of the Kur River, approximately 250 kilometres from Baku, the venue has capacity for 1,350 spectators to watch the Canoe Sprint events. The existing venue will receive extensive upgrades before the Baku 2015 European Games.





Cycling – BMX

The adrenaline-fuelled sport of BMX Cycling will likely provide some of the most nail-biting moments of the European Games. Riders will race around a track built up of jumps, bumps and tightly banked corners as they aim to be the first across the finish line. The BMX Cycling competition at Baku 2015 will see 32 men and 16 women take to the outdoor track at the new BMX Velopark venue. The men's and women's final runs will both take place on 28 June, offering important ranking points for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

Days of competition: 3

Competition dates: 26-28 June 2015

Medal events: 2

Total athlete quota: 48

Qualification method: Qualification places for BMX Cycling will be determined based on the International Cycling Union (UCI) Nations Rankings.

Road to Rio 2016 qualification: Ranking points available

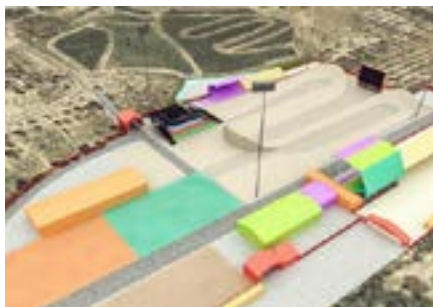
BMX VELOPARK

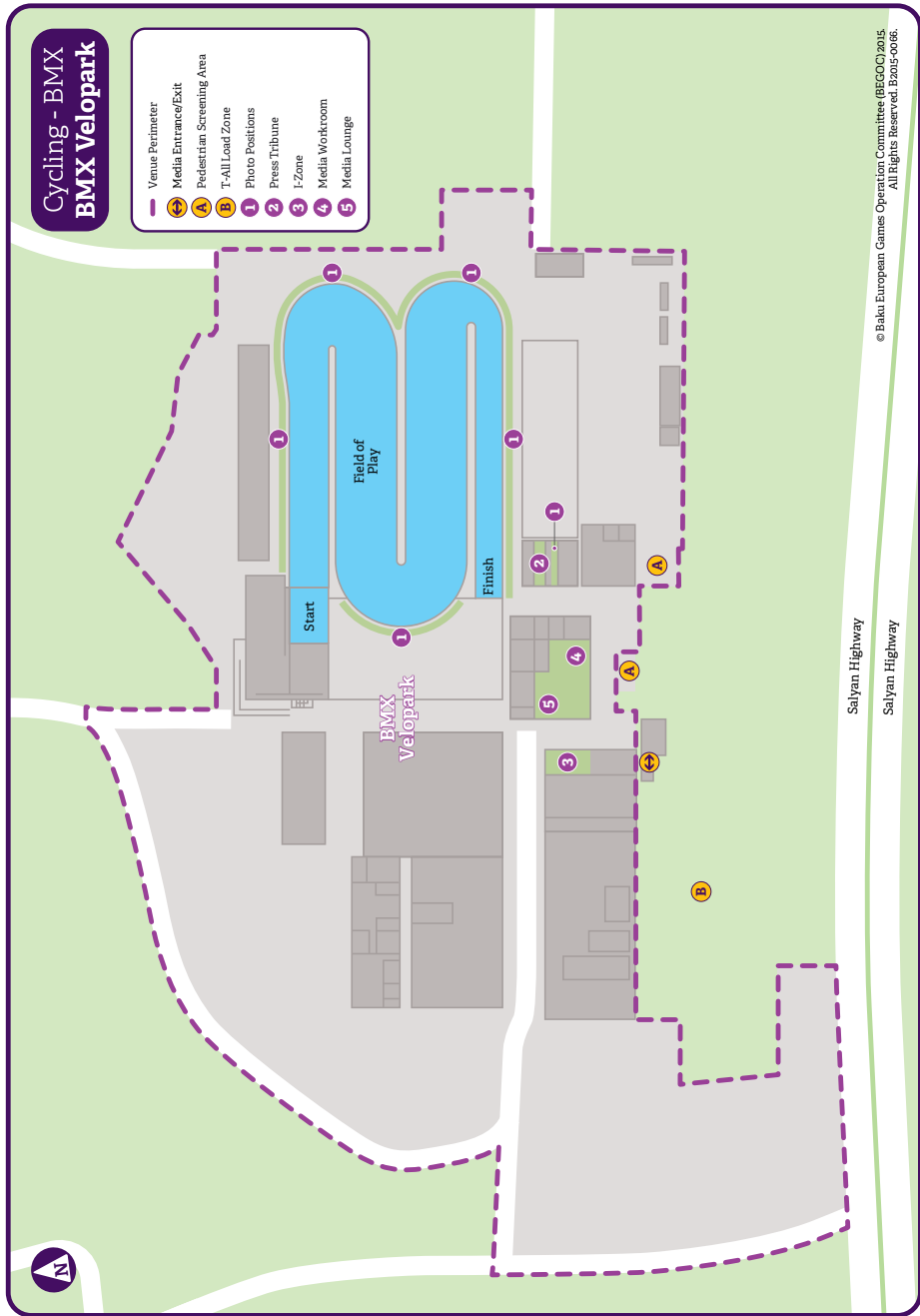
Sports: BMX Cycling

Capacity: 1,600

Construction status: Permanent – under construction

The BMX Velopark is a temporary venue built for the Baku 2015 European Games, although the BMX track will remain as part of the Games legacy. Located close to the Baku city centre, the venue will form part of the Western Venues. Construction is expected to be completed in early 2015 and will have capacity for 1,600 spectators.





Cycling – Mountain Bike

There will be no shortage of riveting moments during the cross-country Mountain Bike competition. The competition will see 46 men and 31 women take on the challenging course at the Mountain Bike Velopark. At Baku 2015, both the men's and women's medal events will take place on 13 June. Ranking points will be available for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

Days of competition: 1

Competition dates: 13 June 2015

Medal events: 2

Total athlete quota: 77

Qualification method: Qualification places for Mountain Bike Cycling will be determined based on the International Cycling Union (UCI) Nations Rankings and host NOC allocation.

Road to Rio 2016 qualification: Ranking points available

MOUNTAIN BIKE VELOPARK

Sports: Mountain Bike Cycling

Capacity: 1,670

Construction status: Temporary – under construction

The Mountain Bike Velopark will be a temporary venue built for the Games, located in the hills immediately south of the Baku Shooting Centre. It will be the first purposed built Mountain Bike course in Azerbaijan. It is currently under construction and is due to be completed by October 2014. The venue will have capacity for 1,670 spectators.



Cycling - Mountain Bike Mountain Bike Velopark



Competition Venue

Venue Perimeter

Cycle Route & Direction

Media Entrance/Exit

Pedestrian Screening Area

T-All Load Zone

Photo Positions

Press Tribune

Izzone

Media Workroom

Media Lounge

Photo File Area

Field of Play

Field of Play

Field of Play

Field of Play

Mountain Bike Velopark

Baku Shooting Centre

Access to Baku Shooting Centre

Baku Shooting Centre

Baku Shooting Centre



© Baku European Games Operation Committee (BEGOC) 2015.
All Rights Reserved. B2015-0016.

Cycling – Road

The classic Road Cycling events at the European Games will undoubtedly draw large crowds as more than 220 of Europe's finest cyclists take to the roads of Baku. Four medals are available between the Road Race and the Time Trial over the three days of competition which begin on 18 June. Important ranking points will be available to competitors for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

Days of competition: 3

Competition dates: 18-21 June 2015

Medal events: 4

Total athlete quota: 221

Qualification method: Qualification places for Road Cycling will be determined based on International Cycling Union (UCI) rankings, host NOC allocation and universality.

Road to Rio 2016 qualification: Ranking points available

FREEDOM SQUARE

Sports: Road Cycling

Capacity: 1,000

Construction status: Temporary – under construction

The Cycling Road Race will start in the forecourt of the Government House at Freedom Square. The race route itself consists of a 13.5km circuit throughout the city of Baku and will comprise of 16 laps of the course for the men and nine laps for the women. A temporary purpose built venue will have capacity for 1,000 spectators on competition days, as well as spectating opportunities at various points along the race route.





© Baku European Games Operation Committee (BEGOC) 2015.
All Rights Reserved. B2015-0071.

Fencing

The finest fencers in Europe will feint, flick and fight for glory in the Crystal Hall. Over the five days of competition, more than 200 fencers will take part in men's and women's individual and team bouts in epee, foil and sabre events. There will be a total of 12 medal events.

Days of competition: 5

Competition dates: 23-27 June 2015

Medal events: 12

Total athlete quota: 216

Qualification method: Qualification places for Fencing will be determined based on qualification event rankings, host NOC allocation and universality.

CRYSTAL HALL

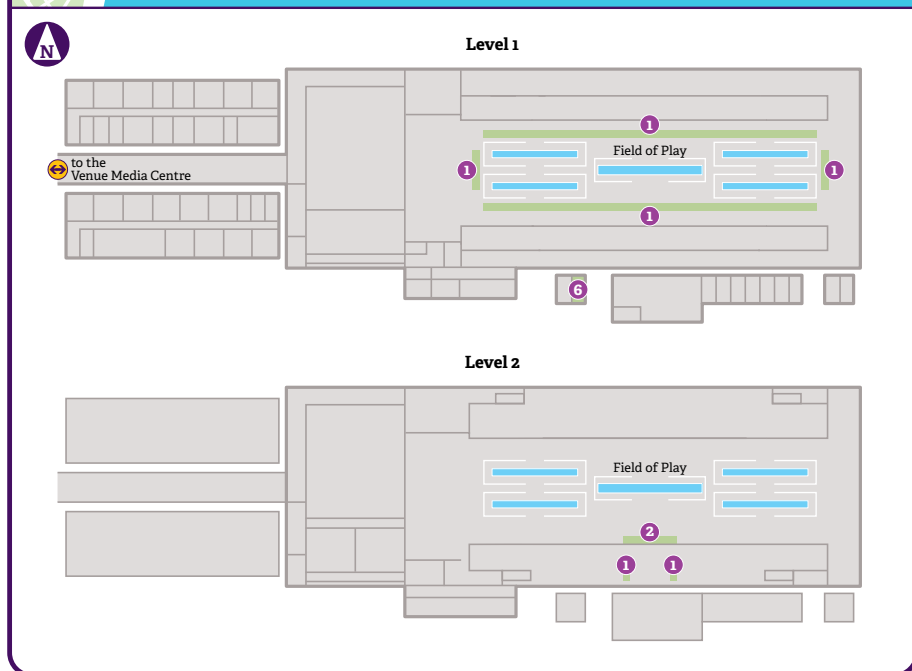
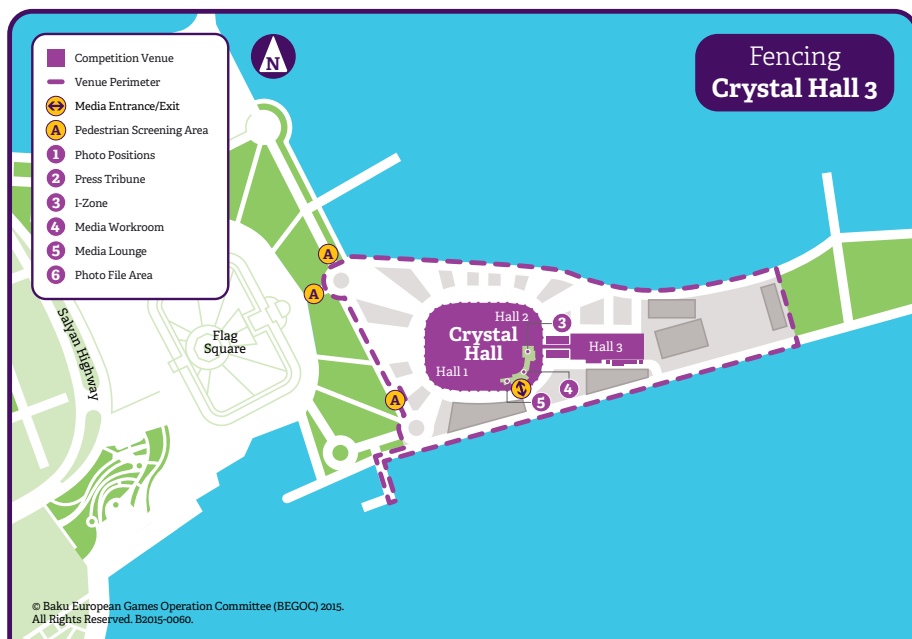
Sports: Volleyball, Boxing, Fencing, Karate and Taekwondo

Capacity - Fencing (CH3) 2,100

Construction status: Permanent – complete

The Crystal Hall is located in the centre of the Flag Square Cluster on a dramatic peninsula jutting out into the Bay of Baku in the Caspian Sea. This multipurpose venue was originally built for the Eurovision Song Contest in 2012 and will receive an additional upgrade ahead of Baku 2015. The Crystal Hall will host five sports during the European Games.





Gymnastics – Acrobatic

Dynamic and spirited in nature, Acrobatic Gymnastics is guaranteed to wow crowds with its breath-taking balances and throws throughout the European Games. It is one of two non-Olympic Gymnastics disciplines included in the Baku 2015 programme and will feature a total of six medal events. More than 50 athletes will be competing for gold in mixed pairs and women's group events.

Days of competition: 3

Competition dates: 17-21 June 2015

Medal events: 6

Total athlete quota: 55

Qualification method: Qualification places for Acrobatic Gymnastics will be determined based on qualification event rankings and host NOC allocation.

NATIONAL GYMNASTICS ARENA

Sports: Gymnastics - Acrobatic, Aerobic, Artistic, Rhythmic and Trampoline

Capacity: 7,000

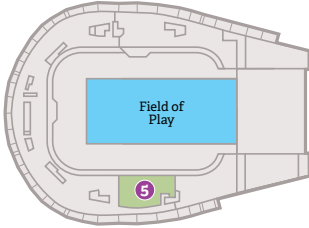
Construction status: Permanent – complete

The National Gymnastics Arena is located directly south of the Athletes and Media Villages. Construction of the arena was completed in February 2014 and opened by the President of Azerbaijan, Ilham Aliyev, in April 2014. A purpose-built facility with a capacity of 7,000, the venue is home to the Azerbaijan Gymnastic Federation and hosted the 30th European Rhythmic Gymnastics Championships in June 2014.

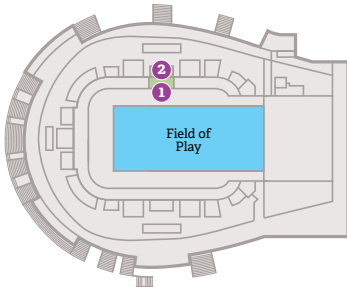




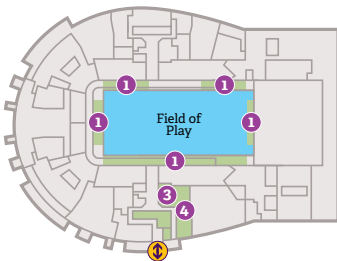
Level 1



Level 0



Level -2



Gymnastics - Acrobatic, Aerobic, Artistic, Rhythmic & Trampoline National Gymnastics Arena



- Competition Venue
- Venue Perimeter
- Media Entrance/Exit
- Pedestrian Screening Area
- T-All Load Zone
- Photo Positions
- Press Tribune
- I-Zone
- Media Workroom
- Media Lounge

Athletes
Village

Heydər Əliyev prospekti

Koroglu

Ziya Bünyadov

Railway
Station

National
Gymnastics
Arena

Miladlı Əliyev küçəsi

Böyük Şor

© Baku European Games Operation Committee
(BEGOC) 2015. All Rights Reserved. BG015-0046.

Gymnastics – Aerobic

Combining aerobic choreography and gymnastics elements, the sport of Aerobic Gymnastics is another competition in a series of newly introduced non-Olympic disciplines on the Baku 2015 programme. The three day competition will take place at the National Gymnastics Arena and feature 67 athletes competing in two medal events.

Days of competition: 3

Competition dates: 17-21 June 2015

Medal events: 2

Total athlete quota: 67

Qualification method: Qualification places for Aerobic Gymnastics will be determined based on qualification event rankings and host NOC allocation.

NATIONAL GYMNASTICS ARENA

Sports: Gymnastics - Acrobatic, Aerobic, Artistic, Rhythmic and Trampoline

Capacity: 7,000

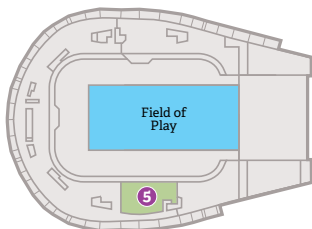
Construction status: Permanent – complete

The National Gymnastics Arena is located directly south of the Athletes and Media Villages. Construction of the arena was completed in February 2014 and opened by the President of Azerbaijan, Ilham Aliyev, in April 2014. A purpose-built facility with a capacity of 7,000, the venue is home to the Azerbaijan Gymnastic Federation and hosted the 30th European Rhythmic Gymnastics Championships in June 2014.

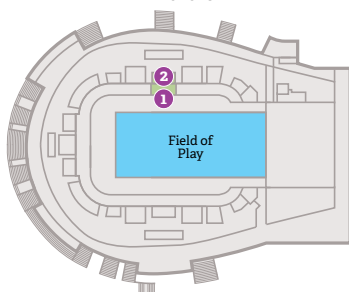




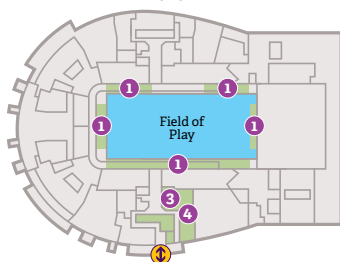
Level 1



Level 0













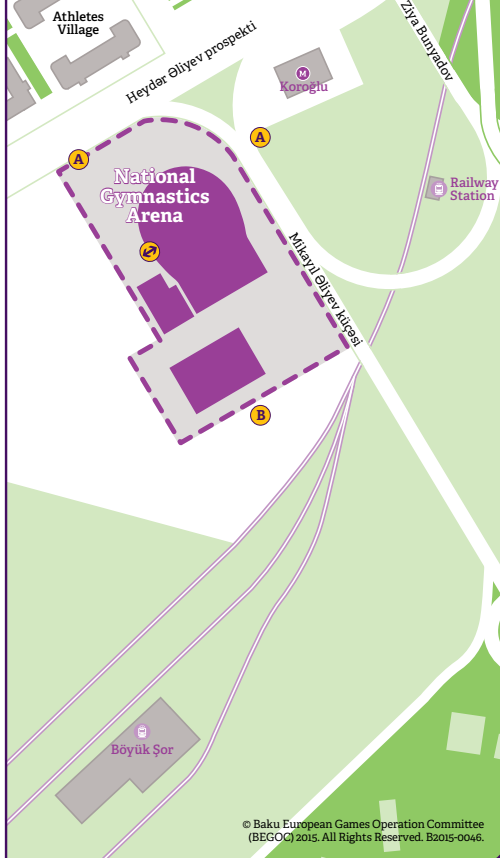
Level -2



Gymnastics - Acrobatic, Aerobic, Artistic, Rhythmic & Trampoline National Gymnastics Arena



-  Competition Venue
-  Venue Perimeter
-  Media Entrance/Exit
-  Pedestrian Screening Area
-  T-All Load Zone
-  Photo Positions
-  Press Tribune
-  I-Zone
-  Media Workroom
-  Media Lounge



© Baku European Games Operation Committee
(BEGOC) 2015. All Rights Reserved. B2015-0046.

Gymnastics – Artistic

Artistic Gymnastics - often the most closely-followed of all the Gymnastic disciplines - will be held at the National Gymnastics Arena. The four-day competition will feature 14 medal events and play host to 180 gymnasts from around Europe.

Days of competition: 4

Competition dates: 15-20 June 2015

Medal events: 14

Total athlete quota: 180

Qualification method: Qualification places for Artistic Gymnastics will be determined based on qualification event rankings and host NOC allocation.

NATIONAL GYMNASTICS ARENA

Sports: Gymnastics - Acrobatic, Aerobic, Artistic, Rhythmic and Trampoline

Capacity: 7,000

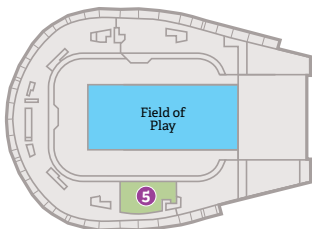
Construction status: Permanent – complete

The National Gymnastics Arena is located directly south of the Athletes and Media Villages. Construction of the arena was completed in February 2014 and opened by the President of Azerbaijan, Ilham Aliyev, in April 2014. A purpose-built facility with a capacity of 7,000, the venue is home to the Azerbaijan Gymnastic Federation and hosted the 30th European Rhythmic Gymnastics Championships in June 2014.

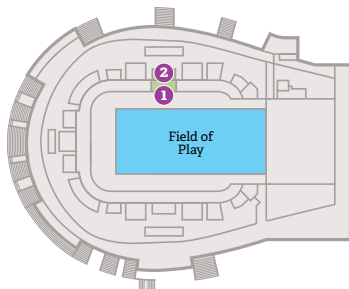




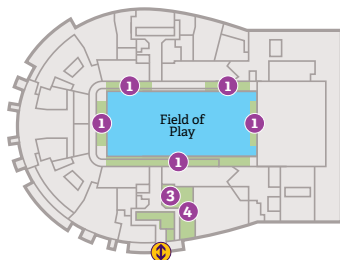
Level 1



Level 0



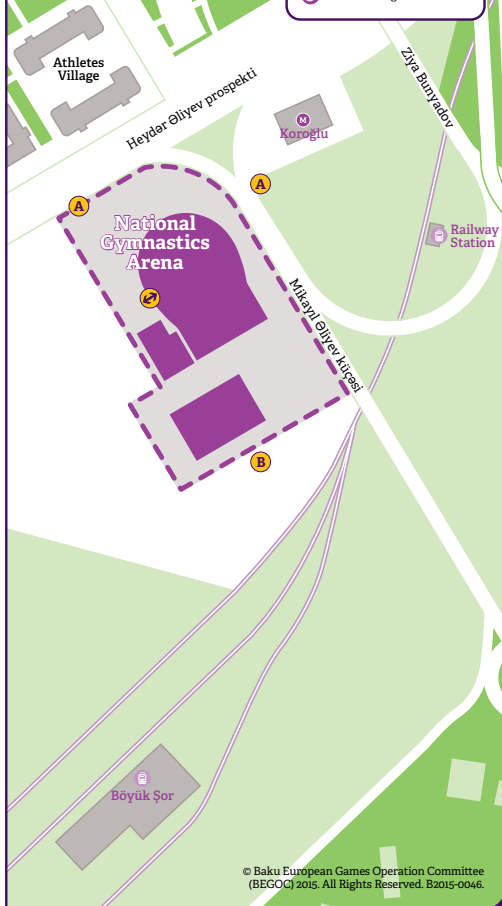
Level -2



Gymnastics - Acrobatic, Aerobic, Artistic, Rhythmic & Trampoline National Gymnastics Arena



- Competition Venue
- Venue Perimeter
- Media Entrance/Exit
- Pedestrian Screening Area
- T-All Load Zone
- Photo Positions
- Press Tribune
- I-Zone
- Media Workroom
- Media Lounge



© Baku European Games Operation Committee (BEGOC) 2015. All Rights Reserved. Bz015-0046.

Gymnastics – Rhythmic

Rhythmic gymnasts will blend sport and art at the European Games with their highly technical and skillful routines. Athletes will have the opportunity to compete in both team and individual events throughout the three-day competition as they work with the ribbon, clubs, ball and hoop at Baku's National Gymnastics Arena. The competition will see 92 women compete in eight medal events from 17 June 2015.

Days of competition: 3

Competition dates: 17-21 June 2015

Medal events: 8

Total athlete quota: 92

Qualification method: Qualification places for Rhythmic Gymnastics will be determined based on qualification event rankings and host NOC allocation.

NATIONAL GYMNASTICS ARENA

Sports: Gymnastics - Acrobatic, Aerobic, Artistic, Rhythmic and Trampoline

Capacity: 7,000

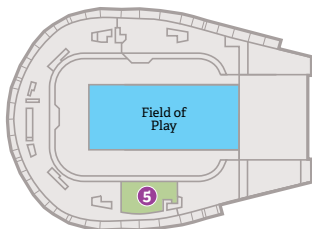
Construction status: Permanent – complete

The National Gymnastics Arena is located directly south of the Athletes and Media Villages. Construction of the arena was completed in February 2014 and opened by the President of Azerbaijan, Ilham Aliyev, in April 2014. A purpose-built facility with a capacity of 7,000, the venue is home to the Azerbaijan Gymnastic Federation and hosted the 30th European Rhythmic Gymnastics Championships in June 2014.

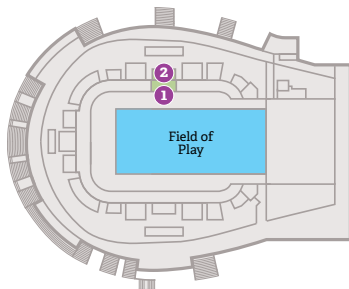




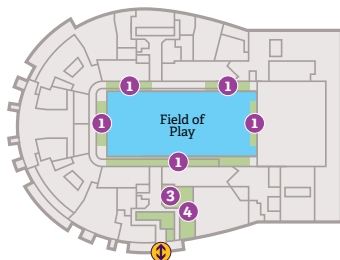
Level 1



Level 0



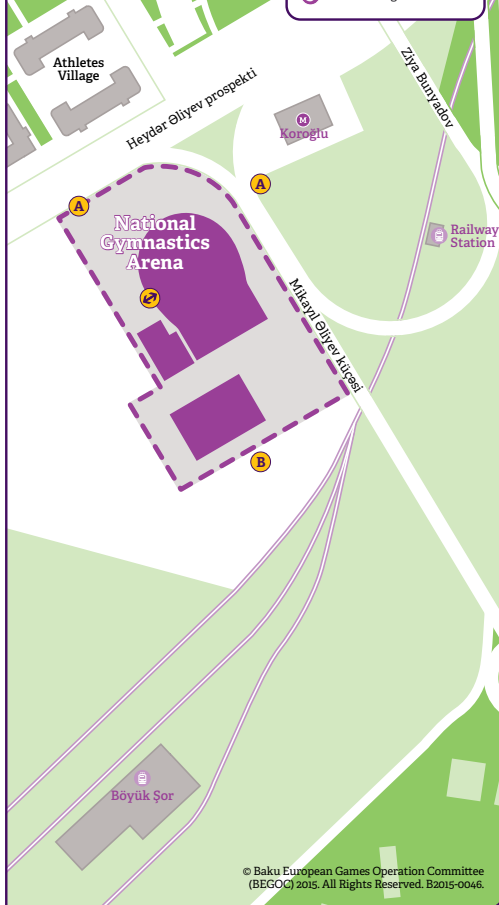
Level -2



Gymnastics - Acrobatic, Aerobic, Artistic, Rhythmic & Trampoline National Gymnastics Arena



- Competition Venue
- Venue Perimeter
- Media Entrance/Exit
- Pedestrian Screening Area
- T-All Load Zone
- Photo Positions
- Press Tribune
- I-Zone
- Media Workroom
- Media Lounge



© Baku European Games Operation Committee (BEGOC) 2015. All Rights Reserved. Bz015-0046.

