



Baku 2015
1ST EUROPEAN GAMES

BMX CYCLING

Games-time Guide



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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.

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General Information



BMX Cycling Competition: General

Information

The BMX competition at the Baku 2015 European Games will be held from 26 June to 28 June 2015 at the BMX Velopark in Baku. A total of 48 athletes, 32 men and 16 women, may take part in the BMX competition.

Key Dates	
Date	Event
1 May 2015	Sport Entries deadline (23:59 CET)
8 June 2015	Athletes Village official opening
12 June 2015	European Games Opening Ceremony
23-25 June 2015	Daily training sessions
25 June 2015	Team Managers' meeting at Athletes Village
26-28 June 2015	BMX competition
28 June 2015	European Games Closing Ceremony
1 July 2015	Official closing of Athletes Village

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Position	Name	Country Code
President	David Lappartient	FRA
Vice-President	Gusyatnikov Alexander	RUS
Vice-President	Lepajoe Madis	EST
Vice-President	Hansen Harald Tiedemann	NOR
Executive Board Member	Saskia Capello - Lindner	NED
Executive Board Member	Martin Wolf	GER
Executive Board Member	Tomaz Poljanec	SLO
UEC Secretary General	Enrico Della Casa	ITA
Technical Delegate	Jolanda Polkamp	NED

International Technical Officials (ITOs)		
Position	Name	Country Code
President of the Commissaires Panel (PCP)	Christine Deconclois	FRA
International Technical Official	Kjell Larsen	NOR
International Technical Official	René Nicolas	FRA
International Technical Official	Jan Sykora	CZE
International Technical Official	Roger Johnsson	SWE

The specific roles of the ITOs will be decided during the Technical Meeting.

National Technical Officials (NTOs)	
Position	Name
National Technical Official	Elnara Musayeva
National Technical Official	Nigar Rzayeva
National Technical Official	Eldar Dzhabrailov
National Technical Official	Mahammad Alakbarov
National Technical Official	Qurban Tagiyev

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Medal events

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

Medal events (2)	
Men (1)	Women (1)
BMX Race	BMX Race

Competition format

Women's competition

The women's competition will consist of the qualifying time trials and time trial super-final. The qualifying time trial will determine the seeding for positions 9-16 for the next day's motos, while positions 1-8 will be determined by the time trial super-final. The starting intervals for the qualifying time trial will be one minute, and two minutes for the time trial super-final.

On the second day of competition, the motos will consist of two heats of three runs each. Out of the 16 competitors, the top eight will qualify for the final. The final will take place on the third day of competition and consists of one run only.

Men's competition

The men's competition will consist of the qualifying time trial and the time trial super-final. The qualifying time trial will determine the

seeding for positions 17-32 for the next day's motos, while positions 1-16 will be determined by the time trial super-final. The starting intervals for the qualifying time trial will be one minute, and two minutes for the time trial super-final.

On the second day of competition, the motos will consist of four heats of three runs each. The top four riders of each heat will qualify for the semi-finals. The semi-finals consist of a semi-final 1 and semi-final 2. The top four riders from each semi-final will go through to the final. The semi-final and final will both take place on the third day of competition. Both will consist of one run only.

General

Starting order at the qualifying time trials will be determined by the current position of each rider in the UCI Ranking. The top-ranked rider will start first in the qualifying time trials. At the time trial super-final, the fastest rider from the qualifying time trial will start last.

For the motos a point system will be awarding points according to the position of each rider at the end of each run. The first rider crossing the finish line will get one point, the second two points etc., so that the top rider from each heat will be decided by the least points in hand.

Competition rules

The BMX competition will be held in accordance with the editions of the following documents that are in force at the time of the Games:

- UCI Road Regulations, available at www.uci.ch
- UCI General Regulations, available at www.uci.ch
- UCI Scale of Penalties will be the only applicable.

