

Tashkent 2015 Fencing Cadet and Junior World Championships

MEDIA GUIDE



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Welcome address

Dear friends,

I would like to welcome you to the FIE Cadet and Junior World Championships in Tashkent.

I am delighted that junior fencing is actively growing. The FIE's activities to promote fencing around the world are demonstrating noticeable results. An increasing number of countries are bringing through fencers who are able to compete on the world stage and fight for medals.

These championships are especially important to me. The tournament is taking place in my home country of Uzbekistan. I started to fence and won my first titles right here in Tashkent.

Tashkent is hosting the main tournament for young fencers for the very first time. More than a thousand competitors from over one hundred countries will take part in individual and team events in foil, epee and sabre. This is not a coincidence. Thanks to extensive work led by Uzbekistan's President, the country is now able to host top-level sporting tournaments.

I am sure that with the support of the Government of Uzbekistan, the Uzbekistan Olympic Committee, the Ministry of Culture and Sport, and the Uzbekistan Fencing Federation, the championships will be held at the highest level.

I would like to thank the athletes, coaches, volunteers and organisers, without whom these championships in Tashkent would not be possible.

I wish all of the competitors the best of luck. May the best athlete win!

Alisher Usmanov FIE President



1. General Information on host country and host city

The Republic of Uzbekistan

The Republic of Uzbekistan occupies a Central place in Central Asia, mainly located in the area between the Amu Darya and Syr Darya rivers. The national territory is 448,9 thousand km2, Total border length - 6221 km. From the North between the rivers Amu Darya and Syr Darya extends the Kyzyl Kum desert, which occupies over 300,000 km2. Mountains and foothills is 1/5 the country.

A visit to Uzbekistan is a unique opportunity to plunge into the ancient history of these places, this large segment of the Great silk Road, to see and to touch the treasures of material culture, magnificent monuments, which have reached us through the centuries as the inheritance of different eras and dynasties and how many opportunities give nature lovers wondrous beauty of these places! The soft contours of the mountains, winding rivers, which carry their crystal water through the oases and deserts, bright green valleys. Only here under the hot Asian sun ripen and poured the juice is the most delicious fruit and vegetables. In addition to beautiful landscapes and great history, Uzbekistan is the 4th largest country in production of cotton in the world, 7th in gold production and has significant reserves of oil and natural gas, including uranium, silver, copper, zinc, coal and textile industry.

Capital: Tashkent

<u>Population</u>: The population of Uzbekistan is over 30 million people. The main part of the population is Uzbeks, which accounted for almost 80% of the total population. Uzbekistan - a multinational Republic, where live representatives of more than 100 nations and nationalities.

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Tashkent is the most populated city in Central Asia, a political, economic, cultural and scientific center of the country. According to official data, the population of Tashkent is about 2, 3 million people. This modern city is located in the north-eastern part of the country, in the foothills of the western Tyan



Shan, valley of Chirchik, at the height of 440-480 meters above sea level. The history of modern Tashkent counts more than 2500 years.

In written sources, the name of the city was first reported in the beginning of the 11th century. According to Abu Rayhan Beruni, the word was originated from Turkic "Tash"("Stone") and "Kent"("City"). Thus, Tashkent means "Stone City".

Of course, speaking of Tashkent, it is impossible not to mention its markets. Aromas of eastern spices, ripe fruits and vegetables, and hot "lepeshkas-national bread" will create the feeling that you are in an Eastern tale. At the bazaar you can also find jewelry and painted children's cradles ("beshik"), gold embroidery, the national coffers decorated with ornaments made of metal, embroidered and quilted Suzane male chapans, carpets from Khiva, Samarkand and Bukhara.

Cultural life in Tashkent is full of interesting events. There are many theaters, a conservatory, museum, exhibition and concert halls, stadiums and swimming pools, cafes, restaurants in the capital. Tashkent is called a solar capital, and this epithet is originated not only in relation to climatic conditions, but also because the city is famous for its hospitality, guests are granted a warm welcome in Uzbekistan.