Gymnastics – Trampoline

Trampoline gymnasts will be set to impress with their aerial skills over the three days of competition at the National Gymnastics Arena. The high-energy discipline will feature 53 athletes from around Europe competing for medals in the men's and women's individual and synchronised events.

Days of competition: 3

Competition dates: 17-21 June 2015

Medal events: 4

Total athlete quota: 53

Qualification method: Qualification places for Trampoline Gymnastics will be determined based on qualification event rankings and host NOC allocation.

NATIONAL GYMNASTICS ARENA

Sports: Gymnastics - Acrobatic, Aerobic, Artistic, Rhythmic and Trampoline

Capacity: 7,000

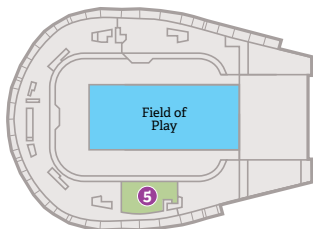
Construction status: Permanent – complete

The National Gymnastics Arena is located directly south of the Athletes and Media Villages. Construction of the arena was completed in February 2014 and opened by the President of Azerbaijan, Ilham Aliyev, in April 2014. A purpose-built facility with a capacity of 7,000, the venue is home to the Azerbaijan Gymnastic Federation and hosted the 30th European Rhythmic Gymnastics Championships in June 2014.

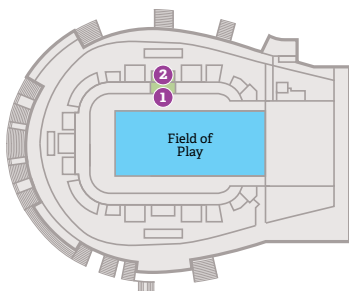




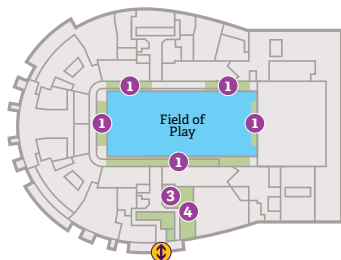
Level 1



Level 0













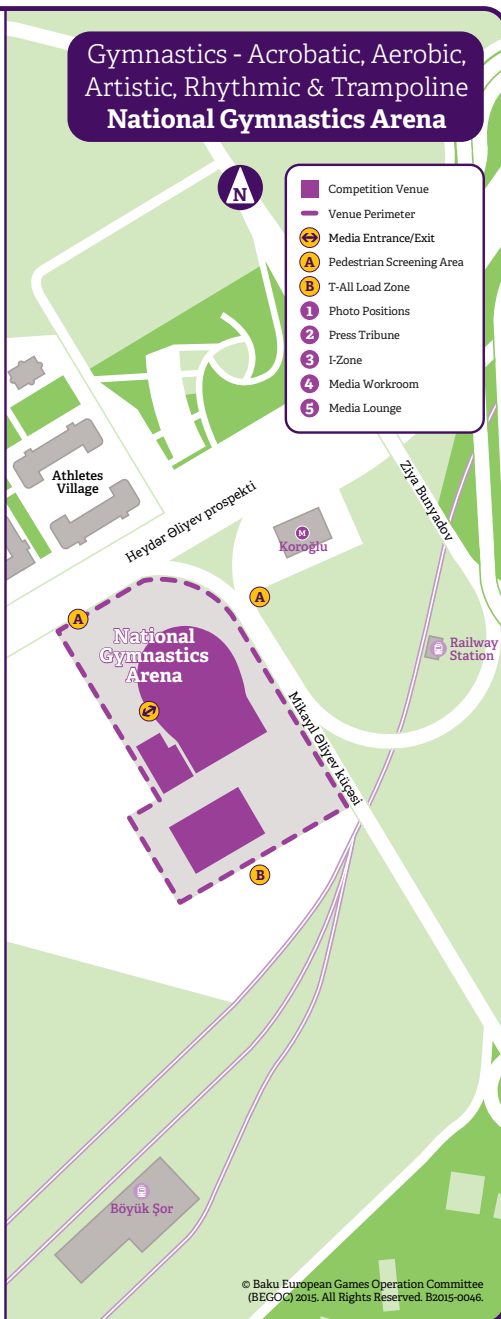
Level -2



Gymnastics - Acrobatic, Aerobic, Artistic, Rhythmic & Trampoline National Gymnastics Arena



-  Competition Venue
-  Venue Perimeter
-  Media Entrance/Exit
-  Pedestrian Screening Area
-  T-All Load Zone
-  Photo Positions
-  Press Tribune
-  I-Zone
-  Media Workroom
-  Media Lounge



© Baku European Games Operation Committee
(BEGOC) 2015. All Rights Reserved. B2015-0046.

Judo

An explosive full-contact form of combat, Judo is one of the most widely practiced sports in Azerbaijan. Competitors – known as judokas – will be aiming to take down their opponents in front of a passionate 7,800-capacity crowd at the impressive Heydar Aliyev Arena. More than 350 judokas will compete over four days of individual and team bouts in men's and women's competition. In a first for a major multi-sport continental event, Blind Judo will also be contested with medals in the men's over 90-kilogramme category and in the women's under 57-kilogramme category. That means a total of 18 medals will be on offer at the European Games. .

Days of competition: 4

Competition dates: 25-28 June 2015

Medal events: 18

Total athlete quota: 366

Qualification method: Qualification places for Judo will be determined based on the International Judo Federation (IJF) World Ranking List, host NOC allocation and universality.

HEYDAR ALIYEV ARENA

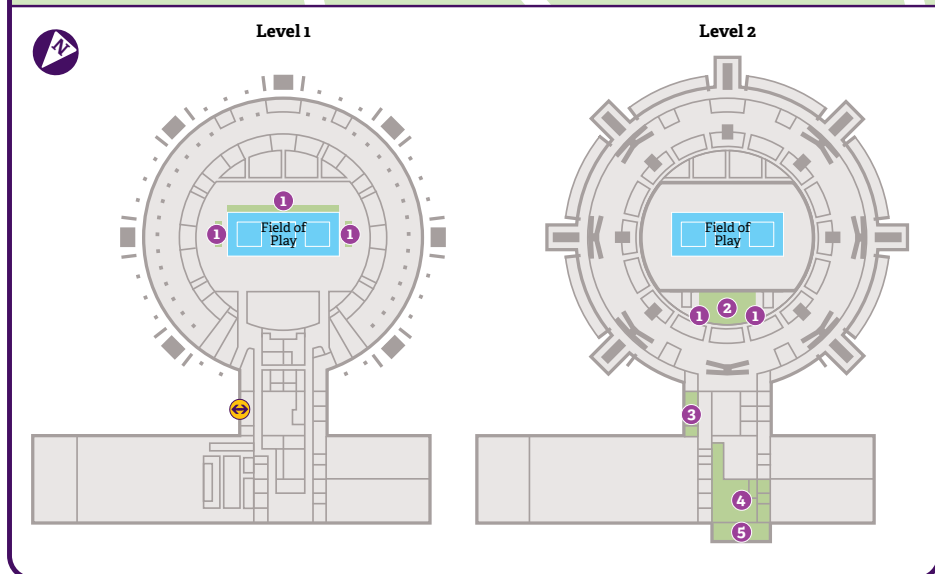
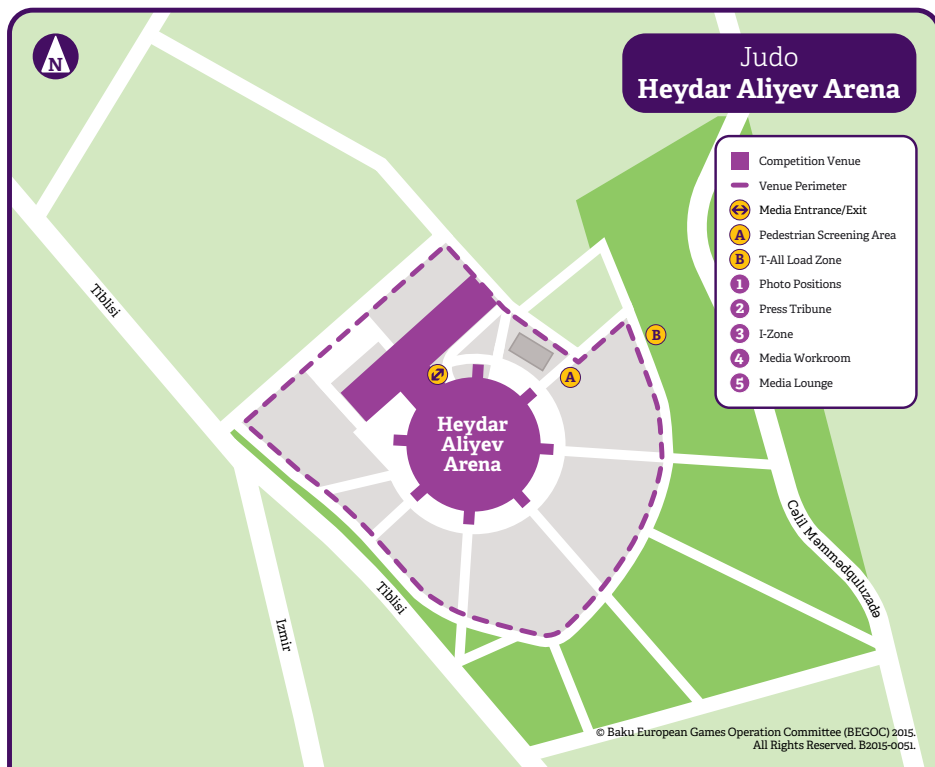
Sports: Judo and Wrestling

Capacity: 7,800

Construction status: Permanent – upgrade under construction

The Heydar Aliyev Arena is part of the City Cluster venues and is located on Tbilisi Avenue in the centre of Baku. Named after the former President of Azerbaijan, the venue was opened in 1990 and has held over 30 sporting events in that time. The venue will receive extensive upgrades before the European Games and will host 7,800 spectators for the Wrestling and Judo competitions.





Karate

One of the fastest-growing combat sports in Europe, Karate is one of the non-Olympic sports that will be involved at Baku 2015. The Karate competition will take place over two days on 13–14 June and feature a total of 12 medal events; 10 in individual kumite and two in individual kata. Europe's best performing athletes - 48 men and 48 women - will showcase their talents on the strikingly beautiful tatami of Crystal Hall. Expect a strong competition as the three top-ranked countries in the world hail from Europe.

Days of competition: 2

Competition dates: 13–14 June 2015

Medal events: 12

Total athlete quota: 96

Qualification method: Qualification places for Karate will be determined based on qualification event rankings, host NOC allocation and universality.

CRYSTAL HALL

Sports: Volleyball, Boxing, Fencing, Karate and Taekwondo

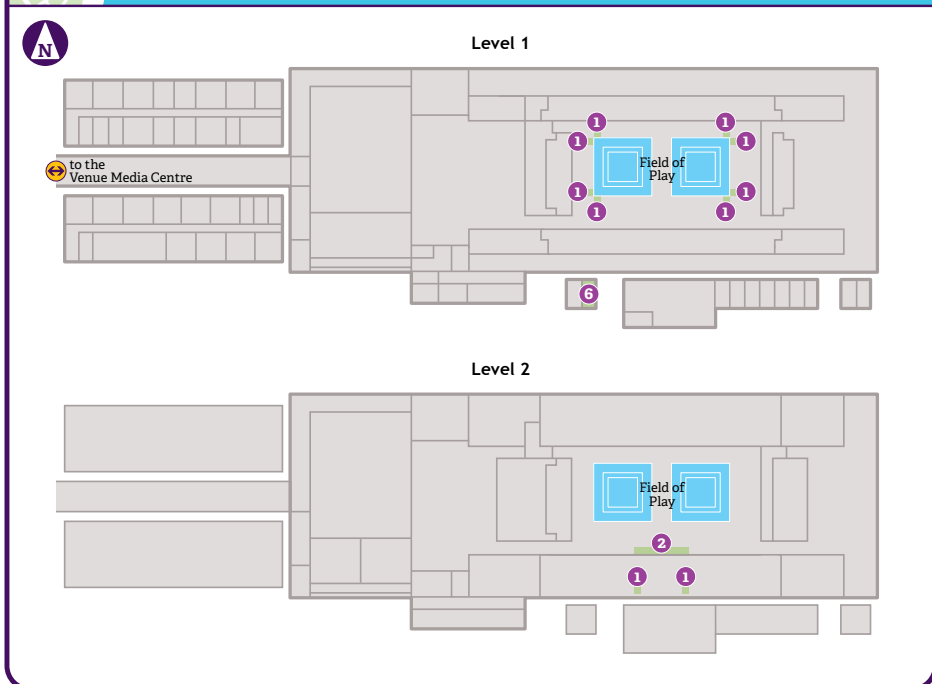
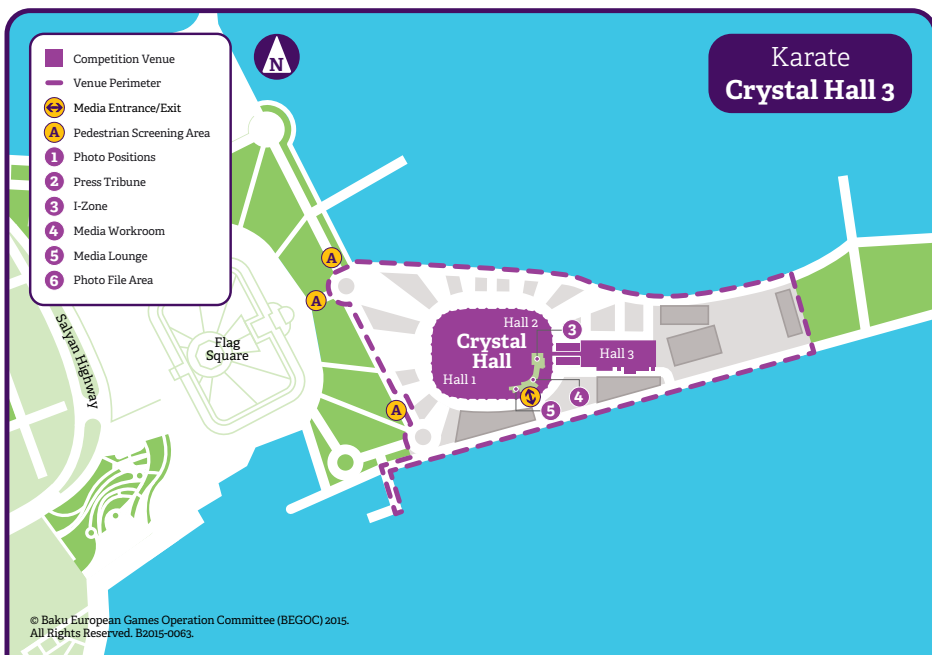
Capacity

Karate CH3): 2,000

Construction status: Permanent - complete

The Crystal Hall is located in the centre of the Flag Square Cluster on a dramatic peninsula jutting out into the Bay of Baku in the Caspian Sea. This multipurpose venue was originally built for the Eurovision Song Contest in 2012 and will receive an additional upgrade ahead of Baku 2015. The Crystal Hall will host five sports during the European Games.





Shooting

Shooters from across Europe will be aiming to hold their nerve in the brand new and purpose-built Baku Shooting Centre. There will be seven days of competition for the estimated 330 male and female athletes. Medal hopefuls will have opportunities at 19 individual and team events covering pistol, rifle and shotgun firearms. Expect high tension when competition begins as a grand total of 15 Olympic places for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games will be awarded to the winners of the individual events.

Days of competition: 7

Competition dates: 16-22 June 2015

Medal events: 19

Total athlete quota: 330

Qualification method: Qualification places for Shooting will be determined based on the European Ranking List, host NOC allocation and universality.

Road to Rio 2016 qualification: The winner in each of the 15 individual events will automatically receive a quota place.

BAKU SHOOTING CENTRE

Sports: Shooting

Capacity: 500

Construction status: Permanent – under construction

The Baku Shooting Centre is a brand-new, purpose-built shooting facility for the Baku 2015 European Games and will form part of the lasting legacy left by Baku 2015. This new facility, located 30 minutes west of Baku, is due for completion in December 2014 and will have capacity for 500 spectators.



Shooting Baku Shooting Centre



- Competition Venue
- Venue Perimeter
- ↔ Media Entrance/Exit
- A Pedestrian Screening Area
- B T-All Load Zone
- 1 Photo Positions
- 2 Press Tribune
- 3 I-Zone
- 4 Media Workroom
- 5 Media Lounge
- 6 Photo File Area

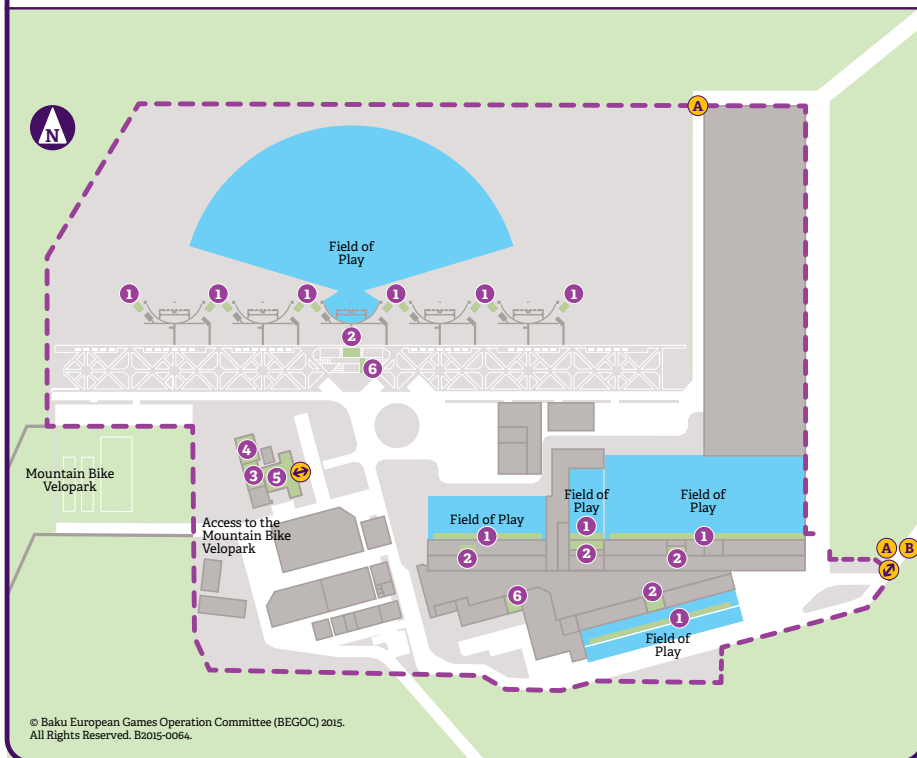


Table Tennis

In one of the fastest and most thrilling sports in the world, Table Tennis players will delight spectators in the Baku Sports Hall with their quick-fire reactions and precision. The seven days of action will see a total of 128 athletes competing. Men's and women's singles and team matches will culminate in four exciting medal events. The gold medal winners in the individual events will secure a place at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, so expect fierce competition in the pursuit of first place.

Days of competition: 7

Competition dates: 13-19 June 2015

Medal events: 4

Total athlete quota: 128

Qualification method: Qualification places for Table Tennis will be determined based on qualification event rankings, host NOC allocation and universality.

Road to Rio 2016 qualification: The winner of the men's and women's events will receive automatic qualification

BAKU SPORTS HALL

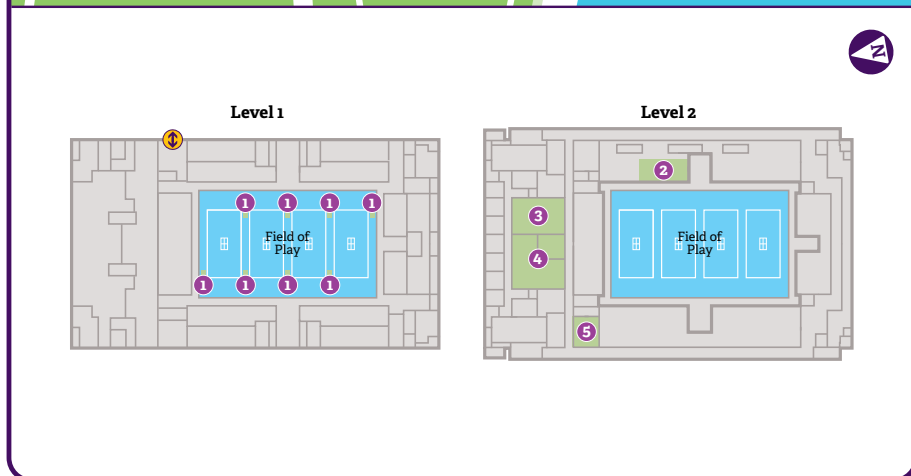
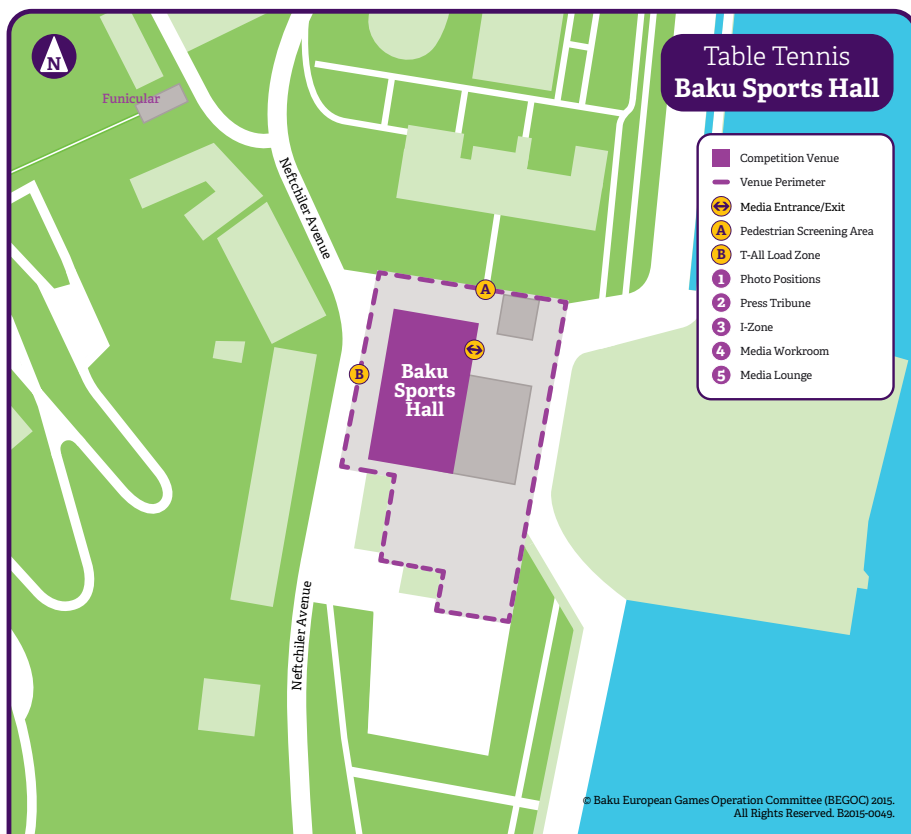
Sports: Badminton and Table Tennis

Capacity: 1,700

Construction status: Permanent – upgrade under construction

The Baku Sports Hall is an existing venue that will receive a permanent upgrade for the Baku 2015 European Games. Located close to Baku Boulevard, this City Cluster venue will have a capacity of 1,700 at Games time for spectators to enjoy the Table Tennis and Badminton competitions.





Taekwondo

A technical and tough combat sport, Taekwondo requires a combination of speed and strength to succeed. Competition in the Crystal Hall will be held over four days and will include four weight categories for both men and women, resulting in a total of eight medal events. Approximately 128 athletes will compete, and there will be vital ranking points available as fighters seek qualification for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

Days of competition: 4

Competition dates: 16-19 June 2015

Medal events: 8

Total athlete quota: 128

Qualification method: Qualification places for Taekwondo will be determined based on the World Taekwondo Federation (WTF) Olympic Ranking System, host NOC allocation and universality.

Road to Rio 2016 qualification: Ranking points available

CRYSTAL HALL

Sports: Volleyball, Boxing, Fencing, Karate and Taekwondo

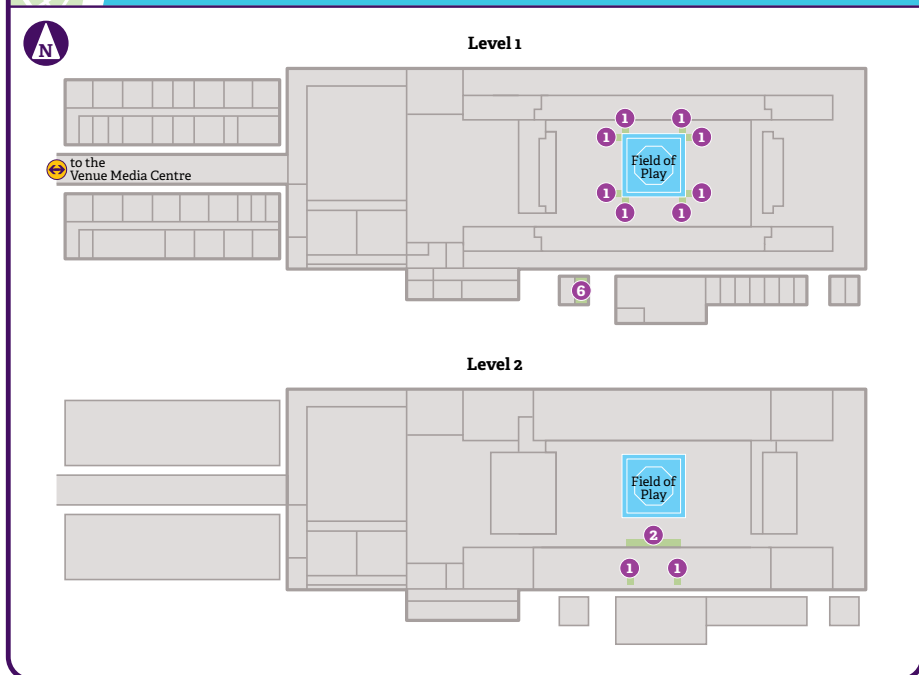
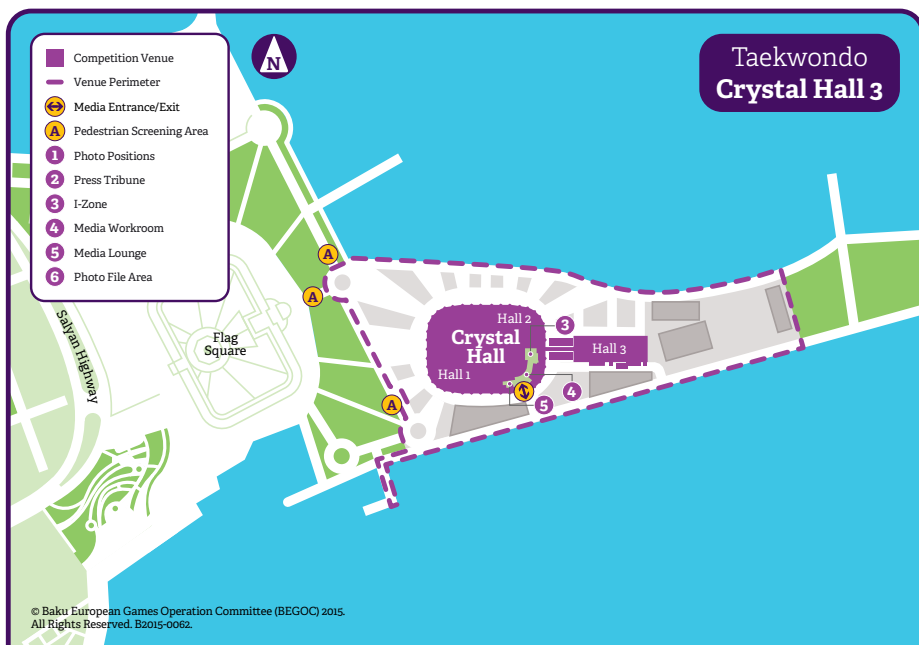
Capacity

Taekwondo (CH3): 2,000

Construction status: Permanent - complete

The Crystal Hall is located in the centre of the Flag Square Cluster on a dramatic peninsula jutting out into the Bay of Baku in the Caspian Sea. This multipurpose venue was originally built for the Eurovision Song Contest in 2012 and will receive an additional upgrade ahead of Baku 2015. The Crystal Hall will host five sports during the European Games.