Protests and appeals

Protests and appeals at the BMX competition will be held in accordance with the editions of the following documents that are in force at the time of the Games:

- UCI BMX Regulations
- UCI General Regulations

Riders' behaviour and conduct during European Games

Due to safety reasons it is strictly prohibited for athletes to ride their bikes within the residential area or any other area within the Athletes Village. Also it is strictly prohibited to use bikes on the public roads network. In case any athletes or officials decide to do so, the responsibility will fall solely on the riders, team officials and the NOC representatives. In case of any accidents, injuries and or sport equipment damage, BEGOC cannot be held responsible. These safety measures have been taken to guarantee the absolute safety of all athletes and team officials during their stay in Baku.

Clothing and equipment

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

- UCI BMX and General Regulations
- European Games Rules on Advertising, Demonstrations and Propaganda

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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 WFSGI, 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
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.

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.

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Sport information

Sport Information Centre and Sport Information Desks

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 the second floor 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

SID opening hours	
Date	Hours of operation
23 June	12:00-18:00
24 June	13:00-18:00
25 June	13:00-18:00
26 June	12:30-18:00
27 June	13:00-18:30
28 June	13:00-18:00

Athletes Village Team Vehicles Parking

The parking area for team vehicles will be right outside the Athletes Village. This has effect on certain security and transport procedures around competition days.

The evening/night prior to the training/competition days, there will be a security screening of all team vehicles that will enter the BMX Velopark from 23 to 28 June. This screening will start immediately at 23:00 and will be taking a couple of hours.

To facilitate the whole screening process, all cars have to be in the Athletes Village NOC parking area no later than 22:30 on 22-27 June. Keys should be handed over to the Team Vehicle Group Leader between 22:00 and 22:30 at this parking area. Keys will be handed back over when drivers collect their car in the morning at 07:00. This means that no team vehicle is allowed to leave this parking area between 22:30 and the

time of the convoy leaves.

This process is in place to create a clean bubble-to-bubble convoy on competition day. This will allow smooth travelling to the venue with no extra screening. There will be permanent security at the parking area.

Water bottles

A certain number of water bottles will be distributed based on the number of athletes per NOC.

Meetings and briefings

Track walk

Date: 23 June – Time: 12:30-13:15 – BMX Velopark

Team Managers and athletes will be allowed to access the field of play during this designated session, during which they may walk the track. Bikes are not allowed on the track during this session.

BMX Team Managers' briefing

Date: 24 June – Time: 13:30-14:00 – Athletes' Lounge, BMX Velopark

The Team Managers' briefing must be attended by each Team Manager. The briefing will cover essential information relating to the operation of the venue training sessions and competitions. This will be followed by number plate distribution, license checks and kit check

Meeting of Commissaires' Panel

Date: 25 June – Time: 11:00-12:00 - Athletes Village, NOC Meeting Room 9, Level 3

BMX Team Managers' meeting and confirmation of riders

Date: 25 June – Time: 09:30 – Athletes Village, NOC Meeting Room 9

BMX team managers' meeting will be held in accordance with the UCI regulations in the presence of the President of the Commissaires Panel, UEC Technical Delegate, ITOs, the Baku 2015 Competition Manager and the anti-doping Officers. All team managers are required to attend.

Hours	Description
09:30 – 10:00	License check, handing out transponders
10:00 – 10:30	Team Managers Meeting
10:30 – 11:00	Commissaire briefing

Transponder distribution

Date: 25 June – Time: 09:30 – 10:00 – Athletes Village

Technical official equipment & radios distribution

Technical officials equipment and radios will be available to them as they arrive at the Technical Officials' Lounge.

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 20. Changes will also appear on the Games-time Website at www.baku2015.com.