2. Venue information

2.1 The venue for Preliminary Competitions Gymnastics Sport complex

- ★ <u>Address:</u> Yunus Abad district, Hoji Ota 2A, Tashkent City, Uzbekistan.
- ◆ Competition area: 5000 sq/m, width 50m x length100m
- ✤ <u>Total number of seats</u>: 4500 seats
- ✤ <u>Height</u>: 30m

The "GSC" complex considered one of the biggest gymnastics halls in the world. It is located 8-10 minutes' drive from the center of the Tashkent city. Even though the complex is quite new several prestigious tournaments such as World cup series in Rhythmic Gymnastics 2011, 2012, Asian Championships for Artistic Gymnastics 2014, World Cup FIG Rhythmic Gymnastics 2014 and Wrestling World Championships have been holding in it.



2.2 The Venue for Finals Sahovat Sport Service:

- ✤ <u>Address:</u> Yunus Abad district, Hoji Ota 2A, Tashkent City, Uzbekistan.
- ◆ <u>Competition Area:</u> 1800sq/m, length 60m x width 30m
- ✤ <u>Total number of seats:</u> 3200 seats

The "SSS" complex is modern sports complex, which is located just besides "GSS" complex. In this sports complex several World and Asian championships of various kinds of sports had been taking place. Some of them are Wrestling and Judo World Cup series, Taekwondo and Boxing Asian Championships, Tashkent President Tennis cup championships and Kick Boxing World championships.

3. Media accreditation

3.1 Press Registration

If you are a journalist or photographer who want to apply for your press accreditation for the Tashkent 2015 Fencing Cadet and Junior World Championships, please register FIE online system completing the following steps:

✓ click on the following link <u>www.fie.org</u>, select Media > Press and <u>click</u>

PRESS ACCREDITATION FOR CHAMP DU MONDE JUNIORS-CADETS, TASHKENT, UZB, 01.04.15-09.04.15

- \checkmark fill in the application form;
- \checkmark follow the instructions and send the information requested;
- \checkmark a confirmation e-mail will be sent after the approval of your application.

For any further information or help, please contact Nodira Alimova nodikaa@mail.ru



3.2 Categories of the media and access to the areas

All journalists who have passed the accreditation procedure are assigned to corresponding categories, which define their rights to access the venue based on the authorization matrices developed by the FIE.

During the Tashkent 2015 Fencing Cadet and Junior World Championships, representatives of the media and broadcasting companies are assigned the following categories, which have corresponding abbreviations on the accreditation badge:

- $\clubsuit \quad PR = Press$
- ✤ PH=Photographer
- $\clubsuit \qquad NR = Non right holders$
- **TVR= Radio/Television**

The access zones are the following:

• 4 = press area (press center, conference hall, press tribunes and mixed zone)

• 5 =public area

Photographers also get access to the venue photo positions along the perimeter of the competition site and in the stands.

Those journalists who have not registered in time must apply for a day pass, which is to be accepted at Tashkent from both sides (FIE and LOC).

3.3 Accreditation Badge

In order to get an accreditation badge, accredited journalists need to attend the Accreditation Centre in person. Each media representative is required to present an identity document (only the document which was used when completing the application form for accreditation can be presented).

Address: "Gymnastics Sport Complex" – the venue for preliminary competitions; Yunus Abad district, Hoji - Ota 2A, Tashkent City, Uzbekistan, 1st floor at admin office.



3.4 Actions in case of loss, theft or damage of the badge

In the case of loss or damage of the accreditation badge, a representative must immediately contact the Accreditation Centre and complete a corresponding application form.

4. Visa Support

Journalists who get accreditation approval for the Tashkent 2015 Fencing Cadet and Junior World Championships will have to apply on a usual basis to the Embassy/Consulate of the Republic of Uzbekistan for a single-entry visa, at their own expense. The visa will be issued based on the invitation provided by the Tashkent 2015 Organizing Committee.