Triathlon

The ultimate test of determination and desire, Triathlon will see competitors swim, cycle and run their way through Baku to glory. Thousands of spectators will line the streets to watch Europe's finest athletes battle for first place in one of the world's toughest endurance sports. With 130 participants in the men's and women's events, the competition will be fierce, especially as the gold medal winners will gain their NOC direct qualification for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

Days of competition: 2

Competition dates: 13-14 June 2015

Medal events: 2

Total athlete quota: 130

Qualification method: Qualification places for Triathlon will be determined based on qualification event rankings, host NOC allocation and universality.

Road to Rio 2016 qualification: The winner of the men's and women's events will gain direct qualification for their NOCs

VENUE TBC





Volleyball

More than 330 athletes will be bumping, setting and spiking over the 16 days of the Volleyball competition. The discipline consists of two medal events, with 12 teams competing in both the men's and women's tournaments, and will take place at the seafront Crystal Hall. Crucial ranking points will be available for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

Days of competition: 16

Competition dates: 13-28 June 2015

Medal events: 2

Total athlete quota: 336

Number of teams: 12 – men's tournament, 12 – women's tournament

Qualification method: Qualification places for Volleyball will be determined based on CEV entry ranking system/Euro league participation and host NOC allocation.

Road to Rio 2016 qualification: Ranking points available

CRYSTAL HALL

Sports: Volleyball , Boxing, Fencing, Karate and Taekwondo

Capacity

Volleyball (CH1): 6,000

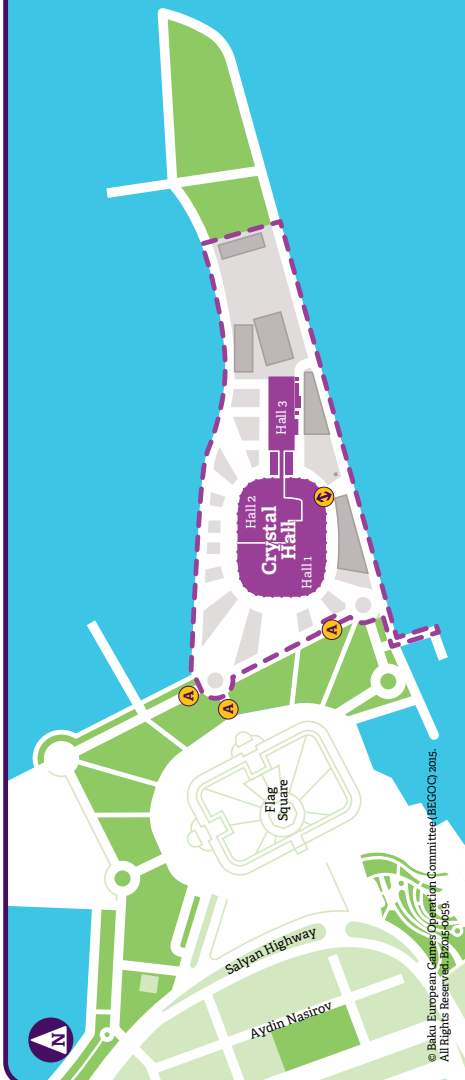
Construction status: Permanent – complete

The Crystal Hall is located in the centre of the Flag Square Cluster on a dramatic peninsula jutting out into the Bay of Baku in the Caspian Sea. This multipurpose venue was originally built for the Eurovision Song Contest in 2012 and will receive an additional upgrade ahead of Baku 2015. The Crystal Hall will host five sports during the European Games.



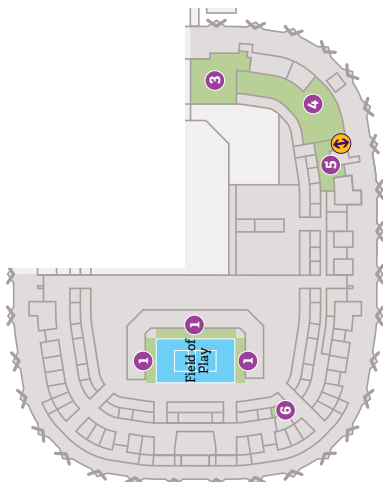
Volleyball Crystal Hall 1

- Competition Venue
- Venue Perimeter
- Media Entrance/Exit
- Pedestrian Screening Area
- Photo Positions
- Press Tribune
- I-Zone
- Media Workroom
- Media Lounge
- Photo File Area

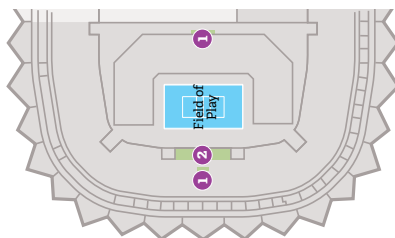


© Baku European Games Operation Committee (BEGOC) 2015.
All Rights Reserved. B015-0053.

Level 1



Level 3



Wrestling

The most popular combat sport in Azerbaijan, Wrestling will be a highlight of the European Games and will be fought in front of a capacity crowd of 7,800 spectators in the Heydar Aliyev Arena. A grand total of 18 weight categories ensures a busy competition agenda, with several medal events being held on each of the six days of wrestling action. Competition in both freestyle and Greco-Roman events will give 400 athletes the chance to claim the title of European champion in front of a passionate crowd.

Days of competition: 6

Competition dates: 13-18 June 2015

Medal events: 18

Total athlete quota: 400

Qualification method: Qualification places for Wrestling will be determined based on qualification event rankings, host NOC allocation and universality.

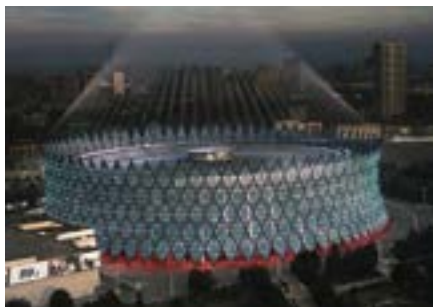
HEYDAR ALIYEV ARENA

Sports: Judo and Wrestling

Capacity: 7,800

Construction status: Permanent – upgrade under construction

The Heydar Aliyev Arena is part of the City Cluster venues and is located on Tbilisi Avenue in the centre of Baku. Named after the former President of Azerbaijan, the venue was opened in 1990 and has held over 30 sporting events in that time. The venue will receive extensive upgrades before the European Games and will host 7,800 spectators for the Wrestling and Judo competitions.



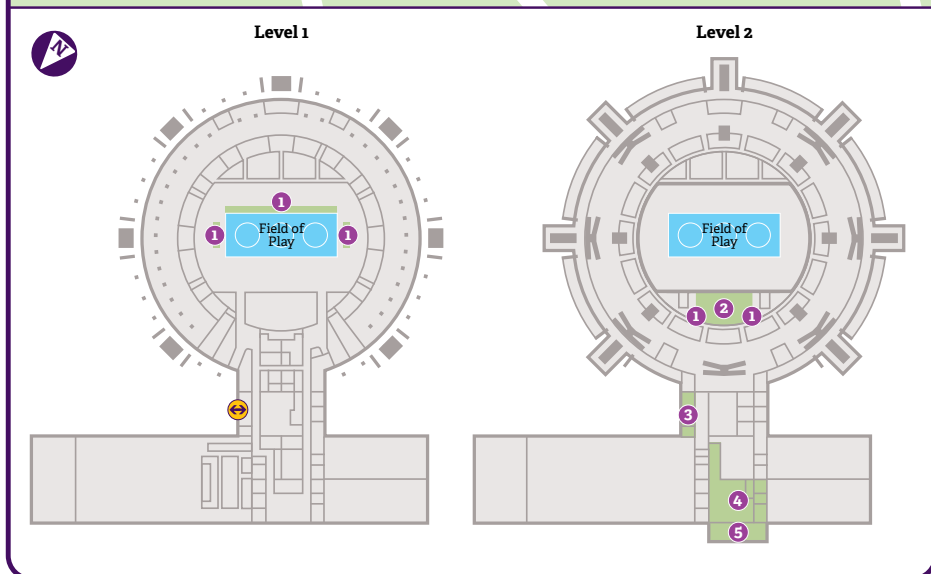


Photo Operations

The Press Operations team is responsible for planning all photo services that will be delivered during the Baku 2015 European Games.

At Games time, the Photo Operations team will include a dedicated photo supervisor responsible for each competition venue, supported by deputy photo supervisors and a team of photo assistants.

Photographers' undertaking

All photographers will be required to sign a Photographers' Undertaking in which they agree to abide by the Baku 2015 European Games Operations Committee's rules for use of photographic images. Signing the undertaking is mandatory and no photo bib will be issued if the photographer has not signed it.

Photo bibs

Every photographer accredited for the Games will receive an official photo bib from the Press Information Desk at the Media Village.

These bibs will allow access to the photo positions and photo file areas. They must be worn at all times while in a venue. Bibs will be numbered and are not transferable.

In some venues, prime or restricted photo positions will be reserved for a "pool" of photographers. Photographers granted access to a "pool" position will need to exchange their photo bib for a special "pool" photo bib. When photographers leave the "pool" positions, they must return the bib for their original one. "Pool" photo bibs will be managed by the photo supervisors at each venue.

Photo positions

Every effort has been made to secure the best possible photo positions in each venue. Details of each photo position will be available during the Games from the venue photo supervisors and from the Press and Photo Guide.

Photo positions will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Photo file areas

Photo file areas will be available in select venues where the Media Workroom is not close to the field of play. Each photo file area will offer tables, chairs, power and standard internet connections. A list of venues with photo file areas can be found on page 39-40.

Spectator seats

Photographers will be permitted to photograph from empty spectator seats but they must not disturb any nearby spectators while working in these areas. Photographers must immediately vacate these seats if and when ticket holders arrive.

Medal ceremonies

There will be a restricted number of photographers allowed into photo positions for medal ceremonies. Where possible, photographers from the international agencies and the countries of the medallists will be allocated positions to these photo positions.

Access to these photo positions will be determined by each venue's photo supervisor.

Venue lighting

While the venue lighting levels in indoor venues have yet to be confirmed, they are expected to be no less than 1,500 vertical lux at 5,200f average (daylight white balance.)

Wireless camera triggers

All wireless devices including wireless camera triggers, wireless microphones, walkie-talkies or Wi-Fi service points will require a spectrum license before they can be used inside a Games venue.

Photographers can apply for a spectrum license after 15 September from the Spectrum Team website (www.rdlas-Baku2015.az). A link to the website is available on the Press Extranet.

Photographers are strongly encouraged to apply for a spectrum license as soon as possible. Applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis and there is no guarantee of approval if submitted after 31 October 2014.

The use of any wireless camera trigger in a venue is subject to Press Operations' approval. Please contact pressoperations@baku2015.com if you want to use a wireless camera trigger in a venue.

Upon arrival in Baku, photographers will need to bring their licensed equipment to the Spectrum and Rate Card Office in the Media Village for testing to ensure each device operates according to its license.

Tools of the Trade

BEGOC will develop a list of prohibited and restricted items for the Games and exceptions will be made for press and photographers to ensure they can enter with equipment necessary to do their jobs in the venues. These exceptions, commonly referred to as the Tools of the Trade, will be clearly outlined and available at a later date on the Press Extranet.

Photography in the city of Baku

Baku offers a wealth of stunning backdrops for those wishing to enhance their coverage of the Games.

Special arrangements have been made for media who wish to film and photograph in Baku without the fees and restrictions typically associated with permits.

Photographers wishing to shoot in the city of Baku before the Games must abide by the City Filming and Photography Guide, a copy of which will be available on the Press Extranet.

Accreditation will grant photographers the right to shoot at the following locations:

- Ateshgah (the Fire Temple)
- Azerbaijan Carpet Museum
- Baku Boulevard
- Daghustu Park
- Fountain Square
- Gobustan National Park
- Heydar Aliyev Cultural Centre
- International Mugham Centre of Azerbaijan
- National Museum of History of Azerbaijan
- Old City
- Philharmonic Garden
- Yanardag (the Burning Mountain)

Games News Service

The Baku 2015 European Games News Service is responsible for the collection, production and distribution of a wide range of news and information to the press and wider Games Family.

The News Service at Baku 2015 will be available to everyone and not only accredited media on the Games-time website.

The News Service is a valuable tool for the press, allowing journalists and media organisations to follow events and developments they may have missed during the day.

During the Games, the News Service will swiftly generate and distribute reports such as news articles, interviews and quotes.

To further assist the press, the News Service will also provide a range of background information such as athlete biographies, and facts and figures.

The News Service is in large part made up of experienced, professional journalists to ensure accuracy, thoroughness, consistency and speed.



Non-rights Holding Broadcasters and Digital Media

Non-rights holding broadcasters (ENRs)

The Press Operations team is responsible for the accreditation of non-rights holding broadcasters for the Games. A limited number of international and domestic ENRs will be allowed for the Games and organisations can apply for accreditation via the Press Extranet.

During the Games, ENRs will be issued a special ENR bib that must be worn at all times while in the competition venues. ENRs will only be allowed to bring equipment into the competition venues to film in the I-Zone or into the Athletes Village to cover official media conferences.

Details for ENR access will be available on the Press Extranet.

News Access Rules

All ENRs must abide by the News Access Rules which are designed to protect the exclusivity of broadcasters who have paid for broadcasting rights while permitting fair access for ENRs to broadcast highlights for news purposes. The News Access Rules outline the specific conditions under which ENRs can access the competition venues and use the footage they record.

The News Access Rules apply to television broadcasting, radio broadcasting, Internet (including newspaper websites), mobile platforms, social media, and other digital media news products and services.

If an organisation is granted ENR accreditation, it is obliged to sign an undertaking on behalf of its members and all persons accredited are obligated to abide by the News Access Rules.

A complete copy of the News Access Rules is available on the Press Extranet.

Social media, blogging and internet guidelines

BEGOC actively encourages accredited persons at the Games to take part in social media and share their experiences, provided they are not for commercial purposes and do not imply an unauthorised association with BEGOC or the EOC.

A full copy of the Social Media Guidelines will be available on the Press Extranet.

Television filming in the city of Baku

Baku offers a wealth of stunning backdrops for those wishing to enhance their coverage of the Games.

Special arrangements have been made for media who wish to film and photograph in Baku without the fees and restrictions typically associated with permits.

Media wishing to film in the city of Baku before the Games must abide by the City Filming and Photography Guide, a copy of which will be available on the Press Extranet.

Accreditation will grant film crews the right to shoot at the following locations:

- Ateshgah (the Fire Temple)
- Azerbaijan Carpet Museum
- Baku Boulevard
- Daghustu Park
- Fountain Square
- Gobustan National Park
- Heydar Aliyev Cultural Centre
- International Mugham Centre of Azerbaijan
- National Museum of History of Azerbaijan
- Old City
- Philharmonic Garden
- Yanardag (the Burning Mountain)



Useful Information

Airports

The official port of entry to Azerbaijan is Heydar Aliyev International Airport (GYD), located about 20 kilometres northeast of the Baku city centre. Accreditation validation will be available for international press arriving at the airport, and transport services will be provided to the Media Village and official media hotel. Ganja International Airport (KVD) is about 80km from Mingachevir, where the Canoe Sprint event will take place.

Banks and credit cards

There are a multitude of ATM machines around the city in Baku, most of which accept international debit and credit cards. Depending on your account-holding bank, there may be limits on the amount of currency you are able to withdraw in one day. The withdrawal limit from most machines in the city is 500 New Manat (AZN) in one transaction.

Larger bank branches are open Mondays to Saturdays, but closed on Sundays. Smaller branches are closed on Saturdays and Sundays.

International credit and debit cards are accepted in most restaurants and larger shops.

Currency

The currency in Azerbaijan is the Azerbaijan New Manat (AZN) which is equivalent in value to the Euro. One hundred qepik equals one manat, and manat notes come in 1, 5, 10, 20, 50 and 100 denominations.

It is not possible to exchange currency into Manat in countries other than Azerbaijan so visitors will need to use the foreign exchange desk at the arrivals hall at the airport or withdraw from ATMs around the city. An ATM will be available at the Media Village.

Electricity

Standard electrical power in Azerbaijan is 220v.

Electrical equipment and appliances use the standard European 220-240v two-pin plug.

Press wishing to bring electrical equipment to Azerbaijan may need plug adaptors or step-down converters to conform to the standard power supply.



Emergencies

When calling from an Azerbaijani telephone:

Fire 101 | Police 102 | Ambulance 103

Gratuities and tipping

Tipping is not expected across Azerbaijan but is commonplace in Baku. Occasionally a service charge is included on the bill, particularly in more established hotels and restaurants. Like any other place in the world, tipping for above-average service will be appreciated.

Language

The official language is Azerbaijani but many people also speak Russian, English and Turkish.

The official language of the European Games will be English.

Medical/pharmacies

Press with existing medical conditions should bring enough prescription medicine – plus the valid prescription and related medical records – with them to cover the duration of their visit to Azerbaijan.

In case of emergency, press can purchase medicine from local pharmacies. It is strongly recommended to get advice from the BEGOC doctor, available in the Media Village medical centre, who can prescribe a corresponding product available in Azerbaijan. The BEGOC doctor can also provide information about nearby pharmacies.

Opening hours

Office hours are officially 0900 to 1700 Mondays through Fridays. Banking hours are officially 0930 to 1730, Mondays through Fridays.

Shops generally open around 0930 or 1000 and close around 1900. Shops are open seven days a week. Bars and restaurants are open until at least 2300.

Smoking

Smoking is permitted in public areas across Azerbaijan, including most restaurants and bars. Smoking will not be permitted in any Baku 2015 European Games venue including the Media Village except for designated smoking areas.

Taxes (VAT)

VAT in Azerbaijan is similar to that in most European VAT systems, with tax levied on the supply of most goods and services and on the import of goods. VAT payers are entitled to recover the amount of VAT paid on purchases (input VAT) that exceeds the VAT received from their taxable supplies (output VAT).

Telephones

The country code for Azerbaijan is 994 and the city code for Baku is 012. The city code for Mingachevir is 2427.

The international exit code for calling out of Azerbaijan is 00 and must be dialled before the relevant country code and telephone number.

Azerbaijani mobile phone numbers have 10 digits and most mobile numbers start with 050 or 051. All 10 digits must be dialled for calls within Azerbaijan. For example: 050-123-XXXX.

When calling from outside Azerbaijan, the country code then number minus the zero should be dialled. For example: +994-50-123-XXXX.

Time Zone

Azerbaijan is UTC+4 hours. Daylight savings time is used in Azerbaijan so clocks go forward on the last Sunday in March and go back on the last Sunday in October.

Tourist information

Baku tourism information can be found at www.tourism.az.

Weather

Baku has a subtropical, semi-arid climate. Summers are hot and dry, winters are cool and occasionally wet, though precipitation levels in a year rarely exceed 200mm. There are medium to strong winds most of the year round.

Month	Average High (Celsius)	Average Low (Celsius)	Average Rainfall (mm)
May	20	12	18
June	25	15	8
July	28	17	2

Pre-Games Checklist

ITEM	DEADLINE
<input type="checkbox"/> Register for Press Extranet (www.baku2015.com/en/press-registration)	As soon as possible
<input type="checkbox"/> Apply for spectrum license	31 October 2014
<input type="checkbox"/> Book hotel room at Qafqaz Baku City Hotel or River Side Hotel in Mingachevir (international press only)	12 February 2015
<input type="checkbox"/> Apply for press accreditation	6 March 2015
<input type="checkbox"/> Book room in Media Village (international press only)	6 March 2015
<input type="checkbox"/> Place Rate Card order	15 March 2015
<input type="checkbox"/> Receive pre-valid accreditation card (international press only)	End of May 2015
<input type="checkbox"/> Notify BEGOC of your arrival in Baku (international press only)	End of May 2015



Competition Schedule

Sport	Venue	Medals	12-Jun	13-Jun	14-Jun	15-Jun
			Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Ceremonies	National Stadium					
Aquatics - Diving	Baku Aquatics Centre	8				
- Swimming	Baku Aquatics Centre	42				
- Synchronised	Baku Aquatics Centre	4				2
- Water Polo	Water Polo Arena	2				
Archery	Tofiq Bahramov Stadium	5				
Athletics	National Stadium	1				
Badminton	Baku Sports Hall	5				
Basketball 3x3	Basketball Arena	2				
Beach Soccer	Beach Arena	1				
Boxing	Crystal Hall 2	15				
Canoe Sprint	Mingachevir	15				5
Cycling - BMX	BMX Velopark	2				
- Mountain Bike	Mountain Bike Velopark	2		2		
- Road	Freedom Square	4				
Fencing	Crystal Hall 3	12				
Gymnastics - Acrobatic	National Gymnastics Arena	6				
- Aerobic	National Gymnastics Arena	2				
- Artistic	National Gymnastics Arena	14				
- Rhythmic	National Gymnastics Arena	8				
- Trampoline	National Gymnastics Arena	4				
Judo	Heydar Aliyev Arena	18				
Karate	Crystal Hall 3	12		6	6	
Shooting	Baku Shooting Centre	19				
Table Tennis	Baku Sports Hall	4				2
Taekwondo	Crystal Hall 3	8				
Triathlon	(tbc)	2		1	1	
Volleyball	Crystal Hall 1	2				
Beach Volleyball	Beach Arena	2				
Wrestling - Freestyle	Heydar Aliyev Arena	12				3
- Greco-Roman	Heydar Aliyev Arena	6		3	3	
Total Medals		239		12	10	12

As of September 2014

16-Jun	17-Jun	18-Jun	19-Jun	20-Jun	21-Jun	22-Jun	23-Jun	24-Jun	25-Jun	26-Jun	27-Jun	28-Jun
Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		2	2	2	2							
							7	8	9	7	11	
2												
				1	1							
	1	2			1	1						
						1						
											2	3
										2		
												1
									5	5	5	
10												
											2	
		2		1	1							
							2	2	2	3	3	
			2		4							
					2							
2		2		10	Gala							
	1		1		6							
					4							
									5	5	6	2
3	3	1	3	3	2	4						
			2									
2	2	2	2									
											1	1
				1	1							
3	3	3										
22	10	14	12	18	24	6	9	10	21	22	28	9

Competition Medals

Training Schedule

Sport	Venue	9-Jun	10-Jun	11-Jun	12-Jun	13-Jun	14-Jun	15-Jun
Aquatics - Diving	Baku Aquatics Centre							
- Swimming	Baku Aquatics Centre							
- Synchronised	Baku Aquatics Centre				C	C	C	C
- Water Polo	Water Polo Arena				C	C	C	C
Archery	Tofiq Bahramov Stadium							
Athletics	National Stadium							
Badminton	Baku Sports Hall							
Basketball 3x3	Basketball Arena							
Beach Soccer	Beach Arena							
Boxing	Crystal Hall 2							
Canoe Sprint	Mingachevir						C	C
Cycling - BMX	BMX Velopark							
- Mountain Bike	Mountain Bike Velopark					C		
- Road	Freedom Square							
Fencing	Crystal Hall 3							
Gymnastics - Acrobatic	National Gymnastics Arena							C
- Aerobic	National Gymnastics Arena							
- Artistic	National Gymnastics Arena							
- Rhythmic	National Gymnastics Arena							
- Trampoline	National Gymnastics Arena							
Judo	Heydar Aliyev Arena							
Karate	Crystal Hall 3					C	C	
Shooting	Baku Shooting Centre							
Table Tennis	Baku Sports Hall					C	C	C
Taekwondo	Crystal Hall 3							
Triathlon	(tbc)					C	C	
Volleyball	Crystal Hall 1					C	C	C
Beach Volleyball	Beach Arena							
Wrestling	Heydar Aliyev Arena					C	C	C

un	16-Jun	17-Jun	18-Jun	19-Jun	20-Jun	21-Jun	22-Jun	23-Jun	24-Jun	25-Jun	26-Jun	27-Jun	28-Jun
			C	C	C	C							
								C	C	C	C	C	
C													
C	C	C	C	C	C	C							
C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C						
						C	C						
							C	C	C	C	C	C	C
								C	C	C	C		
									C	C	C	C	C
C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	
C													
											C	C	C
			C		C	C							
							C	C	C	C	C	C	
C			C		C	Gala							
		C		C		C							
		C		C		C							
		C		C		C							
		C		C		C							
										C	C	C	C
C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C						
C	C	C	C	C									
C	C	C	C	C									
C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
C	C	C	C	C	C	C							
C	C	C	C										

C Competition
 Training



Baku 2015

1st EUROPEAN GAMES

baku2015.com

Baku 2015

European Games

Media Factsheet

Media Factsheet

The Games

- Baku 2015 will be the first ever European Games – an exciting and innovative new multi-sport event for the continent
- Baku was awarded the Games at the European Olympic Committees General Assembly in December 2012
- The Games will take place from 12 – 28 June 2015, a total of 17 days of competition
- More than 6,000 athletes from around the Olympic nations of Europe are expected to compete
- There will be a total of 20 sports, including new disciplines such as Basketball 3x3, Beach Soccer, Karate and Sambo
- Twelve sports will offer qualification opportunities for Rio 2016 Summer Olympics.
- There will be 18 competition venues including newly-built venues for Gymnastics, BMX, Aquatics and Shooting and a purpose-built 68,000-seat stadium for Athletics and Opening and Closing Ceremonies
- There will be 253 medal events in total

The Sports

A total of 20 sports will be represented: 16 Olympic sports and four non-Olympic sports.