26 June 2015 - Day 14, BMX Velopark		
14:30 - 17:00	CB01	Women's BMX Qualifying Time Trial
		Men's BMX Qualifying Time Trial
		Women's BMX Time Trial Super Final
		Men's BMX Time Trial Super Final
27 June 2015 - Day 15, BMX Velopark		
14:30 - 17:00	CB02	Women's BMX Motos Run 1 Heats
		Men's BMX Motos Run 1 Heats
		Women's BMX Motos Run 2 Heats
		Men's BMX Motos Run 2 Heats
		Women's BMX Motos Run 3 Heats
		Men's BMX Motos Run 3 Heats
28 June 2015 - Day 16, BMX Velopark		
15:00 - 17:00	CB03	Men's BMX Semi-final
		Women's BMX Final
		Women's BMX Medal Ceremony
		Men's BMX Final
		Men's BMX Medal Ceremony

Competition Venue Information



Competition: Venue information

Key information

The BMX competition at the Baku 2015 European Games will be held at the new BMX Velopark track, a specially constructed facility in the cycling park of Shikhov Beach area, south-west of Baku city. After Baku 2015, the BMX Velopark will leave a lasting legacy and expand to facilitate major BMX international events.

Venue access

Direct access from the Athletes Village to the BMX Velopark will be available for training and competition days. This will be via Games Transport Shuttles and the NOC-dedicated vehicles. The athletes can access the venue from the athlete load zone, which is next to the Start Ramp building, and the walkway from the Athletes Parking Area to the Athletes Area.

Team officials, bikes and team equipment are expected to be transported to the venue via the NOC Cycling vehicles provided to each NOC. Information for accessing the venue by car will be available at the SIC. Each NOC Cycling vehicle will be provided with Venue Access and/or Parking Permit (VAPP). A limited number of seats will be available on T-A buses for team officials.

Field of play

The field of play consists of a combination of high technical jumps, obstacles and tightly banked corners. The track will be 395m long. The competition area and all equipment will be presented in accordance with the UCI Cycling Regulations.

Venue facilities and services

Athletes' Lounge

A lounge for athletes and their support staff is located on the ground floor of the Start Ramp building. The lounge contains sofas, tables and chairs, a TV with live coverage of BMX Cycling when available, Wi-Fi, an athlete refreshment station, and the SID (see page 20). The Athletes' Lounge will be open during operational hours that athletes and officials are present at the venue for competition and official training.

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

Athlete changing rooms and lockers

Athlete changing rooms are located on the ground floor of the Start Ramp Building. Lockers are available in the Team Tents.

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. 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.

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EF facilities

Located on the first floor of the Start Ramp Building, Snacks, refreshments and free Wi-Fi internet access will be provided.

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).

Internet access

Free Wi-Fi internet access is available in the Lounges.

Language services

BEGOC Language Services Team Members (LSTM) will provide volunteer interpretation services on competition days at the BMX Velopark 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 the BMX Velopark should be directed to the SID. This is also the location to which all found items should be delivered. Items will be kept at the venue until the end of the BMX Cycling competition, at which point they will be transferred to the Village Centre Information Desk at the Athletes Village.

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.

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).

Team Pits area

Each NOC will have a team tent with access to power, table, chairs and a locker for storage. Bikes can be stored in the tents which be monitored by security service and camera surveillance. A limited number of turbo trainers will be available. NOC's will be charged AZN150 for any

equipment that is not returned or is returned in a (badly) damaged condition.

Technical Officials' Lounge/Office

Located on the second floor of the Start Ramp building. The Technical Officials lounge will offer fresh towels, light snacks, refreshments and free Wi-Fi internet access.

Technical Officials' Lounge/Office opening hours	
Date	Hours of operation
23 June	11:00-17:30
24 June	13:00-17:30
25 June	13:00-17:30
26 June	13:00-18:00
27 June	13:00-18:00
28 June	13:00-18:00

Technical Officials' changing rooms

Located on the second floor of the Starting Ramp Building.

Venue Accreditation Help Office (VAHO)

The VAHO will be located near the spectators entrance.

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.