Aquatics – Diving - Baku Aquatics Centre

160 athletes – 80 men, 80 women

4 days of competition

8 medal events

Competition starts: 18 June

The competition will feature eight medal events across the 1m Springboard, 3m Springboard, Synchronised 3m Springboard and Platform.

The Baku Aquatics Centre is being constructed for the Games and is set to be an iconic sporting venue for Azerbaijan. Located in the Flag Square Cluster, the venue will host three Aquatics disciplines at Games time - Swimming, Diving, and Synchronised Swimming. The venue will have a seating capacity of 6,000.

Aquatics – Swimming – Baku Aquatics Centre

526 athletes

5 days of competition

42 medal events

Competition starts: 23 June



Baku 2015
1ST EUROPEAN GAMES

It is one of three sports that will be making a splash at the new Baku Aquatics Centre, located in the Flag Square Cluster. At Baku 2015, Swimming will feature 526 athletes competing across a total of 42 medal events with Olympic qualification standards for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games available.

Located in the Flag Square Cluster, the venue will host three Aquatics disciplines at Games time - Swimming, Diving, and Synchronised Swimming. The venue will have a seating capacity of 6,000.

Aquatics – Synchronized Swimming – Baku Aquatics Centre

150 athletes

5 days of competition

4 medal events

Competition starts: 12 June

The five days of competition will see 150 athletes gather in Baku to showcase their talent and attempt to win gold. Medals will be available across Solo, Duet, Team and Free Combination events in Synchronised Swimming.

Located at the southern end of the Flag Square Cluster within the European Games Park, the venue is equipped with two 50m swimming pools and one pool for diving.

Aquatics – Water Polo – Water Polo Arena

364 athletes

10 days of competition

2 medal events

Competition starts: 12 June

More than 360 competitors will battle it out for gold as they go head-to-head at the Water Polo Arena, new venue located in the European Games Park. The competition will feature increased team numbers from the traditional Olympic programme with 16 men's teams and 12 women's teams competing.

The Water Polo Arena is a temporary outdoor venue located at the southern end of the Flag Square Cluster within the European Games Park. Two Water Polo pools will have the ability to host two games at the same time.

Archery - Tofiq Bahramov Stadium

128 athletes

7 days of competition

5 medal events

Competition starts: 16 June

The European Games format will follow that of the Olympic Games with 64 men and 64 women competing in the recurve division, in Individual and Team events as well as in a mixed team event. Archery will also offer the opportunity to win ranking points for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games qualification.

The Tofiq Bahramov Stadium is home to the Azerbaijani national football team and will host 3,000 spectators for Archery at the European Games. It is part of the City Cluster and was first built in 1951, before being extensively renovated and reopened in 2012.

Athletics – National Stadium

500 athletes

2 days of competition

1 medal event

Competition starts: 21 June

The spectacular National Stadium will be the setting for the 40 men's and women's Athletics events that will also be the European Athletics Team Championships Third League. Athletes will compete over two days for points in each event, which will then be combined for a final team score as they chase gold, silver and bronze. Athletics at the European Games offers possible qualification standards for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

Situated close to the Athletes Village, the spectacular National Stadium will host two days of Athletics events as well as the Opening and Closing ceremonies. The multi-function venue has capacity for 65,000 spectators

Badminton – Baku Sports Hall

160 athletes

7 days of competition

5 medal events

Competition starts: 22 June

The competition will be held over a seven day period and include five medal events in men's and women's singles, men's and women's doubles, and mixed doubles. Approximately 160 athletes will be going for gold in front of 1,700 spectators. The Baku Sports Hall is an existing venue that will receive a permanent upgrade for the Baku 2015 European Games. Located close to the Baku Boulevard, this City Cluster venue will have a capacity of 1,700 at Games time for spectators to enjoy the Table Tennis and Badminton competitions.

Basketball 3x3 – Basketball Arena

128 athletes

4 days of competition

2 medal events

Competition starts: 23 June

The innovative Basketball 3x3 competition will be one of the most popular sports at the Games, thanks to high scores, high drama and high tempo. The game is played on a half-court between two teams of three players and is estimated to be enjoyed by more than 250 million players worldwide. The Basketball Arena will be located in the European Games Park as part of the Flag Square Cluster. The temporary venue will have capacity for 2,500 spectators to watch every slam dunk that takes place throughout the European Games. Construction is set to be completed on the outdoor venue in March 2015

Beach Soccer – Beach Arena

96 athletes

5 days of competition

1 medal event

Competition starts: 24 June

Beach Soccer is played on a sand pitch roughly a quarter of the size of a traditional football pitch but with larger goals. The result is a fast-paced clash with an emphasis on attack, which means a shot on goal every 30 seconds and an average of nine goals per game. Eight men's teams, comprising of 96 athletes, will go head-to-head over five days of competition.

The Beach Arena is a temporary venue being constructed for the Games and will be part of the Flag Square Cluster. Located on the edge of the Caspian Sea, the outdoor venue will have capacity for 2,900 spectators during the Beach Soccer competition.

Beach Volleyball – Beach Arena

128 athletes

6 days of competition

2 medal events

Competition starts: 16 June

Beach Volleyball will be played at the Beach Arena, with 64 teams competing for medals in the men's and women's tournaments. Athletes will dive to keep the play alive and score points against their opponents as they aim for gold. The competition will begin on 16 June and provide an opportunity to gain valuable ranking points for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

The outdoor venue will have capacity for 3,900 spectators during the Beach Volleyball competition, to enjoy one of the world's most popular beach sport. Construction will be completed in March 2015.

Boxing – Crystal Hall

330 athletes

12 days of competition

15 medal events

Competition starts: 16 June

Hugely popular in Azerbaijan, Boxing will be held over a 12-day period and feature 296 athletes and 15 medal events. There will be 10 weight categories for men and five weight categories for women, which for the first time at a major Boxing tournament is an increase from the usual three weight categories for women.

The Crystal Hall is located in the centre of the Flag Square Cluster on a dramatic peninsula jutting out into the Bay of Baku in the Caspian Sea. This multipurpose venue was originally built for the Eurovision Song Contest in 2012 and will receive an additional upgrade ahead of Baku 2015. The Crystal Hall will host five sports during the Games.

Canoe Sprint - Mingachevir

350 athletes

3 days of competition

15 medal events

Competition starts: 14 June

The historic city of Mingachevir will host the Canoe Sprint competition, with more than 350 athletes taking to the water over three exciting days of competition. In total, there will be 12 kayak events (men's and women's) and three canoe events (men's only).

Mingachevir – known as the City of Lights – is around 250 kilometres from Baku. Home to the Azerbaijan Canoe Sprint and Rowing teams, the Kur Sport and Rowing Centre is the national Olympic training centre. Located on the picturesque banks of the Kur River, the venue has capacity for 1,350 spectators.

Cycling – BMX Velopark

48 athletes

3 days of competition

2 medal events

Competition starts: 26 June

The BMX Cycling competition at Baku 2015 will see 32 men and 16 women take to the outdoor track at the new BMX Velopark venue. The men's and women's final runs will both take place on 28 June, offering important ranking points for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

The BMX Velopark is a temporary venue built for the Baku 2015 European Games, although the BMX track will remain as part of the Games legacy. Located close to the Baku city centre, the venue will form part of the Western Venues. Construction will have capacity for 1,600 spectators.

Cycling – MTB Velopark

77 athletes

1 day of competition

2 medal events

Competition starts: 13 June

There will be no shortage of riveting moments during the cross-country Mountain Bike competition. The competition will see 46 men and 31 women take on the challenging course at the Mountain Bike Velopark. At Baku 2015, both the men's and women's medal events will take place on 13 June. Ranking points will be available for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

The Mountain Bike Velopark will be a temporary venue built for the Games, located in the hills immediately south of the Baku Shooting Centre. It will be the first purposed built Mountain Bike course in Azerbaijan.

Cycling – Road – Freedom Square and Bilgah Beach

221 athletes

3 days of competition

4 medal events

Competition starts: 18 June

The classic Road Cycling events at the European Games will undoubtedly draw large crowds as more than 220 of Europe's finest cyclists take to the roads of Baku. Four medals are available between the Road Race and the Time Trial. Important ranking points will be available to competitors for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

The Cycling Road Race will start in the forecourt of the Government House at Freedom Square. The race route itself consists of a 13.5km circuit throughout the city of Baku and will comprise of 16 laps of the course for the men and nine laps for the women. A temporary purpose built venue will have capacity for 1,000 spectators.

Fencing – Crystal Hall

216 athletes

5 days of competition

12 medal events

Competition starts: 23 June

Over the five days of competition, more than 200 fencers will take part in men's and women's individual and team bouts in epee, foil and sabre events. There will be a total of 12 medal events. The Fencing competition will be held at Crystal Hall, which was built to host the Eurovision Contest in 2012. Crystal Hall is located in the centre of the iconic Flag Square Cluster on a dramatic peninsula jutting out into the Bay of Baku in the Caspian Sea.

Gymnastics – Acrobatics - National Gymnastics Arena

55 athletes

3 days of competition

6 medal events

Competition starts: 17 June

Dynamic and spirited in nature, Acrobatic Gymnastics is guaranteed to wow crowds with its breath-taking balances and throws throughout the European Games. It is one of two non-Olympic Gymnastics disciplines included in the Baku 2015 programme and will feature a total of six medal events. More than 50 athletes will be competing for gold in mixed pairs and women's group events. The National Gymnastics Arena is located directly south of the Athletes and Media Villages. Construction of the arena was completed in February. A purpose-built facility with a capacity of 7,000, the venue is home to the Azerbaijan Gymnastic Federation and hosted the 30th European Rhythmic Gymnastics Championships in June 2014.

Gymnastics – Aerobic – National Gymnastics Arena

67 athletes

3 days of competition

2 medal events

Competition starts: 17 June

Combining aerobic choreography and gymnastics elements, the sport of Aerobic Gymnastics is another competition in a series of newly introduced non-Olympic disciplines on the Baku 2015 programme.

The National Gymnastics Arena is located directly south of the Athletes and Media Villages. Construction of the arena was completed in February. A purpose-built facility with a capacity of 7,000, the venue is home to the Azerbaijan Gymnastic Federation and hosted the 30th European Rhythmic Gymnastics Championships in June 2014.

Gymnastics – Artistic – National Gymnastics Arena

179 athletes

4 days of competition

14 medal events

Competition starts: 15 June

Artistic Gymnastics - often the most closely-followed of all the Gymnastic disciplines - will be held at the National Gymnastics Arena. The four-day competition will feature 14 medal events and play host to 180 gymnasts from around Europe.

The National Gymnastics Arena is located in close proximity to the Athletes' Village. During the Baku 2015 European Games, it will host events in five of the Gymnastics disciplines at once.

Gymnastics – Rhythmic – National Gymnastics Arena

93 athletes

3 days of competition

8 medal events

Competition starts: 17 June

Athletes will have the opportunity to compete in both team and individual events throughout the three-day competition as they work with the ribbon, clubs, ball and hoop at Baku's National Gymnastics Arena. The competition will see 92 women compete in eight medal events.

The Arena is primarily assigned to host competitions in different gymnastics disciplines and it has the ability to stretch from 5,000 to 9,600 seats, depending on the scale and a nature of the event it hosts.

Gymnastics – Trampoline – National Gymnastics Arena

53 athletes

3 days of competition

4 medal events

Competition starts: 17 June

Trampoline gymnasts will be set to impress with their aerial skills over the three days of competition at the National Gymnastics Arena. The high-energy discipline will feature 53 athletes from around Europe competing for medals in the men's and women's individual and synchronised events.

All VIP and functional room hospitality spaces are located between these two levels. While hosting large-scale international competitions, it has the ability to meet the requirements for international media and sponsors expected of today's world class sporting venues, including interview rooms, media control centre, sponsor rooms and media press rooms

Judo – Heydar Aliyev Arena

366 athletes

18 days of competition

4 medal events

Competition starts: 25 June

More than 350 judokas will compete over four days of individual and team bouts in men's and women's competition. In a first for a major multi-sport continental event, Blind Judo will also be

contested with medals in the men's over 90-kilogramme category and in the women's under 57-kilogramme category.

The Heydar Aliyev Arena is part of the City Cluster venues and is located on Tbilisi Avenue in the centre of Baku. Named after the former President of Azerbaijan, the venue was opened in 1990 and has held over 30 sporting events in that time. The venue will receive extensive upgrades before the European Games and will host 7,800 spectators for the Wrestling and Judo competitions.

Karate – Crystal Hall

96 athletes

2 days of competition

12 medal events

Competition starts: 13 June

The Karate competition will take place over two days on 13–14 June and feature a total of 12 medal events; 10 in individual kumite and two in individual kata. Europe's best performing athletes - 48 men and 48 women - will showcase their talents on the strikingly beautiful tatami of Crystal Hall. The Karate competition will be held at Crystal Hall, which was built to host the Eurovision Contest in 2012. Crystal Hall is located in the center of the iconic Flag Square Cluster on a dramatic peninsula jutting out into the Bay of Baku in the Caspian Sea. Crystal Hall 3 will be located in the area to the east of the main hall.

Sambo – Heydar Aliyev Arena

77 athletes

1 day of competition

8 medal events

Competition starts: 22 June

The Sambo competition at the Baku 2015 European Games will be held on 22 June at the Heydar Aliyev Arena in Baku. The competition will consist of eight medal events. A total of 77 athletes, including 41 men and 36 women, may take part in the Sambo competition.

The field of play for the Sambo competition at Heydar Aliyev Arena will consist of a platform, 0.8m in height and with a special Sambo sponge-floor surface. The venue first opened in 1990 and since then has held over 30 international events in several sports.

Shooting – Baku Shooting Centre

330 athletes

7 days of competition

19 medal events

Competition starts: 16 June

There will be seven days of competition for the estimated 330 male and female athletes. Medal hopefuls will have opportunities at 19 individual and team events covering pistol, rifle and shotgun firearms. Expect high tension when competition begins as a grand total of 15 Olympic places for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games will be awarded to the winners of the individual events.

The Baku Shooting Centre is a brand-new purpose built shooting facility for the Baku 2015 European Games, and will form part of the lasting legacy left by Baku 2015. This new facility is due for completion in December 2014.

Table Tennis – Baku Sports Hall

128 athletes

7 days of competition

4 medal events

Competition starts: 13 June

The seven days of action will see a total of 128 athletes competing. Men's and women's singles and team matches will culminate in four exciting medal events. The gold medal winners in the individual events will secure a place at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, so expect fierce competition in the pursuit of first place.

The Baku Sports Hall is an existing venue that will receive a permanent upgrade for the Baku 2015 European Games. Located close to Baku Boulevard, this City Cluster venue will have a capacity of 1,700 at Games time for spectators to enjoy the Table Tennis and Badminton competitions.

Taekwondo – Crystal Hall

128 athletes

4 days of competition

8 medal events

Competition starts: 16 June

Competition in the Crystal Hall will be held over four days and will include four weight categories for both men and women, resulting in a total of eight medal events. Approximately 128 athletes will compete, and there will be vital ranking points available as fighters seek qualification for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

This multipurpose venue was originally built for the Eurovision Song Contest in 2012 and will receive an additional upgrade ahead of Baku 2015. The Crystal Hall will host five sports during the European Games.

Triathlon – Bilgah Beach

130 athletes

2 days of competition

2 medal events

Competition starts: 13 June

The ultimate test of determination and desire, Triathlon will see competitors swim, cycle and run their way through Baku to glory. With 130 participants in the men's and women's events, the competition will be fierce, especially as the gold medal winners will gain their NOC direct qualification for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

The two-day competition will take place at the Bilgah Beach, located just north of the Baku city centre. The Bilgah Beach is one of Baku's most beautiful and exclusive seaside resorts, popular among both the local population and foreign guests.

Volleyball – Crystal Hall

336 athletes

16 days of competition

2 medal events

Competition starts: 13 June

The discipline consists of two medal events, with 12 teams competing in both the men's and women's tournaments, and will take place at the seafront Crystal Hall. Crucial ranking points will be available for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

This multipurpose venue was originally built for the Eurovision Song Contest in 2012 and will receive an additional upgrade ahead of Baku 2015. The Crystal Hall will host five sports during the European Games.

Wrestling – Heydar Aliyev Arena

480 athletes

6 days of competition

24 medal events

Competition starts: 13 June

The most popular combat sport in Azerbaijan, Wrestling will be a highlight of the European Games and will be fought in front of a capacity crowd of 7,800 spectators in the Heydar Aliyev Arena. A grand total of 18 weight categories ensures a busy competition agenda, with several medal events being held on each of the six days of wrestling action. Competition in both freestyle and Greco-Roman events will give 400 athletes the chance to claim the title of European champion in front of a passionate crowd.

The venue was opened in 1990 and has held over 30 sporting events in that time. The venue will receive extensive upgrades before the European Games and will host 7,800 spectators.

Athletes Village

- 1,042 Village apartments
- 7,351 beds
- 80,000 kg of food served
- One of the largest kitchens in Europe

Transport

- Over 500 taxis and sedans
- 330 coaches
- 1,970 drivers, driving more than 12 million km
- A Games Route Network of 47 km
- Over 20 major transport infrastructure projects

Human Legacy

- Estimated 1,600 Games-time workforce
- Currently 1,356 BEGOC members of staff (including 431 internationals)
- Diverse workforce – 43 different nationalities currently employed, from five continents
- 20,000 contractors have been hired to prepare Baku for hosting the Games
- Significant international senior level expertise in delivering Olympics, Winter Olympics and major global sporting events
- Currently over 800 Azerbaijani BEGOC staff
- Transfer of Knowledge Programme from international to local staff
- Games Academy Programme ensuring local legacy for future events
- 188 Games Academy graduates - 162 Azerbaijani and 26 from around Europe-

Ceremonies

- The Opening Ceremony will be a celebration of traditional Azerbaijani culture that will reflect the host city's role in modern Europe
- Dimitris Papaioannou, Artistic Director of the Opening Ceremony, highly regarded for his spectacular work of the Athens 2004 Olympic Games ceremonies
- A cast of over 6,000 involved in the Opening and Closing Ceremonies
- Global leading production company FiveCurrents will create the opening and closing ceremonies

Sponsors

- 7 Official Partners announced: AZAL, BP, Coca-Cola, Nar Mobile, P&G, SOCAR, Tissot
- 8 Official Supporters announced: Azersun Holding, Bazarstore, McDonald's, NAZ, Tickethour, Sitecore, Milla and Motorola Solutions

Broadcasters

- International Sports Broadcasting (ISB) is the Host Broadcasting Agency
- Broadcast deals signed with TV stations for 51 countries to date, with more announcements to be made in the coming weeks
- 800 hours of planned broadcasting
- Approximately 750 media agencies will show highlights of the Games

Games Statistics

Dates of the Games	12 – 28 June 2015
European Olympic Committees	50
Sports	
Sports	20
Rio 2016 Olympic qualification sports	12 (Archery, Athletics, Boxing, Judo, Cycling, Shooting, Swimming, Table Tennis, Taekwondo, Triathlon, Volleyball, Wrestling)
Medal events	253
Competition days	17
Approximate Athletes	6,076
Approximate Team Officials	3,038
Approximate International Technical Officials	1,000
Approximate National Technical Officials	650
Venues	
Venue clusters	4 (Flag Square, City, Village, Western venues)
Competition Venues	18
Permanent Venues	12 (5 new builds – National Gymnastics Arena, BMX Velopark, Baku Aquatics Centre, Baku Shooting Centre, National Stadium)
Temporary Venues	6 (Water Polo Arena, Beach Arena, Basketball Arena, Mountain Bike Velopark, Triathlon, Cycling road race and time trial)
Non-Competition Venues	32
Training Venues	10
Communications	
Host Broadcaster	International Sports Broadcasting (ISB)
Anticipated hours of broadcast coverage	800



Baku 2015
1st EUROPEAN GAMES

Approximate spectators	1 million
Approximate press	750
Accommodation/ Arrivals and Departures	
Approximate hotel nights	110,000
Planned air travel network (at Games time)	54 airports, 54 cities and 22 countries
Transport	
Games fleet	871 cars and coaches, and approximately 1970 drivers
Athletes Village	
Average size of 3-bedroom apartment	190m ²
Average size of bedroom	22m ²
Residence blocks	13
Number of bedrooms	3,755
Media Village	
Residence blocks	4
Number of bedrooms	1,464



Baku 2015
1ST EUROPEAN GAMES

TAEKWONDO

Games-time Guide



DISCLAIMER

All information in this guide was correct at the time of going to press. Changes to schedules, procedures, facilities and services, along with any other essential updates, will be communicated to teams by competition management if required. Changes to the competition schedule will also appear on the Games-time Website, while any changes to the training schedule will be communicated by the Sport Information Centre in the Athletes Village.

Welcome

The Baku 2015 European Games will welcome around 6,000 athletes, 3,000 supporting team officials and 1,600 technical officials from across Europe to participate in elite-level sport competition.

We aim to provide all participants with optimal conditions so that they are able to perform at their best. This guide will help with those preparations and Games-time operations as it provides key information including the relevant competition rules and format, medal events, competition schedule and key dates. Each audience – athletes, team officials and technical officials – also has their own dedicated section within the guide that includes the information that is relevant to them.

The guide also includes details of the relevant venue, medical, anti-doping, training and competition related services, as well as the key policies and procedures that will be in place during the Games for each client group.

We hope that this guide helps with your planning in the weeks remaining before the European Games. Hard copies of this Games-time Guide will be provided to each client group upon arrival in Baku.

We look forward to welcoming you to Baku for 17 days of competition that puts sport first and sets a tradition for the European Games that follow.

CONTENTS

General Information

Key dates	10
BEGOC Competition Management	10
European Taekwondo Union (ETU) Officials	11
International Technical Officials (ITOs)	11
National Technical Officials (NTOs)	13
Medal events	14
Competition format	14
Competition rules	15
Duration and scoring	15
Appeals and Protests	16
Clothing and equipment	16
Bib number	17
European Games Rules on Advertising, Demonstrations and Propaganda	17
Late Athlete Replacement Policy	19
Doping Control	22
Sport Information	23
Competition schedule	24

Competition Venue Information

Key information	28
Venue access	28
Field of play	28
Venue services and facilities	28

Athletes' Information

FAQs	34
Baku 2015 Villages	38
Athlete Welcome Ceremony	44
Opening and Closing Ceremonies	44
Ticketing	45

Team Leaders' Information

Pre-competition procedures	48
Checking and confirmation of EGRIS output C38	48
Athlete headshots	48
Head of Team Meeting	48
Draw of lots	49
Coach familiarisation	49
Weigh-in	49
Competition Procedures	50
Warm-up and call to contest/PSS distribution	50
NOC filming policy	50
Post-competition procedures	51
Doping control	51
Broadcast Mixed Zone and I-Zone	51
Results distribution	52
Medal ceremonies	52

Training Information

Key information	56
Training venue facilities and services	56
Allocation of training sessions	56
Media access	57

Technical Officials' Information

Arrivals and departures	60
Accommodation	60
Insurance	60
Per diems	61
Distribution of Ceremonies tickets	61
Uniform collection	61
Transport	62
Venue access for Technical Officials	63
Pre-competition Procedures	63
Referee meeting and training	63
Dress Rehearsal	63
Head of Team meeting	63
Weigh-in	64
Competition procedures	64
Key timings	64
Technical Officials' Lounge	64
Post-competition procedures	64
ITO technical debrief	64
Certificates	64

The Games and Baku

Accreditation	66
Transport	69
Security	71
Baku 2015 European Games overview	75
Baku, and the history of the city	77
Useful information	82

General Information



Taekwondo Competition: General Information

The Taekwondo competition at the Baku 2015 European Games will be held from 16 June to 19 June 2015 at Crystal Hall 3 in Baku.

A total of 128 athletes, 64 men and 64 women, will take part in the Taekwondo competition.

Key dates

Date	Event
1 May 2015	Sport Entries submission deadline (by 23:59, CET)
8 June 2015	Official opening of the Athletes Village
12 June 2015	Opening Ceremony
12 June 2015	Start of official training
14 June 2015	Technical Meeting and draw of lots
16 June 2015	Taekwondo competition starts
19 June 2015	Taekwondo competition ends
28 June 2015	Closing Ceremony
1 July 2015	Official closing of the Athletes Village

BEGOC competition management

Position	Name
Competition Manager	Kenneth Schunken
Sport Specialist	Leyla Rzayeva
Technical Operations Manager	Benjamin Gunter

European Taekwondo Union (ETU) Officials

Position	Name	Country Code
President	Sakis Pragalos	GRE
Secretary-General	Michael Fysentzidis	GRE
Technical Delegate	Philippe Bouedo	FRA

International Technical Officials (ITOs)

Position	Name	Country Code
Referee Chairman	Chakir Chelbat	SWE
Competition Supervisory Board	Roger Piarulli	FRA
Competition Supervisory Board	Jesus Castellanos	ESP
Competition Supervisory Board	Park Soo-Nam	GER
Competition Supervisory Board	Michel Madar	ISR
Competition Supervisory Board	Angelo Cito	ITA
Competition Supervisory Board	Ali Sagirkaya	TUR
Technical Official	Chris Pragalos	GRE
Technical Official	Georgia Gkatsi	GRE
Technical Official	Ioannis Theodorakis	GRE
International Referee	Ramin Rey	AUT
International Referee	Fereydoun Ebrahimpour Namini	AUT
International Referee	Shojaie Aliabadi	AUT
International Referee	Oh Kwang Cheol	AZE
International Referee	Elshad Mamadov	AZE
International Referee	Elshan Guliyev	AZE
International Referee	Ramal Jamalov	AZE
International Referee	Abdelhak Chbib	BEL

International Referee	Ksenia Choucha	BLR
International Referee	Iliya Dimitrov	BUL
International Referee	Maja Cetkovic	CRO
International Referee	Panikos Loizou	CYP
International Referee	Abilio Granero Freire	ESP
International Referee	Francisco Venzala Lopez	ESP
International Referee	Kari Sirvio	FIN
International Referee	Serge Sembona	FRA
International Referee	Chris Codling	GBR
International Referee	Maria Merkouri	GEO
International Referee	Abdullah Unlubay	GER
International Referee	Kostas Kaloudis	GRE
International Referee	Antonia Sotiriadou	GRE
International Referee	Tamas Lanyi	HUN
International Referee	Hlynur Gissurarson	ICE
International Referee	Erika Martin	IRL
International Referee	Tamara Fastag	ISR
International Referee	Nicoletta Marinosci	ITA
International Referee	Maria Chiappelli	ITA
International Referee	Argoubi Mohammed	NED
International Referee	Terje Choi Førsund	NOR
International Referee	Katarzyna Rejent	POL
International Referee	Nuno Ricardo Vazquez Grossmann	POR
International Referee	Carmen Florica Popa	ROM
International Referee	Georgeta Matei	ROM
International Referee	Elizaveta Tarasevich	RUS
International Referee	Jasna Golubic	SLO

International Referee	Predrag Tesovic	SRB
International Referee	Fouad Atie Mohamed	SWE
International Referee	Anders Berg	SWE
International Referee	Walid Nazmy Younes	SUI
International Referee	Fatih Catikkas	TUR

National Technical Officials (NTOs)

Position	Name
National Technical Official	Sadiq Ağayev
National Technical Official	Samir Aydınov
National Technical Official	Vurğun Cəfərov
National Technical Official	Elmir Fərəcov
National Technical Official	Bəhrüz Fətəliyev
National Technical Official	Ramil Həsənov
National Technical Official	Vüqar Məcidov
National Technical Official	Rəşad Məmmədov
National Technical Official	Müqabil Məmmədov
National Technical Official	Rafiq Məmmədov
National Technical Official	Sadiq Rüstəmov
National Technical Official	Fərid Tağızadə
National Technical Official	Elməddin Vəliyev
National Technical Official	Günay Zeynalova

Medal events

The competition will consist of eight medal events, summarised below:

Medal events (8)	
Men (4)	Women (4)
Under 58kg	Under 49kg
Under 68kg	Under 57kg
Under 80kg	Under 67kg
Over 80kg	Over 67kg

Competition format

The Taekwondo competition at the European Games shall be conducted in a single elimination tournament system, with a repêchage for the bronze medal contest. The winner of the final contest will receive a gold medal and the loser will receive a silver medal.

The repêchage shall be conducted among all contestants who lost to the two finalists in the elimination phase. In the repêchage, those who lose at the semi-finals during the elimination phase will be seeded directly to each of the repêchage finals, but on the opposite sides of the bracket. Other losers will advance to the repêchage unseeded, at the same side of the bracket, in which they competed during the elimination phase. The two winners of the repêchage finals (bronze medal contests) will each receive a bronze medal.

Athletes who have been disqualified from the tournament based on a disciplinary decision from the Competition Supervisory Board cannot advance to the repêchage.

Official standing of each division shall be as follows:

- The first place winner (a gold medallist) is the winner of the final contest
- The second place winner (a silver medallist) is an athlete who loses the final contest
- The third place winners (bronze medallists) are winners of the repêchage final (the bronze medal contest)
- The fifth place winners are athletes who lose to bronze medallists at the repêchage final (the bronze medal contest)

- The seventh place winners: losers to the fifth-placed contestants at the repêchage
- The ninth place winners: quarter-finalists who fail to advance either to semi-finals or repêchage
- The eleventh place winners: contestants who lost at the preliminary phase and fail to advance to repêchage
- Next positions after the eleventh place are allocated to athletes who have not passed weigh-in or have been disqualified from the tournament.

Competition rules

The Taekwondo competition will be held in accordance with the current edition of the following document that is in force at the time of the Games:

- World Taekwondo Federation (WTF) Competition Rules and Interpretation, effective as of 1 January 2015, available at: www.worldtaekwondofederation.net/

Duration and scoring

According to the WTF Competition Rules and Interpretation, the Taekwondo competition will consist of three rounds, each of two minutes in duration, with a one-minute break in between.

In the event of a tied score after three rounds, a fourth round of two minutes, also known as the golden point round, will be conducted after a minute of rest following the third round. Any points, be it Gam-jeom or Kyong-go, from the previous three rounds shall not be taken into consideration in the golden point round.

When a contestant scores the first point in the golden point round, he or she shall be declared the winner. When an athlete receives a Gam-jeom in the golden point round, the opponent shall be declared as the winner.

In the event that neither contestant has scored a point after the completion of the fourth round, the winner shall be decided by superiority based the following criteria:

1. The contestant who achieved a higher number of hits registered by the PSS during the fourth round.
2. If number of hits registered by the PSS is tied, the contestant who received less numbers of a Kyong-go and Gam-jeom (=2 Kyong-gos) during all four rounds

3. If the two above criteria are the same, the referee and judges shall determine superiority based on the content of the 4th round.
4. If the superiority decision is tied among the referee and judges, the referee shall decide the winner.

Two scoring systems - the Protector and Scoring System and Instant Video Replay - were first introduced at the London 2012 Olympic Games. At Baku 2015, both systems will be used to ensure fair and transparent competition during the Taekwondo events. In addition, electronic head gear will be used during the European Games.

The Protective Scoring System (PSS) used during competition will be provided by Daedo International.

Appeals and Protests

In the case of an objection to a judgment of the refereeing officials during the contest, the coach of a team can make a request to the centre referee for an immediate review of the video replay. The coach can only request video review for penalties against the opponent for instances of falling down or crossing the boundary line. The decision of the review jury is final; no further appeals during or after the contest will be accepted.

For the Taekwondo competition at the European Games, one appeal quota will be given to a coach of each athlete. This quota will be reset before medal matches. One appeal quota will also be given to the coach of each athlete that has advanced to medal matches, which include both gold and bronze medal contests.

Clothing and equipment

Clothing and equipment used by athletes and other participants in the Taekwondo competition must comply with the following documents:

- World Taekwondo Federation (WTF) Competition Rules and Interpretation, effective as of 1 January 2015
- European Games Rules on Advertising, Demonstrations and Propaganda

Each athlete must have their NOC code printed on the back of their competition dobok(s) which fall within the following guidelines:

- Three-letter NOC code
- Printing to be in black, bold Veranda font
- Must be printed within the dimensions of 30cm x 12cm
- Located 5cm or higher from the bottom line of the upper garment

Please note that printing will not be provided by Baku 2015 and must be done in advance by NOCs.

Bib number

Each contestant will be assigned a unique bib number. In the Athletes Village, there will be facilities to have the bib numbers attached to an athlete's competition dobok(s). The athletes and/or team leader must visit the Sport Information Centre (SIC) in the Athletes Village to get this arranged on 13 June 2015 (times to be communicated at a later date).

European Games Rules on Advertising, Demonstrations and Propaganda

The following Rules for the European Games are based on Rule 50 of the Olympic Charter.

- 1 The European Olympic Committees (EOC) determine the principles and conditions under which any form of advertising or other publicity may be authorised.
- 2 No form of advertising or other publicity shall be allowed in and above the stadia, venues and other competition areas which are considered as part of the European Games sites other than that relating to the contractual rights of the marketing partners of the Baku 2015 European Games.
- 3 No kind of demonstration of political, religious or racial propaganda is permitted in any of the European Games sites, venues or other areas.
- 4 These rules and any other manuals, guides, guidelines or any other instructions issued by the EOC Executive Committee apply to all persons holding accreditation for the Games and are a pre-condition to the ongoing validity of that accreditation.

Manufacturer's Identification on Equipment and Clothing

Definition: Manufacturer's Identification means the normal display of the name, designation, trademark or logo. The Manufacturer's Identification can only appear once on each piece. **The standard graphic elements recognised by the WFSGL, e.g. adidas' three stripes may also be used within reason and subject to prior written agreement. Other identifications such as 'Goretex' and 'Dryfit' may also be used within**

reason subject to prior written agreement. The size of these may not be larger than the Manufacturer's Identification.

All approvals must be requested via brand.approvals@baku2015.com.

1 Other than the Manufacturer's Identification, produced according to the size guidelines shown below, and the standard graphic elements no form of publicity or propaganda, commercial or otherwise, may appear on persons or on any article of clothing or equipment worn or used by the athletes or other participants in the Baku 2015 European Games. It also includes, but is not limited to, for example, any form of body art, jewellery or contact lenses.

1.1 Equipment: any Manufacturer's Identification used cannot take up more than 10% of the surface area of the equipment visible during competition up to a maximum size of 60cm². **Exceptions may apply, subject to prior written agreement (brand.approvals@baku2015.com).**

1.2 Headgear and gloves: the maximum size of the Manufacturer's Identification allowed on any form of headgear and on gloves is 6cm². Headgear includes, but is not limited to, hats, helmets, sunglasses and goggles.

1.3 Clothing (e.g. **NOC uniforms**, competition clothing, tracksuits, T-shirts, shorts, sweat tops and sweat pants): the maximum size allowed for any Manufacturer's Identification on clothing is 20cm². There is one exception:

Where a one piece body suit is worn in competition, two Manufacturer's Identifications may be included – one above the waist and one below. These Identifications must not be placed next to each other.

1.4 Shoes: the normal distinctive design pattern of the manufacturer may appear on shoes. The manufacturer's name and/or logo may also appear, up to a maximum size of 6cm², either as part of the normal distinctive design pattern or separate to it.

1.5 Technical gear: the maximum size of the Manufacturer's Identification on all technical gear, installations and other apparatus, which are neither worn nor used by athletes or other participants (for example, timing equipment and scoreboards), may be no larger than 1/10th of the height of the piece in question up to a maximum of 10cm high.

1.6 In case of special rules adopted by an International Sports Federation, exceptions to the rules mentioned above may be approved by the EOC Executive Committee.

Any violation of these rules may result in disqualification or withdrawal of the accreditation of the person concerned. The decisions of the EOC Executive Committee regarding this matter shall be final.

NOC Uniforms

The official uniforms of the NOCs may include:

- symbols of the country (name of the country, national flag, emblem, etc.)
- emblem of the NOC
- logo of the Baku 2015 European Games
- emblem of the respective National Sport Federations (on competition kit only where permitted by the NOC)

The NOCs are requested to bring a sample of the competition uniform to the first Technical meeting of each sport for final check in order to avoid any problems on the field of play.

NOCs should seek prior written approval from BEGOC for their uniforms before production begins. Pictures featuring the branding should be sent to (brand.approvals@baku2015.com) for review and official approval.

Athlete Conduct

During the European Games athletes' ongoing accreditation is conditional upon them not:

- Taking any sport equipment and/or national flag onto the podium during a Medal Ceremony;
- Making any kind of demonstration or promote political, religious or racial propaganda in any European Games venue or associated areas during the period of the Games.

Late Athlete Replacement Policy

The deadline for sport entries of participating athletes in the Baku 2015 European Games is 1 May 2015.

However, where urgent medical problems arise, or in other exceptional circumstances that are assessed on a case-by-case basis, the European Olympic Committee (EOC) may permit the permanent replacement of one athlete by another only in the same sport, discipline and event. During the European Games, it is the policy of the EOC that P accreditations are not available.

Replacement of an athlete can only occur after consultation with the relevant European Federation (EF) and, when deemed necessary by the EOC, an EOC medical expert.

The replacement of athletes due to medical reasons after 1 May 2015 and up to 2 hours prior to the Sport Technical Meeting, or weight draw as appropriate, is possible providing:

1. The replacement athlete is entitled, and qualified, to take part in the European Games as stipulated in the Qualification systems, published in 2014 and regularly updated by the EOC and Baku European Games Operation Committee (BEGOC).
2. No doping control issues are pending concerning the replacement athlete.
3. The National Olympic Committee (NOC) of the replacement athlete had applied for accreditation for the athlete prior to the application for accreditation deadline on 12 March 2015.

The non-medical replacement of athletes is possible after 1 May 2015 and up to 24 hours prior to the Sport Technical Meeting, or weight draw as appropriate. **NB: The deadlines for medical and non-medical replacements are different.** For non-medical replacements, in order to keep changes to a manageable level and to support a sustainable level of resourcing within the BEGOC Sport Entries team, a limit on changes to an NOC's delegation has been put in place.

Each NOC shall be allocated a quota for non-medical replacements based upon the NOC overall number of athletes:

Number of athletes	Quota for non-medical LAR
From 1-10	1

Number of athletes	Quota for non-medical LAR
From 11-20	2
From 21-50	5
From 51-100	5
From 101-150	15
From 151-200	20
201+	30

Following confirmation from the BEGOC Sport Entries team that the submission procedure has been correctly completed the application for Late Athlete Replacement shall be approved by:

- Technical Delegate for the relevant sport or discipline, on behalf of the European Federation
- Designated representative of the EOC.

The following additional procedures must also be carried out in order for one athlete to be replaced by another:

- a) The relevant NOC must fill out an Official Athlete Replacement Form for the athlete being replaced and the replacement athlete.
- b) The relevant NOC must add the new athlete's details to the Eligibility Conditions Form which they already hold and, when required, the Sport Entry Form for the replacement athlete.
- c) The accreditation card of the replaced athlete must be withdrawn.

Following the athlete replacement, the accreditation card of the replaced athlete shall be cancelled. Procedures relating to the replaced accreditation card will be released in due course.

Once a replacement athlete has been approved, that individual athlete cannot be replaced for non-medical reasons.

All documentation and queries regarding this matter should be sent by email or submitted in person to the BEGOC Sport Entries department, at: Athletes Village – Sport Entries and Sport Information Centre
Email: entries@baku2015.com

The BEGOC Sport Entries Office will forward all received queries to the

BEGOC Accreditation team and to the EOC accordingly.

Effective

For Non-Medical replacements – from 1 May 2015 until up to 24 hours prior to the Sport Technical Meeting, or weight draw as applicable for that event.

For Medical replacements – from 1 May 2015 until up to 2 hours prior to the Sport Technical Meeting, or weight draw as applicable for that event.

This policy is not applicable to athlete nominative disciplines (Badminton, Women's Boxing, Fencing for individually qualified athletes, Judo, Karate, Taekwondo, Table Tennis for individually qualified athletes). In the case of an injury and for disciplines where the quota place is allocated to an athlete by name the quota place will be reallocated. The common deadline for such reallocations is 1 June 2015.

Waiver

The above-noted policy is subject to further change by the EOC for exceptional circumstances.

Doping control

BEGOC is committed to delivering a world-class doping control programme during the Baku 2015 European Games. Under the authority and direction of the EOC, the BEGOC doping control programme will ensure the integrity of sport is upheld and protect the rights and health of the athletes.

The EOC Medical & Anti-Doping Commission is responsible for determining in advance the distribution and number of doping controls to be carried out throughout the Games period, from 8 June to 28 June 2015, and during this period athletes from all sports will be eligible for urine and blood testing. The EOC has the authority to test athletes for substances and doping methods prohibited by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) anytime and anywhere during in-competition and pre-competition. All sample analysis will be performed in a WADA-accredited laboratory established for the Games.

The selection of the athletes may be targeted at random or based on the athlete's final position in competition. BEGOC has appointed PWC Global Service GmbH & Co. KG as the delivery partner for the doping control

programme. As delivery partner, it will be responsible for sample collection, analysis and secure chain of custody.

Full details on the doping control programme and procedures at the European Games are available in the Baku 2015 Medical, Anti-doping and Pharmacy Guide, which can be downloaded from the e-Qəzet. Printed copies of the guide will be distributed at the EOC Medical Commission meeting on 11 June. If medical staff arrive later than 11 June, copies of the guide can be collected at the Polyclinic.

Sport information

Sport Information Desks (SIDs) are located at all competition venues and at the Sport Information Centre (SIC) in the Athletes Village. The desks will provide a variety of services to NOCs, as follows:

- The dissemination of general sport information.
- The distribution of start lists, draw lists and results.
- Training schedule information for open and pre-allocated training.
- Sign up for bookable training sessions (SIC only).
- Sport-specific requirements (e.g., forms submitted for several sports in relation to uniform checks or music submission).
- Lost and found (SIDs at competition venues only).

The SIC will be located on level two of the Administration Centre, next to the NOC Services Centre, in the Athletes Village. The opening hours are as follows:

SIC opening hours	
Period	Hours of operation
Pre-opening (3-7 June 2015)	07:30-20:00
Official opening period (8-28 June 2015)	07:00-22:00
Official closing (29 June-1 July 2015)	07:00-18:00

The SID operating hours at Crystal Hall 3 are as follows:

Sport Information Desk operating hours	
Period	Hours of operation
16-19 June 2015	07:30 - 23:00

Competition schedule

During the Games, there may be delays, postponements or cancellations of competition. Should this occur, NOCs will be informed of the revised competition schedule through the Sport Information Centre (SIC) at the Athletes Village and the Sport Information Desk (SIDs) at the competition venue. For details on both see page 24. Changes will also appear on the Games-time Website at www.baku2015.com.

16 June 2015 - Day 4, Crystal Hall 3		
09:00 - 13:00	TK01	Women -49kg Preliminary Round
		Men -58kg Preliminary Round
15:00 - 18:00	TK02	Women -49kg Quarter-finals
		Men -58kg Quarter-finals
		Women -49kg Semi-finals
		Men -58kg Semi-finals
20:00 - 23:15	TK03	Women -49kg Repechage
		Men -58kg Repechage
		Women -49kg Bronze Medal Finals
		Men -58kg Bronze Medal Finals
		Women -49kg Gold Medal Final
		Men -58kg Gold Medal Final
		Men -58kg Medal Ceremony
		Women -49kg Medal Ceremony

17 June 2015 - Day 5, Crystal Hall 3

09:00 - 13:00	TK04	Women -57kg Preliminary Round
		Men -68kg Preliminary Round
15:00 - 18:00	TK05	Women -57kg Quarter-finals
		Men -68kg Quarter-finals
		Women -57kg Semi-finals
		Men -68kg Semi-finals
20:00 - 23:15	TK06	Women -57kg Repechage
		Men -68kg Repechage
		Women -57kg Bronze Medal Finals
		Men -68kg Bronze Medal Finals
		Women -57kg Gold Medal Final
		Men -68kg Gold Medal Final
		Men -68kg Medal Ceremony
		Women -57kg Medal Ceremony

18 June 2015 - Day 6, Crystal Hall 3

09:00 - 13:00	TK07	Women -67kg Preliminary Round
		Men -80kg Preliminary Round
15:00 - 18:00	TK08	Women -67kg Quarter-finals
		Men -80kg Quarter-finals
		Women -67kg Semi-finals
		Men -80kg Semi-finals
20:00 - 23:15	TK09	Women -67kg Repechage
		Men -80kg Repechage
		Women -67kg Bronze Medal Finals
		Men -80kg Bronze Medal Finals
		Women -67kg Gold Medal Final
		Men -80kg Gold Medal Final
		Men -80kg Medal Ceremony
		Women -67kg Medal Ceremony

19 June 2015 - Day 7, Crystal Hall 3

09:00 - 13:00	TK10	Women +67kg Preliminary Round
		Men +80kg Preliminary Round
15:00 - 18:00	TK11	Women +67kg Quarter-finals
		Men +80kg Quarter-finals
		Women +67kg Semi-finals
		Men +80kg Semi-finals
20:00 - 23:15	TK12	Women +67kg Repechage
		Men +80kg Repechage
		Women +67kg Bronze Medal Finals
		Men +80kg Bronze Medal Finals
		Women +67kg Gold Medal Final
		Men +80kg Gold Medal Final
		Men +80kg Medal Ceremony
		Women +67kg Medal Ceremony

Competition Venue Information



Competition Venue information

The Taekwondo competition will be held at Crystal Hall, which was built to host the Eurovision Contest in 2012. Crystal Hall is located in the centre of the iconic Flag Square Cluster on a dramatic peninsula jutting out into the Bay of Baku in the Caspian Sea.

Crystal Hall 3 will be located in the area to the east of the main hall. Along with the Taekwondo competition, the venue will host the Karate and Fencing competitions at Baku 2015.

Key information

Crystal Hall 3
Agil Guliyev Street,
Sabail,
AZ1003,
Baku

Venue access

The athletes transport system (T-A) will transport athletes and officials to the Crystal Hall 3 load zone, next to the athletes' entrance at the venue. The T-A system will pick up athletes and team officials from the same location.

Field of play

The field of play for the Taekwondo competition will contain one elevated square competition court of 11.2m x 11.2m with an octagonal shape inside with dimensions of 8m. The competition area and all the equipment will be presented in accordance with regulations set forth by the WTF.

Venue facilities and services

Athletes' Lounge

A lounge for athletes and their support staff is located on level 1, close to the athletes' entrance and is available for athletes on days they are competing. The lounge contains sofas, tables and chairs, a TV with live coverage of Taekwondo when available, Wi-Fi, an athlete refreshment station, and the SID (see page 24).

The Athletes' Lounge will be open during operational hours that athletes and officials are present at the venue for competition and official training. The Athletes' Lounge will open from 07:30 – 23:00.

Athlete refreshment station

Every competition venue will offer a refreshment station within its Athletes' Lounge, from the first day of training until the final day of competition. This service will be available from 90 minutes before the competition session begins until one hour after the end of the session. All beverages and snacks will be self-served with the station monitored and replenished by catering staff periodically.

The refreshment station will include the below as standard:

- Tea and coffee
- Whole fruit (bananas, apples and oranges)
- Quality Biscuit (packaged)
- Granola Bar (e.g., Nutrigrain bar or similar)
- Still water (chilled and ambient) – 500ml
- Soft drinks (Coke, Coke Zero, Sprite, Fanta) – 500ml
- Sports drinks (varieties) – 500ml

Fasting athletes

Provision has been made during Ramadan for athletes and officials who are fasting. Fasting packs will consist of dates, a baguette, a piece of fruit, an energy bar and water. They will be made available for athletes that will be away from the Village or venue during fasting time and can be collected from the Athletes Lounge on venue (available on demand).

Athlete Venue Meals (AVMs)

AVMs will be available for athletes and officials who will be away from the Athletes Village for an extended period of time due to competition. These meals consist of freshly made products and are designed to meet the performance needs of athletes and team officials. AVMs will not be available for non-competing athletes..

AVMs will be available for Taekwondo athletes and officials from 16–19 June and can be collected from the Athletes' Lounge.

Broadcast Mixed Zone and I-Zone

The Broadcast Mixed Zone is located near or adjacent to the field of play. The I-Zone is located in or near the Venue Media Centre.

Call Room

The Call Room, located next to the field of play, may only be accessed by athletes via the warm-up area on days on which the athlete is competing.

In the Call Room, the PSS gear will be distributed and the final check by the international referees will be completed. For information on the call to competition, see page 50.

Doping Control Station

The Doping Control Station at Crystal Hall is located on the first floor, next to the Athletes' Lounge. For details of doping control at the Baku 2015 European Games, please see page 22.

EF facilities

Four rooms will be available for the European Taekwondo Union in the back-of-house area. Both the ETU President and Secretary General will have separate rooms on level 1, and the ETU and Technical Officials will have access to a working room and meeting room.

Language services

BEGOC Language Services Team Members (LSTM) will provide volunteer interpretation services on competition days at Crystal Hall 3 from one hour prior to competition start until one hour after the end of competition or Medal Ceremony – whichever is the latest.

The LSTMs will have a unique identifier as part of their uniform. They can be deployed on request by contacting a member of the Protocol team directly, or by requesting Language Services support from a member of Games workforce at the venue.

Languages services will be covering Azerbaijani, Bosnian, Bulgarian, Croatian, Czech, English, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Spanish and Turkish. The specific languages provided will vary by venue.

During off hours and for venues or situations where volunteer Language Services Team Members cannot be deployed, a telephone interpretation service will be available. This service will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and will offer interpretation for over 150 languages.

Please note that telephone interpretation should always be used as a last-resort if no volunteer Language Services Team Member is available and is rarely suited for emergency situations.

Lost and found

All reports of lost items at Crystal Hall should be directed to the SID. This is also the location to which all found items should be delivered.

Medical services and facilities

Medical services will be provided at competition, training and other official venues. These services will be backed up by services at the Polyclinics and the designated European Games hospitals.

Ambulances, staffed by doctors and nurses, will be stationed at competition and some non-competition venues. Emergency services and physiotherapy services for ill and injured athletes and team officials will be available at each competition venue.

Medical services will generally be available from one hour before the start of competition until one hour after competition ends. However, times vary in some venues: please check with the SID or the Venue Medical and Anti-doping Manager at the venue for details.

Athletes injured on the field of play during competition or training will be evaluated on site. If necessary, they will be retrieved from the field of play and transported to the athlete medical room, Polyclinic or hospital as appropriate. Field-of-play response will abide by EF rules.

At the competition venues, the following medical services will be provided:

- Field of play recovery teams
- Physiotherapy
- Emergency services

Full details on medical services at the European Games are available in the Baku 2015 Medical, Anti-doping and Pharmacy Guide, which can be downloaded from the e-Qəzet. Printed copies of the guide will be distributed at the EOC Medical Commission meeting on 11 June. If medical staff arrive later than 11 June, copies of the guide can be collected at the Polyclinic.

Sport Information Desk (SID)

The Taekwondo SID at Crystal Hall is located close to the athletes' entrance to Crystal Hall, in the indoor atrium. For details of the SID's opening hours and the services it will provide, please see page 24.

Technical Officials' Lounge

The ITO Lounge is located in the back-of-house area at Crystal Hall. The lounge will include a television with live feed from the field of play, internet access and tables, chairs and sofas. Light refreshments will include soft drinks, tea, coffee, water, snacks and fruit.

Warm-up area

The warm-up area contains matted areas, and is located close to the Call Room.

Venue evacuation and emergency procedures

In the unlikely event of a venue evacuation, a public announcement message will be broadcast within the venue that will provide directions. On hearing the evacuation message, client groups onsite should follow the directions of BEGOC workforce and leave the venue via the indicated routes and report to the designated evacuation assembly points. Details on the locations of the assembly points for each venue will be provided.

Weather information

For sports which are directly impacted by weather conditions, information will be made available from the Sport Information Centre in the Athletes Village, and at Sport Information Desks at the competition venues. This will include the forecast for the current day, as well as a summary forecast for up to three days in advance. The weather forecast will be regional and will be updated throughout the day as required.

Meteorological elements in June	Baku
Mean temperature (°C)	23.0
Maximum mean temperature (°C)	26.8
Minimum mean temperature (°C)	19.3
Mean wind speed (m/s)	6.5
Maximum wind speed (m/s)	32
Prevailing wind	North
Monthly precipitation (mm)	10.0

Athletes' Information



Athletes' Information

Frequently Asked Questions

Essential information and emergencies

What is the phone number to call in an emergency?

If you find yourself in an emergency situation, the number to call depends on your location at the time. For emergency services within the Athletes Village, dial the numbers listed in your welcome pack and displayed in public areas, as well as on apartment doors and internal phones. For more information on what action to take in an emergency, see page 74.

What languages are most commonly spoken?

The official language is Azerbaijani but many people also speak Russian, Turkish and/or English. The official language of the European Games will be English.

How can I access medical treatment?

There will be a Polyclinic at the Athletes Village and medical services at all competition venues. See page 31. Hospital and ambulance services will be provided free of charge for the entire Villages operational period. These services will include treatment of acute illnesses and injuries, or acute exacerbations of pre-existing illnesses and injuries.

Where can I report an item lost or found?