In addition to the daily forecasts, BMX Velopark will have wind measuring devices installed in order to ascertain live wind speeds and inform the venue and sport teams. These are separate to, and independent from, any Results System wind monitors.

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 73.

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 29. 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 29.

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 82.

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 65.

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 67.

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 68.

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 44).

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 42; 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 14.

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 19.

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 20. 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 BMX Cycling is provided in the Competition: Venue information and Training sections within this guide. See page 26.

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 45.

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 49.

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 Managers' Information



Team Managers' Information

Pre-competition procedures

Meetings and briefings

For information on meeting and briefings, see page 22.

Competition procedures

Warm-up

Athletes' warm-up will be done on roller trainers. Practice sessions are also set before each competition. Practice session is the only time athletes may train on the field of play. For practice session timings, see page 58.

Athletes' and Team Officials' seating

The athlete seating area is located in the first row of the Protocol Tribune.

Post-competition procedures

Leaving the field of play

The exit for the finish line leads through the mixed zone to the athletes' area.

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 27.

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.

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.

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 competition attire 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: A bronze gilt medal

Training Information



Training

Key information

Training for the BMX Cycling competition will also take place at the BMX Velopark. The BMX Velopark will be open for training from 23 June to 25 June 2015. All training equipment will be approved by the UEC, and will comply with the UCI BMX and General Regulations. The team equipment drop-off at the venue will take place from 23 June to 28 June. The Drop-off Zone can be accessed as the NOC Cycling Vehicles enter the venue.

Training regulations

All equipment and clothing used in training must comply with the UCI Regulations and the European Games Rules on Advertising, Demonstrations and Propaganda (distributed by the EOC to all NOCs). During all training sessions the bike number plates must on the bike's handlebar.

There will be daily on-venue training sessions on 23-25 June.

Medical services and facilities

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

Lost and found

For information on lost and found services at the BMX Velopark, see page 29.

Media access

All training sessions at the BMX Velopark will be open to media.

Venue access

For information on venue access, see page 26.

Training facilities

For a list of facilities and services, see page 26.

Technical Officials' Information



Technical Officials' information

Services

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

International Technical Officials for BMX Cycling will be accommodated at the Golden Coast hotel.

14, M. Useynov str., Baku, AZ 1003

Tel: (+99412)491 52 00

Website: www.goldencoast.az

Other facilities: laundry, bar, restaurant

Arrival date: 22 and 24 June 2015

Departure date: 29 June 2015

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 UEC 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 UEC, including property of the UEC 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 UEC using international payment transfer in May. UEC 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 cash from the Competition Manager.

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.

Uniform collection

All Technical Officials must collect their uniforms from the Uniform and Accreditation Centre (UAC). They will be transported from their official accommodation to the UAC to collect their uniforms on 24 June at 13:00-14:00. All BMX Cycling Technical Officials will be provided with a casual uniform, as follows:

- 1 x Casual jacket
- 3 x Polo Shirt
- 2 x Trouser
- 1 x Baseball cap
- 1 x Bag
- 1 x Tie or Scarf

Shoes will not be provided to TOs as part of the uniform. Officials are required to bring and wear plain trainers with their casual uniform.

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

Pre-competition procedures

Venue access for Technical Officials

Direct access from the Technical Officials hotel to the BMX Velopark will be available for training and competition days. This will be via Games Transport Shuttles. Technical Officials can access the venue from the athlete load zone, which is next to the Start Ramp building, and the walkway from the Athletes Parking Area to the Athletes Area.