In the Athletes Village, all found items and reports of lost items should be delivered to the nearest Resident Centre. Items will be stored at the Resident Centre until the end of day when they will afterwards be transferred to a Resident Centre that operates on a 24-hour basis. For information on lost and found services at competition venues, see page 31.

How can I access an interpreter?

BEGOC Language Services Team Members will provide volunteer interpretation services at competition venues and the Athletes Village.

How do I make an international telephone call?

To dial abroad from Azerbaijan, dial 00, then the relevant country code and telephone number. For more on phones and dialling codes, see page 83.

Which currency is used in Azerbaijan?

The currency in Azerbaijan is the Azerbaijan New Manat (AZN). One hundred qepik equals one manat, and manat notes come in 1, 5, 10, 20, 50 and 100 denominations.

It is not possible to exchange currency into Manat in countries other than Azerbaijan so visitors will need to use the foreign exchange desk at the arrivals hall at the airport or withdraw from ATMs around the city. ATMs will be available at the Athletes Village.

Accreditation

What should I do if my European Games Identity and Accreditation Card (EGIAC) is lost, stolen or damaged?

Every lost, stolen or damaged accreditation card must be reported to the nearest accreditation facility, where it will be cancelled in the accreditation system. A new card will be issued on presentation of a request for accreditation card replacement from an NOC. For accreditation facilities, see page 66.

Transport

Which services are provided by the T-A bus system?

A range of services will be provided, including arrivals and departures and connections between training/competition venues and the Villages. For a full list of services, see page 69.

Is travel on Baku's public transport network free?

Free access to the Baku Public Transport System (metro and Games-time shuttle lines from/to the competition venues) will be granted to all NOC accredited Games participants. See also page 70.

Which side of the road should I drive on?

In Azerbaijan you must drive on the right-hand side of the road. Cycling training on any other roads within Baku and Azerbaijan will not be permitted, and NOCs are discouraged from using their competition bicycles at any locations other than Bilgah Beach, BMX Velopark, Cycling Training Venue, Freedom Square, and Mountain Bike Velopark.

The Villages

What catering facilities are available in the Villages?

A wide range of food options are available in both villages. Options at the Athletes Village include the Main Dining Hall, Best of Azerbaijan casual dining area, Super Recreation Centre cafes and the Village cafe and juice bar (see page 42 for more information on these services). At the Canoe Sprint Village, residents will have access to the Main Dining Hall (see page 43).

What leisure facilities are available in the Villages?

A whole range of leisure facilities are available to residents in both Villages. In addition to leisure facilities that include tennis courts, an outdoor 5-a-side football pitch and indoor swimming pool, there are also Recreation and Super Recreation Centres, which offer a place for residents to socialise and watch TV, or try their hand at pool, table football, table tennis, and more. For Athletes Village residents, see page 41; and for Canoe Sprint Village residents, see page 43.

Where can I find my nearest place of worship?

There is a multi-faith centre in the Athletes Village, and multi-faith rooms at the Canoe Sprint Village. For more information, see page 40.

Where can I find a bank or currency exchange?

There are ATM services and a foreign currency exchange machine in the Village Square in the Athletes Village. The same services are also available in the Canoe Sprint Village near buildings 2 and 3. For precise locations, refer to the maps in the appendices section.

There are a multitude of ATM machines around the city in Baku, most of which accept international debit and credit cards.

Sport

Are there restrictions on what I may wear during training and competition at the Games?

Restrictions on clothing and equipment are outlined in the European Games Rules on Advertising, Demonstrations and Propaganda. See page 17.

Will I be asked to undergo a doping control test?

Athletes may be selected to undergo one or more doping control tests during the period of the European Games. For guidance on the doping control test procedures, see page 51.

How can I access the training and competition schedules and the day's results?

Team officials will have access to the the Sport Information Centre (SIC) at the Athletes Village, where training schedules and other key competition information will be made available. Both athletes and officials can also access these services by visiting the Sport Information Desks (SIDs) at the competition venues. For more information on these services, see page 24. Detailed competition schedules and official results will be available on the Games-time Website at baku2015.com.

What facilities can I expect at competition and training venues?

A list of facilities for Taekwondo is provided in the Competition: Venue information and Training sections within this guide. See pages 28 and 56.

Tickets

Am I eligible for complimentary sport tickets?

If you have an accreditation in the following categories (Aa, Ao, Ac) then you can obtain two complimentary tickets per each same-sport session per day. You can use these tickets yourself or distribute them to your friends and family. Different-sport athletes and team officials will also be able to obtain two complimentary tickets per day for one different-sport session held that day. Complimentary tickets will always be the best available seats.

How can I get sport tickets for guests?

International public purchasers will be able to buy tickets through the online ticket sales channel, on the Baku 2015 official website, as well as at the city ticket outlets or venue ticket box offices during Games time.

Social media

May I tweet or blog about the Games?

BEGOC wishes to sensibly and proactively embrace social media as a valuable tool to share the excitement of the Games with spectators, supporters and the global public. There are many different ways to

use social media but BEGOC requires that all accredited persons do so thoughtfully, courteously and within the values of the Games and the EOC. The social media guidelines can be found on the iVillage.

Ceremonies

How can I learn more about the Opening and Closing Ceremonies of the Baku 2015 European Games?

The inaugural European Games will begin with the Opening Ceremony on 12 June 2015 and conclude with the Closing Ceremony on 28 June 2015. For more information on both events, please see page 44.

If I take part in a Medal Ceremony, what should I wear?

Athletes who take part in a Medal Ceremony must adhere to the regulations governing both dress and conduct outlined on page 52.

Baku 2015 Villages

Two Villages will be used in order to accommodate the athletes and team officials participating in the inaugural European Games. Care has been taken to create a home away from home in a stress-free environment that will allow athletes to maximise their performance and enjoy their Games experience.

The residential area at both Villages include bedrooms and social spaces that will provide comfortable environments for athletes and officials during their time in Azerbaijan. All menus have been developed in consultation with caterers and sport nutritionists, and will offer a diverse range of nutritious and European food options. A range of recreation and fitness facilities will be available to Village residents, as well as efficient transport services to both competition and training venues.

A directory of Village essentials for the Baku 2015 Villages has been included as part of this guide. For full details on each Village, please consult the Village maps and Resident Centres.

Village essentials

Alcohol and smoking

The Athletes Village and Canoe Sprint Village are non-smoking venues. Smoking is strictly forbidden within any buildings. A limited number of

outside smoking areas will be available throughout the Villages and will be clearly marked. Please note that the consumption of personal alcohol is restricted to private spaces. Any NOC delegation members residing in the Villages are permitted to carry up to five litres of alcohol, in sealed containers, into their residential areas.

Fasting athletes

Fasting packs will consist of dates, bread, a piece of fruit, an energy bar and water. They will be made available for athletes who will be away from the Village or venue during fasting time and can be collected from the Athletes' Lounge on venue (available on demand).

Healthcare

Emergency medical services are available throughout both Villages 24 hours a day. Each Village also contains a Polyclinic, open 07:00 to 23:00 daily and offering a variety of services to residents.

Housekeeping

Housekeeping staff will clean the communal areas of all buildings and NOC spaces on a 24-hour basis. Services will be based in the Resident Centres.

Internet access

At the Athletes Village there will be free Wi-Fi available for all residents, allowing them to access internet Wi-Fi hotspots in all apartments, Recreation Centres, NOC office spaces, Resident Centres, Media Centre, Welcome Centre and Village Café and juice bar.

Free Wi-Fi will be available in all accommodation units, NOC shared office space and Recreation Centres. There will be one hotspot at each Resident Centre at the Canoe Sprint Village.

A number of laptops will be available to residents in the Recreation Centres and Super Recreation Centres.

iVillage

An innovative alternative to the traditional Village Newspaper, iVillage is a private social media platform available in English for Village residents and a limited number of BEGOC-approved users from 8 June-1 July 2015. Village residents will have to register in order to access content. In addition to being a primary source of information for Village residents, members are invited

to interact with each other and create and share their own content, similar to popular social networking sites.

Lost and found

At the Athletes Village and Canoe Sprint Village, all items found in the Residential Zone should be taken to the closest Resident Centre, where details of the items will be documented by Resident Centre staff. The item(s) will be stored at the Resident Centre until the end of the day when (if appropriate) they will thereafter be transferred to one of the Resident Centres that operates on a 24-hour basis. NOCs wishing to reclaim lost items can visit any Resident Centre to locate their item(s).

At the Athletes Village, items found in the Village Square will be taken to the Information Desk, which will be the lost and found point for this area of the Village, and will remain there for the duration of the Games.

A resident or guest who has lost an item can go to any Resident Centre or the Information Desk in the Village Square to report the item lost.

Multi-faith Centre

The Multi-faith Centre is located on level 1 of the Administration Centre and will be available for worship and meditation to those of all faiths and those of none, and aims to provide spiritual support, encouragement and confidential advice. It will comprise several prayer rooms and a worship hall. The Chaplaincy team consists of volunteers from a variety of religions. Men and women will each have a separate Muslim Prayer Room.

Laundry

Residents may drop off their individual laundry bags between 07:00 and 23:00 at the serviced laundry facilities. All residents will receive two laundry bags – one for lights and one for colours. Laundry delivered from 07:00 to 10:00 will be available for pick-up the same day after 19:00. Laundry delivered after 10:00 will be available for collection from 10:00 the following day.

Recreation services

The Athletes Village and Canoe Sprint Village will both offer Recreation Centres and Super Recreation Centres. Recreation Centres will feature television lounges, wireless internet and laptops available on a short-term loan basis. Super Recreation Centres will have a more diverse range of activities available, including television lounges, video game console area,

pool table, table football, table tennis, board games, laptops available for short-term loans and wireless internet.

Athletes Village

The Athletes Village is located in the north-west part of Baku, a short walk from the Olympic Stadium that will host the Athletics competition and the Opening and Closing Ceremonies, as well as the National Gymnastics Arena.

Athletes and team officials will be accommodated in 13 newly constructed permanent buildings, ranging in height from 10 to 15 levels, with accommodation offered on levels 3 and higher. Please be aware that ground level equals level 1 in all buildings. The buildings contain apartments with 6-10 beds. Each apartment includes a separate social space for the residents.

A summary of key services follows.

Village Zones

The Athletes Village consists of three zones: the Residential Zone, the Village Square and the Operational Zone.

The Residential Zone will be divided into four areas: the Wave, Carpet, Pomegranate and Flame areas. Each area will have its own unique feel and will be branded to assist with wayfinding within the Village. This will also be reflected in signage and keytags for the buildings. The Residential Zone is accessible only to residents with 'R' on their Accreditation Card. It is comprised of the accommodation units, NOC administrative and medical spaces, Recreation Centres, dining facilities and the NOC Services Centre.

The Village Square is a hub of activity within the Athletes Village, and the place for residents and their guests to meet. Residents and guests can buy essential items and Games merchandise, find useful support services and visit the Village Café and juice bar. It will host the Athlete Welcome Ceremony at 18:00 on 11 June 2015.

The Operational Zone is the area providing support services for the effective operation of the Village.

Key services

Athlete fitness and sport recreation

The Athletes Village Fitness Centre, which is located on level -1 of the

Administration Centre, will contain a gymnasium with a selection of cardiovascular equipment and free weights, as well as space for stretching and warming up/down. Male and female saunas with separate changing facilities are located in close proximity to the weigh-in rooms. Changing rooms including showers will be available as part of the gymnasium.

Leisure facilities include: two outdoor tennis courts and an outdoor 5-a-side football pitch with artificial grass. Tennis rackets, tennis balls and footballs can be signed out from the Fitness Centre reception desk.

Catering services

The Main Dining Hall will offer a diverse range of nutritious and European food options. A full service will be available from 05:00 to 23:00, and a reduced food offer will be available from 23:00 to 05:00 including call order grill items, along with pizza and pasta. A nutritional kiosk will provide athletes with nutritional information and guidance on all athlete meals available within the Athletes Village during peak dining hours.

The Best of Azerbaijan, a separate casual dining facility available to residents, will showcase the flavours and cuisine of Azerbaijan (e.g. grilled kababs and salads). It will be open for lunch and dinner. It will operate from 11:00 to 23:00, with the exception of 12 June and 28 June when it will close at an earlier time although lunch will still be offered.

A small café will be available in each of the four Super Recreation Centres and will provide fresh coffee, as well as grab-and-go snack food items free to accredited residents.

Open daily from 09:00 to 21:00 and located in the Village Square, the Village café and juice bar will provide fresh made-to-order juices and smoothies, along with bean-to-cup coffee and traditional Azerbaijan tea. Light snacks, sandwiches and pastries will also be available throughout the day. This is a user-pay service that will be open to Village residents and guests.

Resident Centres

There are seven Resident Centres located within the Residential Zone of the Athletes Village. For the locations of these Resident Centres, refer to the maps in the appendices. Their primary purpose is to act as a one-stop shop for all questions and issues regarding residents' accommodation in order to cater fully to the needs of the residents. Four Resident Centres

will operate 24 hours a day and three Resident Centres will operate from 07:00 to 23:00 daily. The Resident Centres also offer ice, irons and ironing boards, IT services, linen / towel exchange and key loss / replacement services.

Canoe Sprint Village

Athletes and teams participating in the Canoe Sprint competition will be accommodated in the Canoe Sprint Village located in Mingachevir (324km west of Baku).

Athletes and team officials will be accommodated in four newly constructed permanent buildings of nine floors. Canoe Sprint Village residents will stay in two types of apartments with twin shared bedrooms. Accommodation will also be provided for Baku-based visiting Ao and Ac within their team's allocation. Similar to the Athletes Village, the Canoe Sprint Village will also be divided into four residential areas: the Wave, Carpet, Pomegranate and Flame areas.

Key services

Athlete fitness and recreation

While there will be no gymnasium at the Canoe Sprint Village, fitness facilities will be available for Canoe Sprint athletes at the Mingachevir competition venue. At Mingachevir there will be a swimming pool and fitness facilities, including kayak and canoe ergometers for training, warming up and cooling down.

The Canoe Sprint Village will also feature three Recreation Centres and a Super Recreation Centre.

Catering services

The Main Dining Hall will offer a diverse range of nutritious and European food options. A full service will be available from 05:00 to 23:00, and light meals will be available during the night between 23:00 and 05:00.

Resident Centres

There are two Resident Centres located within the Residential Zone of the Athletes Village. For the locations of these Resident Centres, refer to the maps in the appendices. Their primary purpose is to act as a one-stop shop for all questions and issues regarding residents' accommodation in

order to cater fully to the needs of the residents. One Resident Centre will operate 24 hours a day and one Resident Centre will operate from 07:00 to 23:00 daily. The Resident Centres also offer ice, irons and ironing boards, IT services, linen / towel exchange and key loss / replacement services.

Athlete Welcome Ceremony

The Athlete Welcome Ceremony (AWC) will take place at 18:00 on 11 June 2015 and will officially welcome all NOCs to Baku. Taking place in the Village Square of the Athletes Village, the ceremonial portion of the AWC will last no longer than 30 minutes and will consist of:

- an introduction to the Village Mayor
- a brief welcome from the Village Mayor
- a brief address from the EOC President
- gift exchange between the Mayor and the Chef de Mission from the host nation of the next European Games
- recognition of protocol set of flags
- a cultural performance that will reflect the music, culture and traditions of Baku and Azerbaijan.

The AWC promises to be fun, engaging and interactive for athletes.

Opening and Closing Ceremonies

Opening Ceremony

The Baku 2015 European Games Opening Ceremony will be held at the Olympic Stadium on Friday 12 June 2015 from 21:00 to 23:00. The pre-show will start at 20:15 and the Athletes' Parade will start at 21:30.

All marching athletes will walk from the Athletes Village to the Olympic Stadium. The distance from the Athletes Village exit to the entrance to the Olympic Stadium is approximately 1.7km with an estimated walking time of 40 minutes.

Following EOC decision, only athletes, Chefs de Mission and Deputy Chefs de Mission will be allowed to march in the Athletes' Parade for the Opening Ceremony. BEGOC will check the accreditation and marching passes of athletes on departure from the Athletes Village and when they return.

Team officials and non-marching athletes will be seated in complimentary seating in the Olympic Stadium before the pre-show starts at 20:15. They will enter the Olympic Stadium using the main spectator entrance, using the tickets issued by BEGOC.

The parade will begin with Greece first and with host country Azerbaijan entering the Olympic Stadium last. Following the parade, athletes will be guided to their allocated seating within the seating bowl.

For athletes wishing to depart the ceremony before its completion, there will be a limited window during which to return to the Athletes Village. Athletes will return to the Athletes Village by walking back along the same route they used to enter. All athletes who remain until the end of the ceremony will be accompanied by non-marching athletes and team officials during their return to the Athletes Village.

Closing Ceremony

The Closing Ceremony will be held at the Olympic Stadium on Sunday 28 June 2015. The ceremony will be broadcast live from 21:00. Athletes, team officials, Chefs de Mission and Deputy Chefs de Mission will be allowed to march in the Athletes Parade for the Closing Ceremony. All participants will walk from the Athletes Village to the Olympic Stadium on the same route as for the Opening Ceremony.

Marching athletes and officials

Under no circumstances may participants in the Opening or Closing Ceremonies display any form of publicity or propaganda – commercial, political or otherwise – on any item worn, or in any other manner that is visible on camera. Participants may not use selfie sticks during the parade.

Ticketing

Complimentary sport tickets for athletes and officials

All participating athletes and team officials with an accreditation in the following categories (Aa, Ao, Ac) will be able to obtain two complimentary tickets per each same-sport session per day. Tickets can be used by athletes and team officials or distributed to their friends and family. However, it should be noted that each competition venue has its own dedicated athlete seating area; as a result, if athletes and team officials choose to sit with their friends and family, they will have to make use of the

complimentary sport tickets as their accreditation will not allow them to sit in the spectator seating areas.

Different-sport athletes and team officials will also be able to obtain two complimentary tickets per day for one different-sport session held that day.

Complimentary tickets will always be the best available seats. Athletes and team officials will be able to request them at the City Ticket Outlets, the Athletes Village or Venue Ticket Box Offices by displaying accreditation.

Team Leaders' Information



Team Leaders' Information

Pre-competition procedures

Checking and confirmation of EGRIS output C38

Before the Head of Team meeting and competition draw, all NOCs must check the relevant details on European Games Results and Information System (EGRIS) output C38 (entry data checklist), and must either submit any changes or confirm that all details are correct to the SIC in the Athletes Village.

Athlete Headshots

Date: 13 June 2015

Time to be communicated at a later date

Location: Athletes Village

All athletes are scheduled to visit the sport presentation video room. Head shots are taken of every athlete which will be shown on the video board when the athlete enters the field of play. Each NOC will receive a predetermined slot between 08:00 and 20:00 on 13 June.

Head of Team meeting

Date: 14 June 2015

Time: 16:00

Location: Athletes Village

One representative from each NOC must attend the Head of Team meeting, and attendance is limited to two members per NOC (the team leader and head coach are advised to attend). The meeting will incorporate the Taekwondo technical meeting and the drawing of lots.

The meeting will be delivered by:

- BEGOG Taekwondo Competition Manager: Kenneth Schunken
- ETU Secretary General: Michael Fysentzidis
- ETU Technical Delegate: Philippe Bouedo
- ETU Referee Chairman: Chakir Chelbat
- Technical Operations manager: Benjamin Guntner

The meeting agenda will be as follows:

- Registration of team and confirmation of athletes' participation and information

- Welcome
- Explanation of competition procedures
- Explanation of competition rules and interpretation
- Break
- Drawing of lots

Draw of lots

For the competition draw, the athletes will be seeded based on the WTF Olympic Ranking list, dated 1 June 2015. Athletes who are not ranked shall be seeded randomly.

Athletes representing the host country will be seeded in fourth place unless the athlete is already ranked higher than fourth.

Coach Familiarisation

Date: 15 June

Time: 15:00

Location: Crystal Hall 3

On 15 June, Crystal Hall 3 will be in transition and a full familiarisation for coaches and athletes will not be possible. One coach per NOC will have the opportunity to visit the competition venue for a one hour familiarisation session. Transportation from the Athletes Village will be arranged.

Weigh-in

The weigh-ins for the Taekwondo competition will be conducted at the Athletes Village, the day before each medal event.

- 15 June 2015: 09:00 – 11:00
- 16 June 2015: 09:00 – 11:00
- 17 June 2015: 09:00 – 11:00
- 18 June 2015: 09:00 – 11:00

A calibrated test scale will be available at the Taekwondo Training Venue from 09:00 to 19:00, with the exception of the first training day on 12 June 2015.

Competition Procedures

Warm-up and call to contest/PSS distribution

Athletes will be called to warm up before their contest according to the procedure detailed below.

Minutes before start of contest	Activity
30 minutes	Official athlete call
20 minutes	Athletes to report to warm-up area
10 minutes	Equipment issued (PSS, socks, head gear)
10 minutes	NTO inspection: check European Games Rules on Advertising, Demonstrations and Propaganda
8 minutes	ITO check (equipment check)
7 minutes	PSS testing
5 minutes	Handover to Field of Play Group leader

Equipment control in the Call Room will be the last activity before athletes enter the field of play. Athletes will be required to show their accreditation in the Call Room to verify their identity and receive their equipment.

In accordance with WTF rules, athletes may be accompanied onto the field of play by one coach and one team medical attendant. These personnel may sit in the designated seats at the edge of the podium.

NOC filming policy

NOCs wishing to film sport in competition venues will be required to adhere to the following procedures:

- NOCs must register their camera at the Sport Information Centre in advance of when they wish to film, and will be required to sign a camera usage waiver.
- NOCs will be provided with a supplementary access device. Cameras will not be allowed inside the competition venue without a supplementary access device.
- NOCs may only film from the designated filming area in each venue.

For Taekwondo, there will be four positions available on a “first come, first served” basis. Position must be booked on venue through the Sport Information Desk.

- Recordings can only be used for analysis, and must not be broadcast onto any medium.
- No power or internet access will be available at the filming location.

Post-competition procedures

Leaving the field of play

Athletes will be escorted from the field of play to the back-of-house area by field of play attendants. The athletes will walk to the Broadcast Mixed Zone and, when necessary, to the I-Zone. Coaches and team medical attendants will not accompany athletes through the Broadcast Mixed Zone.

Athletes must report back to the Call Room to collect their accreditation and return their PSS equipment.

Doping control

Athletes selected for doping control will be notified in person and escorted to the Doping Control Station by a doping control chaperone as soon as practically possible after they have finished competing. It is the responsibility of the athlete to remain under continuous observation of the doping control chaperone after notification. For details of the doping control programme at Baku 2015, see page 22.

Broadcast Mixed Zone and I-Zone

All competition venues will include a Broadcast Mixed Zone for broadcast media, and an I-Zone for written press. Following competition or a Medal Ceremony, all athletes must pass through the Broadcast Mixed Zone as they leave the field of play, but are not obliged to speak. Coaches of team and combat sports who are normally positioned on the field of play may also be asked to pass through the Broadcast Mixed Zone for interview possibilities.

After passing through the Broadcast Mixed Zone, athletes will be free to return to the changing room or go to Medical/Doping unless they are requested for the I-Zone for interviews.

Press wanting to interview someone in the I-Zone would make a request

to Press Operations who will escort the athlete from the Broadcast Mixed Zone to the I-Zone.

By default, all gold medallists and all Azerbaijani athletes will be brought to the I-Zone for interviews. Press Attaches, Doping Control Officers and Language Services Team Members will be able to escort athletes into the I-Zone as needed. The I-Zone will end operations about 45 minutes after competition ends.

Results distribution

Competition-related information for all sports, including results reports, will be available on the Games Time Website (baku2015.com). All results information will also be accessible from the Baku 2015 Mobile Application (Android, iOS), which will be available for download in early June.

The delivery of printed results information is available only at competition venues and to time-critical services. Select reports will be available for collection from Sport Information Desks at competition venues and the Sport Information Centre at the Athletes Village.

After the completion of all competition, all results outputs will be compiled in PDF format and made available for download from the Games Time Website (baku2015.com).

Medal Ceremonies

All Medal Ceremonies at the Baku 2015 European Games will occur on or around the field of play. Athlete chaperones will be on hand to advise and guide all athletes before, during and after their Medal Ceremony.

Announcements will be made in both English and Azerbaijani. Athletes who take part in a Medal Ceremony must adhere to the Baku 2015 European Games rules and regulations that pertain to dress and conduct. All athletes will be required to wear their dobok throughout their Medal Ceremony. Failure to adhere to this rule may result in the delay or postponement of the Medal Ceremony.

Athlete chaperones will lead athletes to the podium for the Medal Ceremony, and will provide direction with regard to the procedures that the athletes will need to follow. Flags, signs, mobile phones, cameras, electronic devices, bottles, items of sport equipment, political statements

and accreditations will not be allowed on the podium. If any athlete is in possession of any of these items, they must be passed to the Medal Ceremonies Manager for the duration of the Ceremony. Similarly, if any items are thrown to an athlete while they are on the field of play and/or the podium, the athlete must pass them to their athlete escort for them to hold during the Medal Ceremony.

Failure to comply with these rules may result in disqualification. During the Medal Ceremony, BEGOC plans to also present winning athletes with a bouquet of flowers and a gift, as well as an individual medal presentation box.

After the Medal Ceremony has finished, athletes will be asked to move to a second location in order to provide the media with additional photography opportunities. This will take no more than one minute. After all the photographs have been taken, athlete escorts will lead the athletes to the Broadcast Mixed Zone. If any athlete has been notified for doping control, he/she will be escorted through the Broadcast Mixed Zone by a Doping Control Officer and will then be chaperoned to the Doping Control Station.

Medals will be awarded in each event of the competition as follows:

- 1st place: A gold gilt medal,
- 2nd place: A silver gilt medal
- 3rd place (two athletes): A bronze gilt medal

Training Information



Training

Training for Taekwondo will take place at the Taekwondo Training Venue from 12—18 June 2015.

Key information

Training will take place at the following location:

Address:

Azerbaijan Taekwondo Federation Building
Khatai avenue 51,
Baku,
Azerbaijan

Training venue facilities and services

At the training venue, four taekwondo jigsaw mats will be available. All other equipment must be provided by athletes themselves. Other facilities at the Taekwondo Training Venue include:

Athletes' Lounge

An Athletes' Lounge, with amenities including tables, chairs and refreshments.

Refreshment station

A refreshment station for athletes and team officials at all training venues will provide bottled water and sports drinks.

Changing rooms and showers

Separate changing rooms will be allocated to each team during training. The changing rooms will include showers and toilets.

Medical Services

Limited services will be available at training venues, with enhanced services for those sports requiring specific specialist cover.

Allocation of training sessions

All training sessions on 12—15 June are pre-allocated. Each pre-allocated training session will last 60 minutes, with the exception on the first day of training on 12 June when training sessions will last for 45 minutes only due to the Opening Ceremony. As soon as all the teams are confirmed a schedule will be published. Training sessions will run from 09:00 to 19:00.

Teams with five or more team members will have one competition area at their disposal. All other teams will be sharing competition areas (two teams per competition area).

Media access

The media will have access to the training venue on all training days between 12:00-14:00 and 18:00-19:00, with the exception of 12 June when the access will be limited to 12:00-13:30. To train during the periods that media have access to the training venue, NOCs can book training sessions via the Sport Information Centre.

Venue access

The Taekwondo Training Venue will be accessible via the main entrance of the facility. The load zone will be at the parking space of the venue. The athletes and coaches are required to walk approximately 50m in order to access the building.

Technical Officials' Information



Technical Officials' information

Arrivals and departures

Technical Officials (ITOs and TDs) arriving and departing from Heydar Aliyev Baku International Airport (GYD) between 29 May and 1 July will use the T-All shuttle service to/from their official accommodation.

Prior to arrival, Technical Officials will have been sent a Pre-Valid Card that they will use as an immigration visa waiver to enter Azerbaijan. After validation, Technical Officials will use their accreditation to access T-All Transport Services at the airport.

Accommodation

All Taekwondo International Technical Officials will be accommodated in The Crown Hotel.

7, Gurban Abbasov str., Baku, AZ 1003

Tel: (+99412) 491 02 28

Website: www.crownhotelbaku.com

Arrival date: 11, 13, 14-15 June

Departure date: 20 June

Other facilities: laundry, dry cleaning, gym/fitness room, restaurant (open until 23:00), room service (24 hours), internet.

Departures/Accommodation helpline

A helpline for all accommodation queries will be available from 25 May to 31 May between the hours of 08:00 and 20:00. From 1 June onwards, the helpline will also provide assistance with any arrivals and departures matters.

The helpline will operate from 1 June to 30 June from 07:00 to 23:00, and on 1 July from 07:00 to 18:00. To contact the helpline, please call +994 12525 9922. Out of hours emergency assistance will be available from 23:00 to 07:00. Assistance will be available in Azerbaijani, Russian and English.

Insurance

The ETU shall be responsible for its own property and equipment. BEGOC shall not be responsible for any damage or loss to any property or equipment of the ETU, including property of ETU officials.

Per diems

TDs and ITOs

Technical delegates and International Technical Officials will be paid a per diem for their agreed official duration of stay and travel days. The per diem is to cover meals (except breakfast and any meals provided at the competition venue by BEGOC) and incidentals, such as laundry.

The sum will be paid directly to ETU using international payment transfer in May. ETU will distribute this money to officials accordingly.

NTOs

National Technical Officials (NTOs) will be paid a per diem for their agreed official duration of work on venue. The per diem is to cover meals and incidentals for the agreed official duration of their duties. NTOs will be paid their per diem in full following the conclusion of the Games.

NTOs must complete a time sheet which will then be authorised by the Competition Manager. NTOs will receive their per diem in one pre-paid card from the Competition Manager.

Distribution of Ceremonies tickets

Ceremonies tickets have been allocated to Technical Officials in accordance and agreement with the EOC.

ITOs who are in Baku on 12 June 2015 will be eligible for one ticket to the Opening Ceremony. All tickets are non-transferrable and accreditation must be presented along with the ticket to gain access to the stadium.

NTOs will receive one ticket for the Opening Ceremony and one ticket for the Closing Ceremony.

All tickets will be distributed by the Taekwondo Competition Manager.

Uniform collection

All Technical Officials must collect their uniforms from the Uniform and Accreditation Centre (UAC). International Technical Officials will be transported from their official accommodation to the UAC to collect their uniforms. All ITO's are scheduled to visit the UAC after their arrival in Baku to pick up their accreditation card and uniform. The following schedule is applicable:

Arrival date	Scheduled UAC visit
11 June 2015	12 June 10:00
13 June 2015	14 June 09:00
14 June 2015	15 June 10:00
15 June 2015	16 June 09:00

Each visit will take approximately 60 minutes. Transportation will be provided from the Crown Hotel to the UAC and vice versa.

All Taekwondo technical officials will be provided with a formal uniform, as follows:

- 1 x Suit Jacket
- 3 x Shirts or blouses
- 2 x Trousers/skirts
- 1 x Tie or Scarf
- 1 x Baseball cap
- 1 x Bag

Shoes will not be provided to TOs as part of the uniform. Officials are required to bring and wear plain, black, flat soled footwear with their formal uniform.

All footwear items worn may carry the identification as generally used on products sold through the retail trade.

Transport

T-All services

BEGOC is responsible for providing transport services to accredited International Technical Officials (ITOs) and EF staff during the period of the European Games. These transport services will be provided as part of the Games shared shuttle transport (T-All) system.

Services between hotels and competition venues

A dedicated T-All service will operate between Technical Officials' hotels and

each competition venue during the competition period for each sport, in accordance with the competition schedule. Where international Technical Officials are required to attend meetings, briefings, venue familiarisations or other events before the start of competition, either at the competition venue or at another venue such as the Athletes Village, transport services will be provided from/to the Technical Officials' hotels in accordance with the officials' requirements.

Opening/Closing Ceremonies

Where International Technical Officials have been allocated tickets for the Opening and/or Closing Ceremony (see page 61), a T-All service will operate between Technical Officials' hotels and a drop-off point near the Olympic Stadium in accordance with the Ceremonies' start/finish times.

Venue access for Technical Officials

The T-All transport system will transport all international Technical Officials from their hotel to the Crystal Hall load zone. The load zone is located on the west side of the venue outside of the perimeter. All Technical Officials will be required to pass through the pedestrian screening area before proceeding to the venue.

Pre-competition procedures

Referee Meeting and training

The Referee Meeting and training will take place on 14 and 15 June in the Crown Hotel. Training will also be in the venue and specific times will be provided at a later stage.

Dress Rehearsal

A dress rehearsal for Technical Officials will take place at Crystal Hall 3 on 15 June. Times and further information will be communicated at a later date.

Head of Team meeting

The Technical Delegate and Referee Chairman shall attend the Head of Team meeting. The ETU Secretary-General will represent the EF, and BEGOC will further assist during the meeting.

Weigh-in

The weigh-ins for the Taekwondo competition will be conducted at the Athletes Village, the day before each medal event. A set of calibrated scales will be available from 09:00 to 11:00. Times are as follows:

- 15 June 2015: 09:00 – 11:00
- 16 June 2015: 09:00 – 11:00
- 17 June 2015: 09:00 – 11:00
- 18 June 2015: 09:00 – 11:00

International Referees and National Technical Officials will be assigned to lead the weigh in. The weigh-in is located at the Athletes Village and transportation will be provided for those officials attending.

Competition procedures

Key timings

ITOs must report to the venue one hour prior to the start of the competition. The Referee Chairman will assign the International Referees for each contest. They will be escorted by volunteers to the field of play and back to the Technical Officials' Lounge.

Technical Officials' Lounge

The Technical Officials' Lounge, located on the first level, close to the athletes' entrance, will be available on competition days. Light refreshments will be available.

Post-competition procedures

Leaving the field of play

The ITOs will march from the field of play and return to the ITO Call Room.

ITO technical debrief

The ITO technical debrief will be conducted by the ETU Referee Chairman in the Technical Officials' Lounge after the end of competition each day at 22:45.

Certificates

Technical Officials will receive a participation certificate in recognition of their contribution to the inaugural European Games.

The Games and Baku



The Games

Accreditation

BEGOC issues a European Games Identity and Accreditation Card (EGIAC) to each individual participating in the Baku 2015 European Games. The EGIAC establishes the identity of its user and allows access to European Games venues.

Before validation, the EGIAC is referred to as a Pre-Valid Card. To validate the Pre-Valid Cards participants must present an acceptable form of identification document at an accreditation centre. All participants in the European Games must provide a valid and original Identification Document as follows:

- Azerbaijani nationals: National Identification Document
- Nationalities of other countries and stateless citizens: Passport/official travel document

The Pre-Valid Card can be used as a travel and multiple entry and exit document valid from 13 April 2015 until 28 July 2015. Failure to be in possession of the Pre-Valid Cards may prohibit travel and entry to Azerbaijan.

Only once the Pre-Valid Card is validated does it become an official EGIAC.



Accreditation facilities

During the European Games, participants holding a Pre-Valid Card will be able to validate them at locations including:

- The validation counters located at the Heydar Aliyev International Airport (only validation location for technical officials);
- The Welcome Centre at the Athletes Village, which will be the primary accreditation centre for Village residents based in Baku; and
- The Canoe Sprint Village Accreditation Centre, which will be the primary accreditation centre for Canoe Sprint participants based in Mingachevir

All competition venues/clusters will offer a Venue Accreditation Help Office (VAHO) for issue resolution. The table below summarises the accreditation facilities available and the client groups they serve:

Accreditation facilities			
Facilities	Date and time	Client groups	Services
Heydar Aliyev International Airport	29 May – 28 June (24 hours a day)	All	Card validation, card replacement (****)
Athletes Village	- From 07:00 on 3 June until 00:00 on 12 June (24 hours a day) - 13 June – 1 July (07:00-21:00)	NOCs	Card validation and production, card replacement, photo capture, issue resolution
Canoe Sprint Village	9 – 18 June (07:00-23:00)	NOCs	Card validation and production, card replacement, photo capture, issue resolution
VAHOs	Operates 2.5 hours prior to competition/training until end of competition/training (may vary by location and by day). Detailed opening hours available at each VAHO.	All	Card validation (*), photo capture (**), card replacement (***), day pass

(*) exceptions only

(**) for Day Pass only if required

(***) only if image held on system

(****) only if image held on system and required for immigration purposes

Accreditation codes

Venue codes and pictograms printed on the front side of the EGIAC indicate access to competition and/or non-competition venues. A full description of the codes is available on the reverse side of the card. Venue zone access rights are printed on the EGIAC using colour and alphanumeric codes.

The following zones are used at the Baku 2015 European Games:

Village codes	
Zone code	Description
AVL	Athletes Village
CVL	Canoe Sprint Village
MVL	Media Village
R	Residential Zone

Venue zone codes	
Zone code	Description
Blue	Field of play
Red	Operational Areas
White	General Circulation Areas
2	Athlete Preparation Area
5	Press and Broadcast Area
6	Protocol Area

Lost, stolen or damaged accreditation

Every lost, stolen or damaged Accreditation Card must be reported immediately to the nearest accreditation facility, where it will be cancelled in the accreditation system. A new card will be issued upon presentation of a request for Accreditation Card replacement.

Transport

A summary of transport at the Baku 2015 European Games follows. Please note that full details of transport services at the Games, including timetables and schedules, will be made available to athletes and team officials at the Transport Desk in the NOC Services Centre.

Athletes' Transport System: T-A

During the Baku 2015 European Games, the T-A system will offer an exclusive, secure and dedicated service for athletes and team officials, providing service throughout Games-time operations. T-A system privileges are available to Aa, Ac and Ao accredited persons. Accreditation must be displayed at all times to access it.

Frequency-based or scheduled T-A services

The T-A system will operate using 50-seater coaches. Services will run on a regular frequency or in accordance with a schedule published at the Transport Desk in the NOC Services Centre for:

- Arrivals from Heydar Aliyev International Airport (GYD) to the Athletes Village will run on peak and off-peak frequency based on Arrivals and Departures System (ADS) data.
- Departures to GYD from the Athletes Village will be provided with a mix of frequency-based and scheduled services, after reconfirmation of flight details during the departure meetings conducted by NOC Services.
- Transfers from the Athletes Village in Baku to the Canoe Sprint Village in Mingachevir.
- Arrivals from Ganja International Airport (KVD) to the Canoe Sprint Village will run a scheduled service based on ADS data.
- Departures from Canoe Sprint Village to either KVD, GYD or Athletes Village.
- Competition and training.
- Internal Village Transport System at the Athletes Village.
- Same-sport spectating athletes.

The Athletes Village Transport Mall is located adjacent to the Athletes Village to provide athletes and team officials with direct access.

T-All Transport System

The T-All Transport System will provide select accredited clients groups with a variety of transport services, throughout all phases of the Games. The client groups entitled to access this service are Media, Technical Officials, Technical Delegates, Athletes, Team Officials, European Games Family and their accredited guests. The T-All system will operate from 29 May 2015 until 1 July 2015. Services are listed below:

- Arrivals and departures
- Direct shuttle services from the Media Village to all competition venues and select non-competition venues
- Games shuttle shared services, which includes an All Venues Loop
- ITOs transport services
- Mingachevir city centre shuttle
- Transport for Opening and Closing Ceremonies for ITOs

Games Route Network

The Games Route Network (GRN) will consist of European Games Lanes which will be for the exclusive use of Games vehicles that properly display a Vehicle Access and/or Parking Permit (VAPP), ensuring that travel times are consistent. Lanes will operate 24 hours a day from 29 May until 1 July 2015.

The key principles of the Games Route Network operation are:

- A continuous and secure flow with no traffic lights
- No level-crossings for pedestrians
- Special signage clearly identifying the Games lanes
- Traffic cameras and continuous police monitoring to ensure only Games vehicles use the lane

For a map of the Games Route Network, see the Appendices section.

Public transport

Free access to the Baku public transport system (metro and Games-time shuttle lines from/to the competition venues) will be granted to all accredited Games participants and ticketed spectators. The operating hours of the public transport system will be available on a 20-hour basis each day during the Games from 05:00 to 01:00.

Taxis

BEGOC recommends that individuals wishing to use public taxis use metered London-type taxis, which are the colour purple as opposed to the white London-type taxis that make up the T-X fleet.

Security

The Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan is responsible for all aspects of safety and security for the Baku 2015 European Games. The Government Security Authorities (GSA) will ensure that all appropriate and necessary security measures, throughout planning and operational delivery, are implemented to ensure the safe and peaceful celebration of the Baku 2015 European Games.

The Special State Protection Service (SSPS) will assign a dedicated Venue Security Coordinator for the coordination of protective security arrangements at Villages and designated competition venues.

Security in the Villages

Both Villages and their residents will be afforded the highest level of protection of all venues. Access to the Village will be restricted to accredited client groups with designated Village accreditation rights and authorised guests. Accreditation will be authenticated by GSA security personnel.

All Village residents, accredited client groups, guests and their personal effects will be subject to security screening prior to entry into the Village. All deliveries (goods and materials) including vehicles will be subject to security screening after venue lockdown and the start of security operations.

The Village will be protected by a perimeter security fence and enhanced with additional protective security measures including security lighting and electronic security systems including Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) surveillance. Security screening measures will include but are not limited to:

- Walk-through metal detectors ('mags'),
- Portable metal detectors,
- X-ray screening and other technical security measures.

Security at competition and training venues

Every competition venue will be protected by a perimeter fence enhanced with additional protective security measures, including security lighting, security patrols/static guards and CCTV. Access to competition venues will

be restricted to appropriately accredited and ticketed individuals who will be subject to accreditation / ticket authentication and 100 per cent security screening at a Pedestrian Screening Area (PSA) prior to entry.

Any vehicle and its occupants (including delivery vehicles) seeking to drop off or enter the secure perimeter of a venue will be subject to the appropriate level of security screening at the Vehicle Screening Area (VSA).

Independent training venues will be subject to the same security protocols as competition venues.

Security in transit

Bubble-to-bubble T-A system bus movements will be implemented to facilitate secure transportation from the Villages to competition and training venues. Athletes and officials travelling on the T-A system are not required to disembark the bus for search and screening requirements on arrival at competition and training venues.

Upon return to the Athletes Village/Canoe Sprint Village, all athletes and officials are subject to 100 per cent search and screening, prior to entering the Village.

Prohibited and restricted items

The prohibited items list has been compiled by the Republic of Azerbaijan Government Security Authorities. It supports the protection of people, assets and infrastructure during the Baku 2015 European Games by clearly identifying items that would cause a security or safety risk to venues, workforce or visitors.

- Explosives or other substances/objects containing explosive ingredients
 - Gunpowder in all packages/bundles and in all quantities
 - Shell casings (also small calibre)
 - Casings for gas guns
 - Capsules used for hunting
 - Pyrotechnical arsenals/resources (flares, smoked arsenals), petards which are used in the rail industry
 - Sparklers, fireworks, metal petards/detonators
 - TNT, dynamite, ammonia and plastic explosives
 - Detonator capsules, electrical detonators, electrical flammables, detonating cord
- Guns and ammunition

- Firearms/fire-guns
- Signal guns
- Pneumatic guns
- Gas
- All types of ammunition
- Electroshock equipment
- All main parts of fire-guns
- All objects that can be used as guns (bit/hurl, stick, etc.)
- Gases – compressed and non-compressed
- Flammable liquids and solids
- Oxidising substances and organic peroxide substances
- Toxic substances, radioactive substances, and other corrosion substances
- Poisonous and toxic substances
- Other dangerous substances and packages, which can be used for attack or could cause problems during the Games
- Medicines/drugs and other medical substances in excess of permitted quantity and volume (all guests/visitors can take medicines in quantity of one package and no more than three types of medicines in all forms inclusive of aerosols, capsules, injections, etc.) in fabric manufacturers' package/bundle. The volume of all medicines should not be in excess of 100ml.
- Drugs and psychotropic drugs
- Knives, cutting tool and other objects or edged weapons
- Liquids in volumes of 100ml or more.
- Glass containers and bottles
- All other objects, which could be interpreted as prohibited and dangerous items or replicate the intention.

The Azerbaijani Security Authorities will include the identification of items that do not, in themselves, pose any security threat but could affect spectator safety, comfort or enjoyment of competition. These include:

- Bicycles, skateboards, scooters
- Tripod for digital cameras with three legs (tripod) and a support (monopod)
- Any device with a laser beam/laser pointers
- Unlicensed Wireless Devices such as transmitters and radios
- Large bags or bags that have a rigid frame and will not fit under the seat on the viewing platform
- Animals (except service animals)
- Large umbrellas

- Devices producing excessive noise and capable of interfering with viewing and competition (vuvuzela, drum, whistle, horn/whistle, horns) at the Archery and Shooting competitions only
- Rigid poles and fishing poles used to hold flags (as these are safety risks to other spectators, may restrict visibility, and impinge evacuation)
- Large food containers, ice buckets (as these may block the aisle and pose a risk on evacuation)
- Signage and banners containing religious, political, provocative or obscene content
- Food not for personal consumption
- Alcohol

The list of prohibited items will be displayed at points of entry where a search and screening operation is in place.

Exceptions

Emergency services and certain accredited personnel, including workforce, will be permitted to carry items as required by their accreditation in order to enable them to carry out their functions.

Athletes and team officials in possession of full accreditation are permitted to carry up to five litres of alcohol, in sealed containers, into the residential areas of the Villages.

Tools of the trade

These include the requirements for people to bring items into venues that fall under the prohibited items policy but are required for categories of staff to undertake their work. Athletes, team officials and technical officials are permitted to carry a reasonable amount of liquids, aerosols and gels.

Requests for emergency assistance

Within the Athletes Village and Media Village

Details of emergency numbers to use within the Athletes Village and the Media Village will be issued in the welcome pack and will be displayed in all common areas, as well as on internal phones within each apartment. It will also be published on the rear of the residential apartment doors, along with the emergency service numbers used within Azerbaijan. Whilst on the village please use the number provided or locate a member of staff equipped with a personal radio for access to emergency services.

Elsewhere in Baku and Azerbaijan

If you are outside the Athletes Village, Media Village or a Baku 2015 competition venue, dial the emergency numbers provided within your welcome pack. If you are within a Baku 2015 venue and require emergency assistance, contact the nearest BEGOC representative to ensure a response from first responders.

Baku 2015 European Games

The European Games will be a multi-sport event for athletes from the National Olympic Committees in Europe and will be held every four years. The Games are owned, co-organized, and regulated by the European Olympic Committees (EOC). The European Games were created at the General Assembly of the European Olympic Committees on December 8, 2012 in Rome, Italy. At this General Assembly the right to host the Games was awarded to the City of Baku, Azerbaijan.

The Baku 2015 Organising Committee was established by decree of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan on January 17, 2013. The Committee is chaired by the First Lady Mehriban Aliyeva. The Baku 2015 European Games Operations Committee (BEGOC) was established on March 4, 2013.

Games overview

- More than 6,000 Athletes
- More than 3,000 Team Officials
- 20 Sports / 31 Disciplines
- 25 Olympic Disciplines
- 6 Non-Olympic Disciplines
- 253 Medal Events
- 17 days of competition
- 18 competition venues
- 12 Sports part of the Road to Rio 2016 Qualification
- Opening Ceremony: 12 June 2015
- Closing Ceremony: 28 June 2015

Competition venues

The 253 medal events that make up the sport programme at the Baku 2015 European Games will be held at a total of 18 competition venues. These venues are divided in four geographical groupings:

- **Village Cluster** – venues in the vicinity of the Athletes Village
- **City Cluster** – venues in the vicinity of downtown Baku
- **Flag Square Cluster** – venues in the vicinity of Flag Square
- **Western and Other Venues** – venues to the west of downtown Baku, as well as Bilgah Beach and Mingachevir

The 18 competition venues, and the sports featured at each venue, are listed in the table below

Sport/discipline	Competition venue
Aquatics – Diving	Baku Aquatics Centre
Aquatics – Swimming	Baku Aquatics Centre
Aquatics – Synchronised Swimming	Baku Aquatics Centre
Aquatics – Water Polo	Water Polo Arena
Archery	Tofiq Bahramov Stadium
Athletics	Olympic Stadium
Badminton	Baku Sports Hall
Basketball 3x3	Basketball Arena
Beach Soccer	Beach Arena
Beach Volleyball	Beach Arena
Boxing	Crystal Hall 2
Canoe Sprint	Mingachevir
Cycling – BMX	BMX Velopark
Cycling – Mountain Bike	Mountain Bike Velopark
Cycling – Road	Bilgah Beach
	Freedom Square
Fencing	Crystal Hall 3
Gymnastics – Acrobatic	National Gymnastics Arena
Gymnastics – Aerobic	National Gymnastics Arena
Gymnastics – Artistic	National Gymnastics Arena

Sport/discipline	Competition venue
Gymnastics – Rhythmic	National Gymnastics Arena
Gymnastics – Trampoline	National Gymnastics Arena
Judo	Heydar Aliyev Arena
Karate	Crystal Hall 3
Sambo	Heydar Aliyev Arena
Shooting	Baku Shooting Centre
Table Tennis	Baku Sports Hall
Taekwondo	Crystal Hall 3
Triathlon	Bilgah Beach
Volleyball	Crystal Hall 1
Wrestling	Heydar Aliyev Arena

Baku, and the history of the city

Baku is the capital and the largest city of Azerbaijan, as well as the largest city on the Caspian Sea and of the Caucasus region. It is located on the southern shore of the Absheron Peninsula, which projects into the Caspian Sea. At 28 metres below sea level Baku is the lowest lying national capital in the world and is home to approximately 2.5 million people. It is twinned with the European cities of Naples in Italy, Sarajevo in Bosnia and Izmir in Turkey.

The city consists of two principal parts: the downtown area and the old Inner City (Icherisheher). Baku is divided into 11 administrative districts (raions) and 48 townships. Among these are townships on islands in the Bay of Baku and the town of Oil Rocks built on stilts in the Caspian Sea, 60 km (37 miles) away from Baku. The Inner City of Baku along with the Palace of the Shirvanshahs and Maiden Tower were inscribed as UNESCO World Heritage Sites in 2000. According to the Lonely Planet's ranking, Baku is also among the world's top ten destinations for urban nightlife.

Baku is one of the few cities in the world to offer visitors the opportunity of enjoying all the attractions that a modern European city has to offer while also embracing traditions and culture that date back to medieval times.

Located at the crossroads of Europe and Asia, the city is one of the world's best-kept secrets with world class sporting and cultural events and modern and ancient attractions presenting no end of things to discover and enjoy. The port city lies on the eastern side of Azerbaijan and is completely surrounded by the Caspian Sea - the world's largest lake.

Perhaps one of the most unique features of Baku is that it is the first European city in which the sun rises. The picturesque city is built on a high hill and forms an amphitheatre that slopes down to Baku Bay. It is often compared to San Francisco, or Naples in Italy with whom it is twinned along with the other European cities of Sarajevo in Bosnia and Izmir in Turkey. Baku's reputation as the 'City of Contrasts' is well earned with the city having perfectly combined the beauty and intrigue of its ancient past with its ambition to establish itself as a modern European city featuring award winning architecture, business centre and skyscrapers.

The heart of Baku is the Old City which became a UNESCO heritage site in 2000. It has existed for thousands of years and is firmly established as the pearl of Azerbaijani architecture and culture. Within its walls visitors can travel back in time as they explore a maze of narrow cobbled streets, ancient caravanserais and the courtyards surrounding the 12th century Maiden Tower and the ornate Palace of the Shirvanshahs.

Azerbaijan's President Ilham Aliyev and First Lady and UNESCO and ISESCO Goodwill Ambassador Mehriban Aliyeva have been actively involved in the work which has taken place in recent years to restore and preserve this ancient heart of Azerbaijan.

The modern face of Baku is equally impressive. New developments have redefined the hills that line the picturesque Bay of Baku and even the coastline itself.

The iconic Heydar Aliyev Centre, designed by Zaha Hadid, provides a stunning setting for operas, symphonies, museum exhibits and modern art collections. Visits to The National Art Museum and Museum of Modern Art are also recommended.

Theatre is also a much-loved form of entertainment with Baku presenting a diverse range of theatre houses including a Mime Theatre and Puppet Theatre.

Baku's Flame Towers are the tallest skyscrapers in the city at 190 metres. The spectacular buildings which comprise apartments, a hotel and office blocks takes on another dimension each evening when thousands of LED lights illuminate the façade of the three towers to display the movement of a fire visible from the farthest points of the city.

Another must see venue is the Heydar Aliyev Arena which has hosted numerous sports events. It will be home to Judo, Sambo and Wrestling during the Baku 2015 European Games. Azerbaijan's pop duo Ell & Nikki were crowned winners of the Eurovision Song Contest in 2011 with their song 'Running Scared'. Their success earned Azerbaijan the right to host the 2012 edition of the competition for the first time.

The event was staged at the magnificent Baku Crystal Hall, a 25,000 seat arena located near the National Flag Centre on a dramatic peninsula jutting out into the Bay of Baku.

Discover Baku

Shopping

Azerbaijan has been a popular choice for expatriates ever since large oil reserves were found in the country. The influx of westerners resulted in the availability of branded products, which has increased in dramatic proportions since independence. Prices of these products are not very expensive, but one needs to be careful against fake brands. For any foreign tourist, the country's arts and crafts section holds the maximum attraction.

In various cities of Azerbaijan, there are streets that sell handcrafts, silk, and other artefacts local to the city.

Café culture, music and dining

Baku's café culture and social scene revolves around Baku's city Boulevard which features a six-kilometre promenade of shops, restaurants, cafes, clubs and family friendly fairground rides. Here visitors can enjoy al fresco dining and cocktails in bar terraces overlooking the Caspian Sea.