Technical officials' meetings and briefings

Technical Meeting

Event	Date	Time	Venue
Team Managers' Meeting	25 June	09:30-11:00	Athletes Village, NOC Meeting Room 9
Technical officials' meeting	25 June	10:30-11:00	Athletes Village, NOC Meeting Room 9

Dress rehearsal

Venue dress rehearsal

Description	Date	Time
Sport	24 June	16:00 – 17:00
Medal ceremonies	24 June	17:00 – 18:00

Production dress rehearsal

Description	Date	Time
Sport	24 June	16:00 – 17:00
Medal ceremonies	24 June	17:00 – 18:00

Key ITO/NTO timings

23 June			Activity/Task Description
Start	Duration	Finish	
12:30:00	0:45:00	13:15:00	Field of play on foot inspection (Team Managers & Athletes) No bikes
13:30:00	0:30:00	14:00:00	Team Managers briefing
14:00:00	3:00:00	17:00:00	Field of play open for training
14:00:00	1:30:00	15:30:00	Women Training Session
15:30:00	1:30:00	17:00:00	Men Training Session

24 June			Activity/Task Description
Start	Duration	Finish	
14:00:00	3:00:00	17:00:00	Field of play open for training
14:00:00	1:30:00	15:30:00	Women Training Session
15:30:00	1:30:00	17:00:00	Men Training Session

25 June			Activity/Task Description
Start	Duration	Finish	
09:30:00	0:30:00	11:00:00	Technical Meeting AVL
14:00:00	3:00:00	17:00:00	Field of Play open for training
14:00:00	1:30:00	15:30:00	Women Training Session
15:30:00	1:30:00	17:00:00	Men Training Session

26 June			Activity/Task Description
Start	Duration	Finish	
13:45:00	3:15:00	17:00:00	Field of play open
13:45:00	0:20:00	14:05:00	Women Practice Session
14:05:00	0:20:00	14:25:00	Men Practice Session
14:30:00	0:20:00	14:50:00	Women Qualifying Time Trial
15:00:00	0:35:00	15:35:00	Men Qualifying Time Trial
15:35:00	0:25:00	16:00:00	Break/Women & Men Practice Session
16:00:00	0:20:00	16:20:00	Women Super Final Time Trial
16:20:00	0:40:00	17:00:00	Men Super Final Time Trial
17:00:00	0:00:00	17:00:00	Field of play close

27 June			Activity/Task Description
Start	Duration	Finish	
14:00:00	3:00:00	17:00:00	Field of play operational
14:00:00	0:15:00	14:15:00	Women Practice Session
14:15:00	0:15:00	14:30:00	Men Practice Session
14:30:00	0:05:00	14:35:00	Women motos 1st Run Heat 1
14:35:00	0:05:00	14:40:00	Women motos 1st Run Heat 2
14:40:00	0:05:00	14:45:00	Men motos 1st Run Heat 1
14:45:00	0:05:00	14:50:00	Men motos 1st Run Heat 2
14:50:00	0:05:00	14:55:00	Men motos 1st Run Heat 3
14:55:00	0:05:00	15:00:00	Men motos 1st Run Heat 4
15:30:00	0:05:00	15:35:00	Women motos 2nd Run Heat 1
15:35:00	0:05:00	15:40:00	Women motos 2nd Run Heat 2
15:40:00	0:05:00	15:45:00	Men motos 2nd Run Heat 1
15:45:00	0:05:00	15:50:00	Men motos 2nd Run Heat 2

27 June			Activity/Task Description
Start	Duration	Finish	
15:50:00	0:05:00	15:55:00	Men motos 2nd Run Heat 3
15:55:00	0:05:00	16:00:00	Men motos 2nd Run Heat 4
16:30:00	0:05:00	16:35:00	Women motos 3rd Run Heat 1
16:35:00	0:05:00	16:40:00	Women motos 3rd Run Heat 2
16:40:00	0:05:00	16:45:00	Men motos 3rd Run Heat 1
16:45:00	0:05:00	16:50:00	Men motos 3rd Run Heat 2
16:50:00	0:05:00	16:55:00	Men motos 3rd Run Heat 3
16:55:00	0:05:00	17:00:00	Men motos 3rd Run Heat 4
17:00:00	0:01:00	17:01:00	Field of play close

28 June			Activity/Task Description
Start	Duration	Finish	
14:30:00	2:05:00	16:35:00	Field of play open
14:30:00	0:20:00	14:50:00	Men Practice Session
15:00:00	0:05:00	15:05:00	Men Semi Final 1
15:05:00	0:05:00	15:10:00	Men Semi Final 2
15:10:00	0:20:00	15:30:00	Women Practice Session
15:40:00	0:05:00	15:45:00	Women Final
15:55:00	0:10:00	16:05:00	Women Medal Ceremony
16:05:00	0:25:00	16:30:00	Men Practice Session
16:30:00	0:05:00	16:35:00	Men Final
16:45:00	0:10:00	16:55:00	Men Medal Ceremony

Post-competition procedures

Technical officials' debrief

All Technical Officials will attend the debrief, which takes place 15 minutes after the last competition session of each competition day.

Certificates

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

The Games and Baku



The Games and Baku

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.

Cardholder's photo		Accreditation category
Cardholder's information		Additional privileges
Registration number and barcode		Venue and sport access codes
Zone and seating access codes		

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 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 adjacent:

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
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

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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.

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Appendices



Baku 2015 Venues Masterplan

- | VILLAGE CLUSTER | FLAG SQUARE CLUSTER | CITY CLUSTER | WESTERN & OTHER |
|--|--|---|---|
| 1 Olympic Stadium
Athletics
Opening & Closing ceremonies | 3 Baku Aquatics Centre
Diving
Swimming
Synchronised Swimming | 10 Baku Sports Hall
Badminton
Table Tennis | 14 Baku Shooting Centre
Shooting |
| 2 National Gymnastics Arena
Acrobatic
Aerobic
Artistic
Rhythmic
Trampoline | 4 Water Polo Arena
Water Polo | 11 Freedom Square
Cycling - Road Race | 15 Mountain Bike Velopark
Cycling - Mountain Bike |
| AVL Athletes Village
MVL Media Village | 5 Beach Arena
Beach Volleyball
Beach Soccer | 12 Tofiq Bahramov Stadium
Archery | 16 BMX Velopark
Cycling - BMX |
| | 6 Basketball Arena
Basketball 3x3 | 13 Heydar Aliyev Arena
Judo
Sambo
Wrestling | 17 Bilgah Beach
Cycling - Time Trial
Triathlon |
| | 7 Crystal Hall 1
Volleyball | | 18 Mingachevir
Canoe Sprint |
| | 8 Crystal Hall 2
Boxing | | |
| | 9 Crystal Hall 3
Fencing
Karate
Taekwondo | | |