Live music is a feature of the energetic and eclectic nightlife in the city. Visitors can experience home-grown rock bands, the ever popular karaoke bars, Baku's unique jazz or some traditional mugam folk music. Bars, clubs

and discos are open till late in the morning, especially during weekends.

The city's excellent restaurants serve up an eclectic mix of international culinary styles ranging from five-star creations that will satisfy the most demanding gourmet to corner kebab shops for a taste of local flavour on the go.

Nine of the world's climate zones can be found in Azerbaijan. This provides lush fertile land which produces a great quantity of fresh herbs and vegetables which contribute to the high quality of the local food. Food forms a significant part of the culture in Azerbaijan and is deeply rooted in the history, tradition and values of the nation.

Azerbaijani Cuisine

Baku's café culture and social scene revolves around Baku's city Boulevard which features a six-kilometre promenade of shops, restaurants, cafes, clubs and family friendly fairground rides. Here visitors can enjoy al fresco dining and cocktails in bar terraces overlooking the Caspian Sea.

The city's excellent restaurants serve up an eclectic mix of international culinary styles ranging from five-star creations that will satisfy the most demanding gourmet to corner kebab shops for a taste of local flavour on the go.

Aside from the wonderful variety of soups and kebabs, Azerbaijan's most distinctive dish is the plov, a saffron rice-based dish which is traditionally accompanied by a variety of herbs and fresh vegetables.

Theatre

The kind of life that Azerbaijani people lead, the festivals they celebrate, their traditions and outlook towards life has a great impact on the theatre of Azerbaijan. Traditional ceremonies, their dressing styles, dialogs, all form an integral part of the Azerbaijani theatrical experience. Dramatic clothes, masks, traditional dances, chorus songs and dance dramatise a typical Azerbaijani play.

The development of theatre has come a long way since Soviet rule to independent Azerbaijan. Theatre during Soviet rule represented the struggle of Azerbaijan's people for their independence along with contemporary, cultural and traditional formations. Theatre after Azerbaijan achieved independence has changed much, with present situations and

topics affecting the content of the play. Theatre has started touring in foreign countries preserving and spreading their rich culture and tradition as well as the life of the Azerbaijani people.

Nightlife

Although it is not known for its nightlife, visitors to Baku can enjoy a host of lively bars and clubs to have some fun at night. Food and drinks are reasonably priced. Most nightclubs have sprung up in the last decade or so after the influx of oil industry expatriates. Bars, clubs and discos are open till late in the morning, especially during weekends.

Museums and Exhibitions

Azerbaijan has a long and rich history of culture, tradition and struggle for independence. A variety of interesting exhibitions can be found throughout the city.

Azerbaijan, the land of fire

Azerbaijan is often referred to as the Land of Fire, since ancient religions based on fire-worship originated here. One of the first names for Azerbaijan was Aturpatakan, translating to “a place where sacred fire is preserved”.

Land of Fire originates from the sight of gas igniting on escaping from the ground, creating the effect of a burning hillside, at several sites in the Absheron peninsula, in the South Caucasus.

The South Caucasus is considered one of the first regions where fire was used. Nowadays there are 12 such fires throughout the Republic.

The most famous is the Yanar Dag, translated as the ‘Burning Mountain’, 27 km north of Baku city centre. It continuously vents flames of fire all year round, a process that has been going for around 1,000 years. Natural gas vents on the sides of the mountain ensure that the flame remains lit in wet weather.

Useful information

Banks and credit cards

There are a multitude of ATM machines around the city in Baku, most of which accept international debit and credit cards. Depending on your account-holding bank, there may be limits on the amount of currency you are able to withdraw in one day. The withdrawal limit from most machines in the city is 500 New Manat (AZN) in one transaction.

Larger bank branches are open Mondays to Saturdays, but closed on Sundays. Smaller branches are closed on Saturdays and Sundays. International credit and debit cards are accepted in most restaurants and larger shops.

Currency

The currency in Azerbaijan is the Azerbaijan New Manat (AZN). One hundred qepik equals one Manat, and Manat notes come in 1, 5, 10, 20, 50 and 100 denominations.

It is not possible to exchange currency into Manat in countries other than Azerbaijan so visitors will need to use the foreign exchange desk at the arrivals hall at the airport or withdraw from ATMs around the city.

Electricity

Standard electrical power in Azerbaijan is 220v. Electrical equipment and appliances use the standard European 220-240v two-pin plug.

Gratuities and tipping

Tipping is not expected across Azerbaijan but is commonplace in Baku. Occasionally a service charge is included on the bill, particularly in more established hotels and restaurants. Like any other place in the world, tipping for above-average service will be appreciated.

Language

The official language is Azerbaijani but many people also speak Russian, Turkish and/or English.

The official language of the European Games will be English.

Opening hours

Office hours are officially 09:00 to 17:00 Mondays through Fridays. Banking hours are officially 09:30 to 17:30, Mondays through Fridays.

Shops generally open around 09:30 or 10:00 and close around 19:00. Shops are open seven days a week. Bars and restaurants are open until at least 23:00.

Smoking

Smoking is permitted in public areas across Azerbaijan, including most restaurants and bars. Smoking will not be permitted in any Baku 2015 European Games venue except for designated smoking areas.

Taxes (VAT)

VAT in Azerbaijan is similar to that in most European VAT systems, with tax levied on the supply of most goods and services and on the import of goods. VAT payers are entitled to recover the amount of VAT paid on purchases (input VAT) that exceeds the VAT received from their taxable supplies (output VAT).

Telephones

The country code for Azerbaijan is 994 and the city code for Baku is 012. The city code for Mingachevir is 2427. The international exit code for calling out of Azerbaijan is 00 and must be dialled before the relevant country code and telephone number.

Azerbaijani mobile phone numbers have 10 digits and most mobile numbers start with 050 or 051. All 10 digits must be dialled for calls within Azerbaijan. For example: 050-123-XXXX.

When calling from outside Azerbaijan, the country code then number minus the zero should be dialled. For example: +994-50-123-XXXX.

Time Zone

Azerbaijan is UTC+4 hours. Daylight savings time is used in Azerbaijan so clocks go forward on the last Sunday in March and go back on the last Sunday in October.

Tourist information

Baku tourism information can be found at www.tourism.az.

Notes



Page left blank for notes

Page left blank for notes

Appendices



■ Preliminary round

■ Final/Medal Event

■ Ceremony

Language: English

			12 Jun	13 Jun	14 Jun	15 Jun	16 Jun	17 Jun	18 Jun	19 Jun	20 Jun	21 Jun	22 Jun	23 Jun	24 Jun	25 Jun	26 Jun	27 Jun	28 Jun
			Fri 0	Sat 1	Sun 2	Mon 3	Tue 4	Wed 5	Thu 6	Fri 7	Sat 8	Sun 9	Mon 10	Tue 11	Wed 12	Thu 13	Fri 14	Sat 15	Sun 16
Village Cluster																			
STA Olympic Stadium	CE	Ceremonies																	
	AT	Athletics											1						
NGA National Gymnastics Arena	GA	Artistic Gymnastics				2			2		10								
	GR	Rhythmic Gymnastics						1		1		6							
	GT	Trampoline										4							
	AC	Acrobatic Gymnastics								2		4							
	AE	Aerobic Gymnastics										2							
Flag Square Cluster																			
BAC Baku Aquatics Centre	DV	Diving							2	2	2	2							
	SW	Swimming												7	8	9	7	11	
	SY	Synchronised Swimming				2	2												
WAP Water Polo Arena	WP	Water Polo									1	1							
BBA Basketball Arena	B3	Basketball 3x3															2		
BEA Beach Arena	BF	Beach Soccer																	1
	BV	Beach Volleyball									1	1							
CH1 Crystal Hall 1	VO	Volleyball																1	1
CH2 Crystal Hall 2	BX	Boxing														5	5	5	
CH3 Crystal Hall 3	FE	Fencing												2	2	2	3	3	
	TK	Taekwondo					2	2	2	2									
	KA	Karate		6	6														
City Cluster																			
TBS Tofiq Bahramov Stadium	AR	Archery						1	2			1	1						
BSH Baku Sports Hall	BD	Badminton																2	3
	TT	Table Tennis				2				2									
HAA Heydar Aliyev Arena	JU	Judo														5	6	5	2
	SC	Sambo											8						
	WR	Wrestling		4	4	4	4	4	4										
FSQ Freedom Square	CR	Cycling Road									1	1							
Western & Other Venues																			
BIL Bilgah Beach	TR	Triathlon		1	1														
	CR	Cycling Road							2										
MIG Mingachevir	CF	Canoe Sprint				5	10												
BMX BMX Velopark	CB	Cycling BMX																	
VEL Mountain Bike Velopark	CM	Cycling Mountain Bike		2															
SHO Baku Shooting Centre	SH	Shooting					3	3	2	2	3	3	3						

Baku 2015 Venues Masterplan

VILLAGE CLUSTER

- 1 Olympic Stadium**
Athletics
Opening & Closing ceremonies
- 2 National Gymnastics Arena**
Acrobatic
Aerobic
Artistic
Rhythmic
Trampoline
- AVL Athletes Village**
- MVL Media Village**

FLAG SQUARE CLUSTER

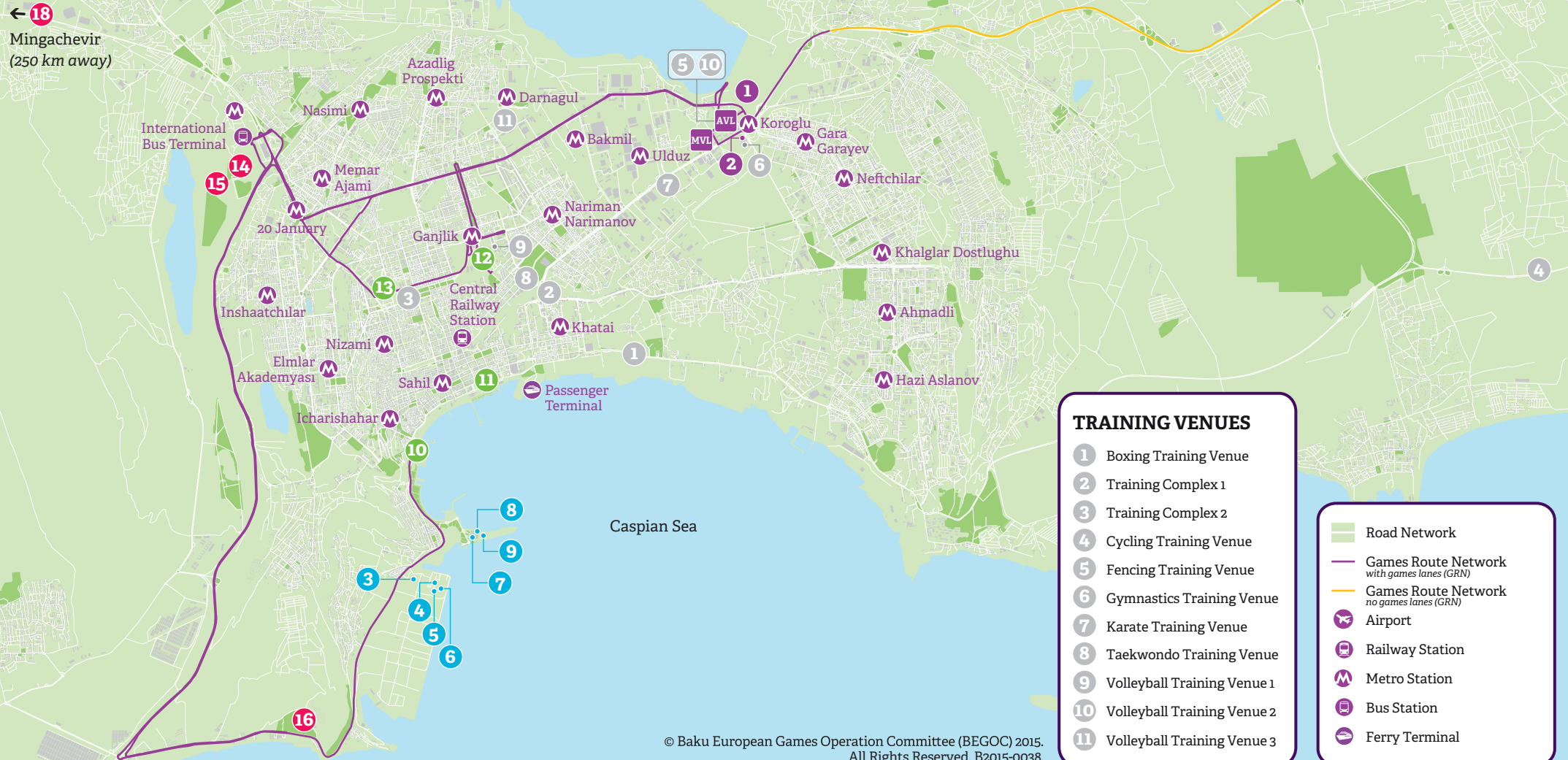
- 3 Baku Aquatics Centre**
Diving
Swimming
Synchronised Swimming
- 4 Water Polo Arena**
Water Polo
- 5 Beach Arena**
Beach Volleyball
Beach Soccer
- 6 Basketball Arena**
Basketball 3x3
- 7 Crystal Hall 1**
Volleyball
- 8 Crystal Hall 2**
Boxing
- 9 Crystal Hall 3**
Fencing
Karate
Taekwondo

CITY CLUSTER

- 10 Baku Sports Hall**
Badminton
Table Tennis
- 11 Freedom Square**
Cycling - Road Race
- 12 Tofiq Bahramov Stadium**
Archery
- 13 Heydar Aliyev Arena**
Judo
Sambo
Wrestling

WESTERN & OTHER

- 14 Baku Shooting Centre**
Shooting
- 15 Mountain Bike Velopark**
Cycling - Mountain Bike
- 16 BMX Velopark**
Cycling - BMX
- 17 Bilgah Beach**
Cycling - Time Trial
Triathlon
- 18 Mingachevir**
Canoe Sprint



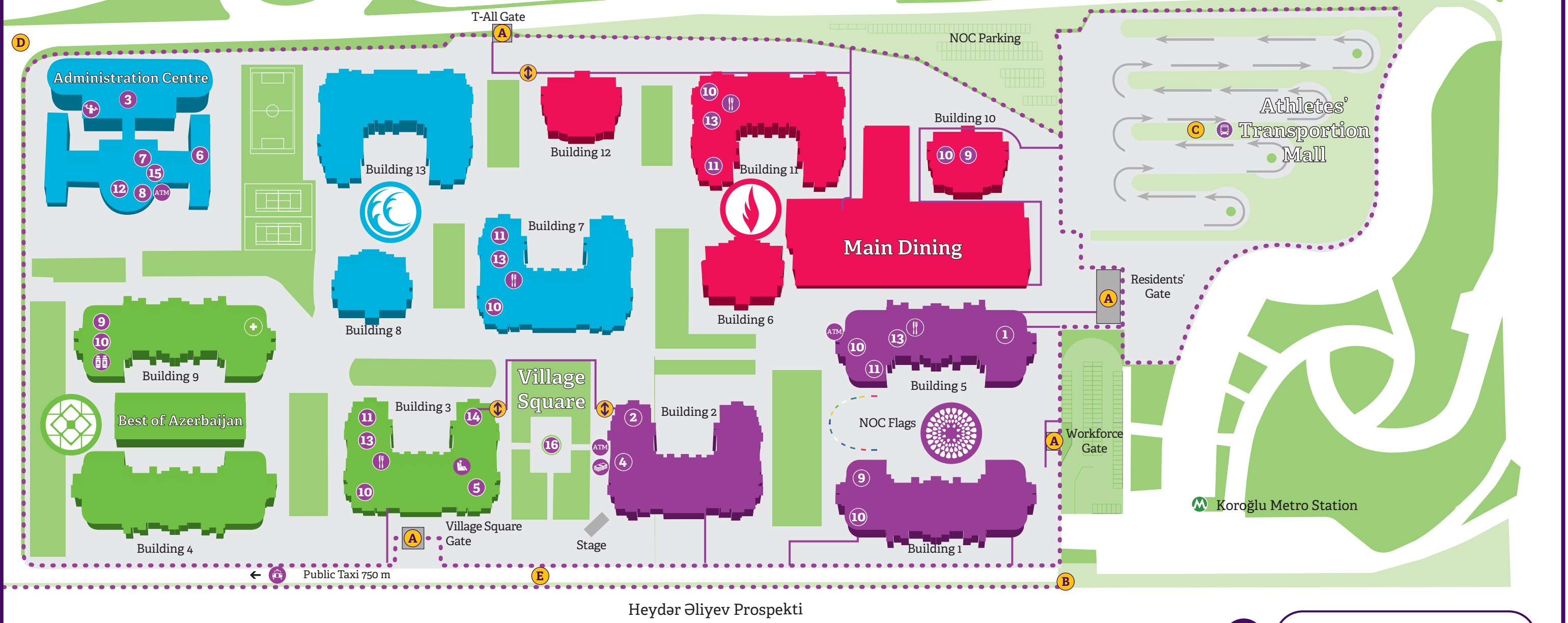
TRAINING VENUES

- 1** Boxing Training Venue
- 2** Training Complex 1
- 3** Training Complex 2
- 4** Cycling Training Venue
- 5** Fencing Training Venue
- 6** Gymnastics Training Venue
- 7** Karate Training Venue
- 8** Taekwondo Training Venue
- 9** Volleyball Training Venue 1
- 10** Volleyball Training Venue 2
- 11** Volleyball Training Venue 3

Athletes Village

- | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|---|---|
| A Pedestrian Screening Area | Entrance/Exit | 1 Accreditation and Welcome Centre | 9 Recreation Centre |
| B Vehicle Permit Checkpoint | Fitness Centre | 2 Café and Juice Bar | 10 Resident Centre |
| C T-A Transportation Mall | Internal Fence | 3 Chef de Mission Meeting Hall | 11 Serviced Laundry |
| D T-All Drop / Load Zone | Metro | 4 Commercial Centre | 12 Sport Information Centre |
| E T-X Drop / Load Zone | Polyclinic | 5 Guest Pass Centre | 13 Super Recreation Centre |
| ATM | Protocol Lounge | 6 Multi-faith Centre | 14 Venue Media Centre |
| Anti Doping | Secure Perimeter | 7 NOC Bookable Meeting Rooms | 15 Village Operations Centre |
| Athletes' Transportation Mall | Super Recreation Café | 8 NOC Services Centre | 16 Village Square / Athlete Welcome Ceremony |
| Currency Exchange Machine | | | |

- Village Areas**
- Pomegranate
 - Carpet
 - Wave
 - Flame



Canoe Sprint Village

--- Secure Perimeter

- A** Pedestrian Screening Area
- B** Vehicle Screening Area
- C** T-All Load Zone
- D** T-All Drop Off Zone
- 1** Accreditation Centre
- 2** General Store
- 3** Guest Pass Centre
- 4** Main Dining
- 5** NOC Bookable Meeting Room
- 6** NOC Services Centre
- 7** NTO & Workforce Accommodation
- 8** Prayer Rooms
- 9** Recreation Centre
- 10** Resident Centre
- 11** Serviced Laundry
- 12** Super Recreation Centre
- 13** Village Operations Centre
- 14** Welcome Desk
- ATM** ATM and Currency Exchange Machine
- +** Polyclinic
- 🚗** Public Taxi

Village Areas

-  Pomegranate
-  Carpet
-  Wave
-  Flame

← Mingachevir
5km away

Load Zone
Gate **C**

Drop Off
Zone Gate **A**

A Building 2

Building 3

Building 4

Building 1

Administration Centre

Building 5

Main Dining

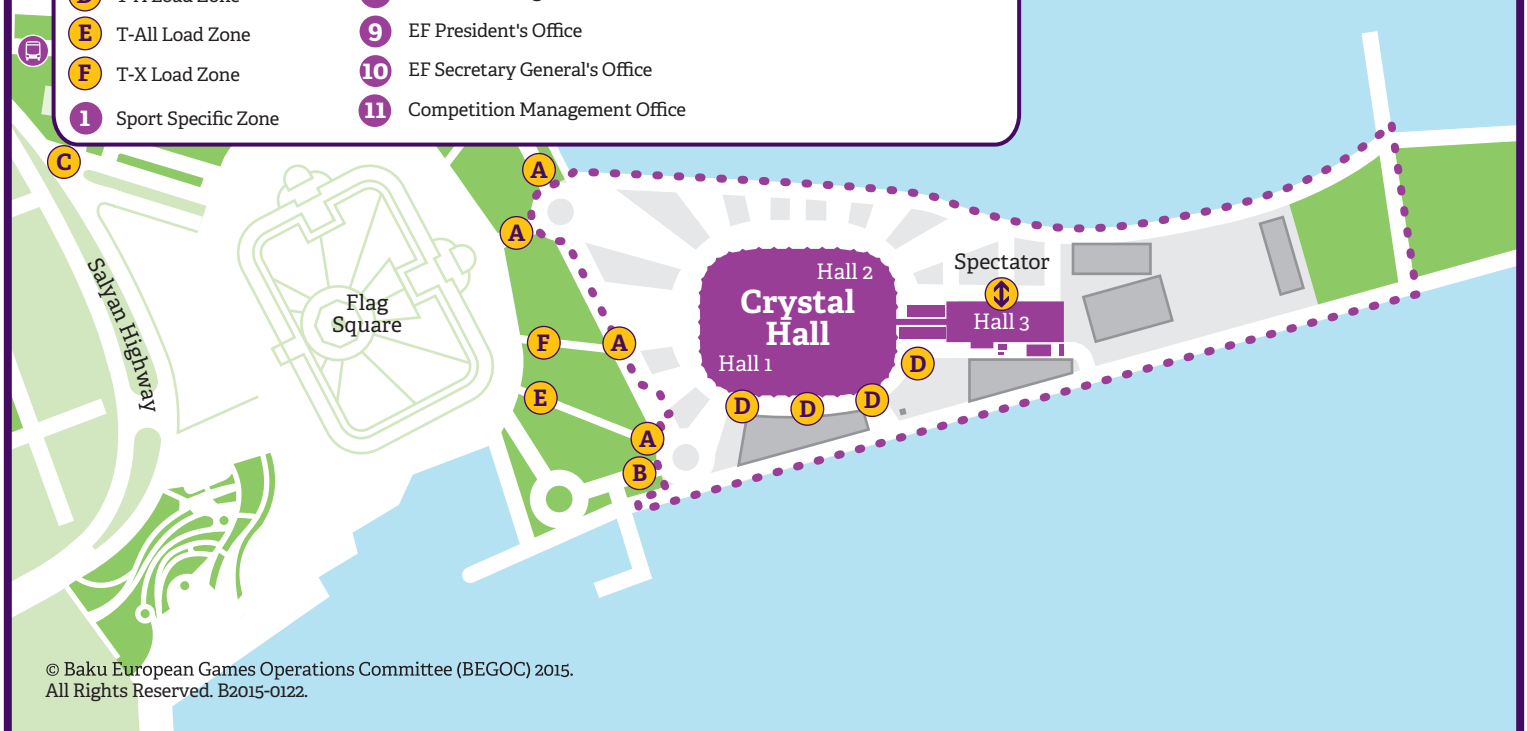


0 10 20 30 40 m

- | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Competition Venue | 2 Athlete Warm-up | Athlete Changing Rooms |
| Venue Perimeter | 3 Athlete Physiotherapy | Lounge |
| Entrance/Exit | 4 Field of Play | Sport Information Desk |
| A Pedestrian Screening Area | 5 Protocol Seating | Doping Control |
| B Vehicle Screening Area | 6 Mixed Zone | Call Room |
| C Vehicle Permit Checkpoint | 7 EF Admin Working Area | EF Meeting Room |
| D T-A Load Zone | 8 Technical Delegate Office | Athlete Medical |
| E T-All Load Zone | 9 EF President's Office | |
| F T-X Load Zone | 10 EF Secretary General's Office | |
| 1 Sport Specific Zone | 11 Competition Management Office | |



Taekwondo Crystal Hall 3



© Baku European Games Operations Committee (BEGOC) 2015.
All Rights Reserved. B2015-0122.



Taekwondo Training Venue

- Entrance/Exit
- Pedestrian Screening Area
- Vehicle Permit Checkpoint
- T-A Load Zone
- 1 Training Mats
- 2 Saunas
- Athlete Changing Rooms
- Athlete Lounge
- Athlete Medical



Qədərbəyov Küçəsi

Xətai Prospekti

B

C

2

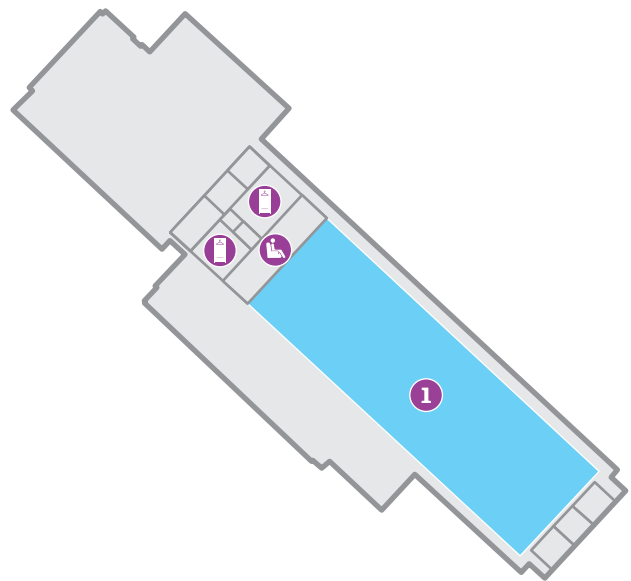
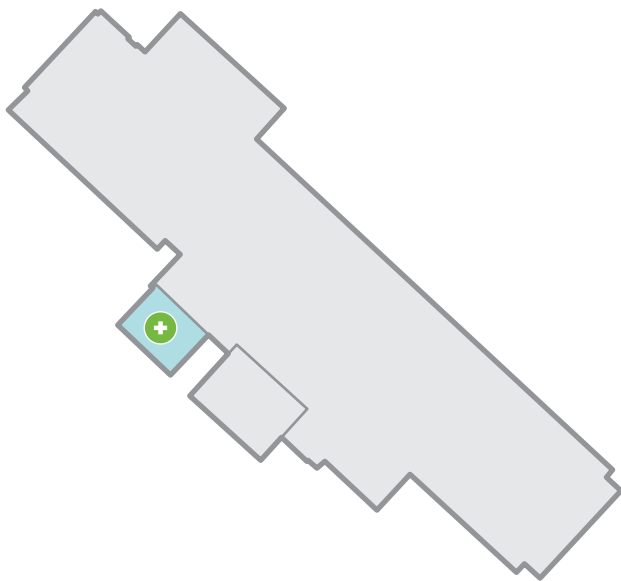
A

↔



Level 2

Level 3





Baku 2015
1ST EUROPEAN GAMES

41 Zarifa Aliyeva Street,
Baku AZ1000, Azerbaijan