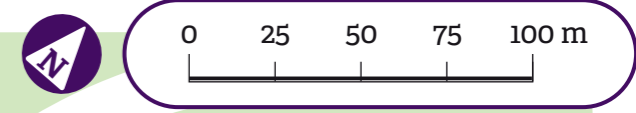
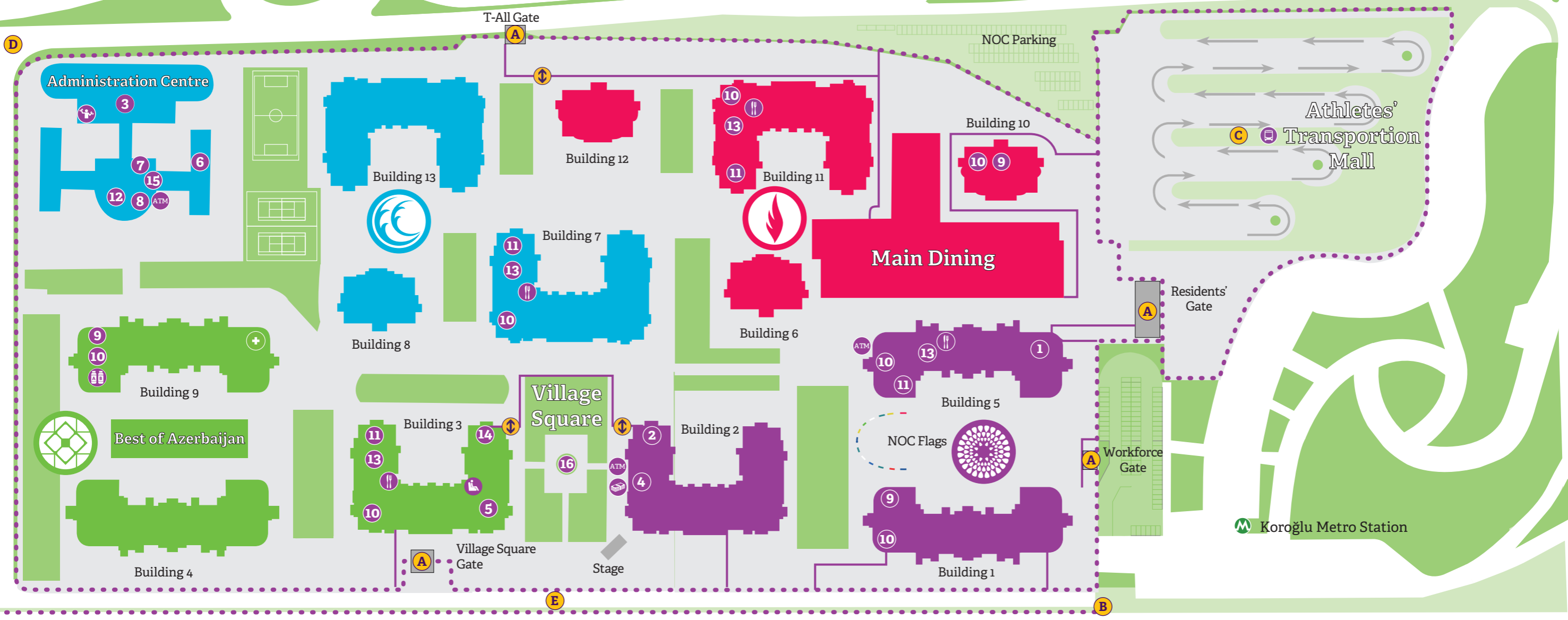
- ### TRAINING VENUES
- 1 Boxing Training Venue
 - 2 Training Complex 1
 - 3 Training Complex 2
 - 4 Cycling Training Venue
 - 5 Fencing Training Venue
 - 6 Gymnastics Training Venue
 - 7 Karate Training Venue
 - 8 Taekwondo Training Venue
 - 9 Volleyball Training Venue 1
 - 10 Volleyball Training Venue 2
 - 11 Volleyball Training Venue 3

- Road Network
- Games Route Network with games lanes (GRN)
- Games Route Network no games lanes (GRN)
- Airport
- Railway Station
- Metro Station
- Bus Station
- Ferry Terminal

Athletes Village

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|------------------------------------|-----------------------|---|---|
| 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

Mingachevir
5km away

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** Public Taxi

Village Areas

-  Pomegranate
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Load Zone Gate

Drop Off Zone Gate

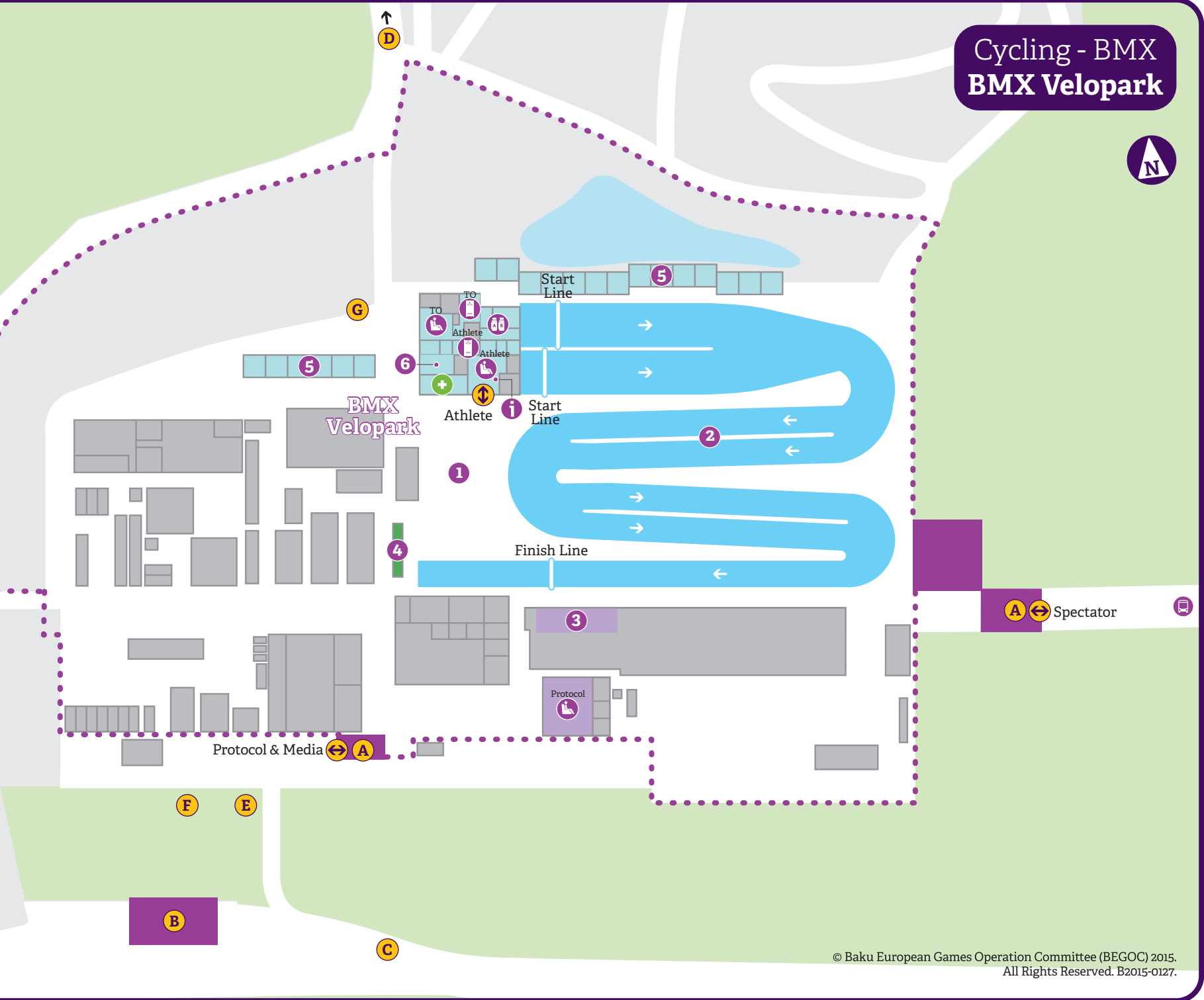


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Cycling - BMX BMX Velopark



- Venue Perimeter
- ↔ Entrance/Exit
- A Pedestrian Screening Area
- B Vehicle Screening Area
- C Vehicle Permit Check
- D T-A Load Zone
- E T-All Load Zone
- F T-X Load Zone
- G Team Car Drop Off Zone
- 1 Athlete Warm-up
- 2 Field of Play
- 3 Protocol Seating
- 4 Mixed Zone
- 5 Athlete Preparation Tents
- 6 Physiotherapy/Massage
- 🚻 Changing Rooms
- 🛋 Lounge
- 📄 Sport Information Desk
- 🚫 Doping Control
- ⚕ Athlete Medical





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