Journalist visa may be obtained by two ways:

I. In order to obtain Visa it is requested to fill up a Visa Support form (please download it from <u>http://evisa.mfa.uz/evisa_en/or</u> contact <u>visa@fencing.uz</u>) and send it to <u>visa@fencing.uz</u> with the passport copy and photo in jpg. Format. The visa at the International airport of Tashkent city can be issued only to citizens of those countries where there aren't Consulate or Embassy of the Republic of Uzbekistan, or citizens who do not have enough time to get visa at the Consulate or Embassy of the Republic of Uzbekistan at the location, (upon presentation of the ticket confirming the date of departure in Uzbekistan in the next period).

II. Citizens of other countries to enter the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan must obtain a visa at the Consulate (Embassy) of the Republic of Uzbekistan in a submission country under the official invitation and all required documents provision. Please refer to <u>http://tashkent2015.uz/en/content/visa-support</u>. Media representatives must provide the following information no later than 1 month before the Championship start:

- participant's scanned copy of a valid passport (the passport expiry date must be no earlier than 3 months to enter Uzbekistan ;
- filled visa support form ;



- photo in jpg format;
- ✤ organization address: zip code, telephone, fax, e-mail ;
- contact information: address, phone number, e-mail ;
- ✤ dates of stay in the Republic of Uzbekistan.

For citizens of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Russia and Ukraine there is visa-free regime of entry to the Republic of Uzbekistan.

All information must be send to <u>visa@fencing.uz</u> no later than February 25th, 2015.

Representatives of foreign media are responsible for the timely submission of accurate and reliable information necessary for the invitation to the Republic of Uzbekistan.

On the basis of the information received, the Organizing Committee will issue an official invitation, which will be sent to the journalist by e-mail.

Please note that journalists do not get an original invitation. Representatives of foreign media will be provided with the telex number (email) with which they must apply to the Consulate (Embassy) in the city of Republic of Uzbekistan, where the participant intends to apply for a visa with all required documents.

Upon receiving the invitation, the participant is to collect all the documents in accordance with the requirements of the Embassy/Consulate of the Republic of Uzbekistan and submit the documents, together with the invitation issued by the Organizing Committee, to the Embassy/Consulate of the Republic of Uzbekistan.



5. Media accommodation

An official hotel for Media representatives is "Expo Hotel" which locates just near the Sports Venue of competition:

"Expo Hotel": Street Amir Temur 107, Tashkent 100080, Uzbekistan

Comfortable Hotel in centre of Tashkent city which offers a high-quality service



Contacts for Media accommodation: info@fencing.uz

Please contact <u>info@fencing.uz</u> for the all required information on accomodation and transportation. You will receive Your Accommodation/Transporttaion forms, kindly ask You to fill it and send to <u>info@fencing.uz</u> until 1st of March, 2015.

6. Catering

Catering areas are arranged for the accredited participants including media representatives at the both competition venues. Additionally, coffee breaks for journalists will be available at the competition venues. Beverages and drinking water is free.



7. Transport

The Organizing Committee of the World Fencing Championship 2015 in Tashkent provides transportation of accredited journalists between their official places of accommodation and competition venues.

Transportation of media representatives from the "EXPO" Hotel to the competition venues will be implemented on a particular bus route schedule. You can arrive to the venue an hour prior the start of the competition and leave two hours after end of competition. Please, take into the consideration that "EXPO" Hotel is near to competition venues and could be reached by walk too.

Route schemes and timetables for shuttle buses are displayed at every media bus station. They are also available at transport information desks as well as at information desk in the competition venues.

The media transportation system operates from 30th of March, 2015.

Journalists will be met at the airport and escorted to the pick-up point. Transfer will be provided by comfortable minibuses at the cost of Media representatives. Scheduled times for departing to the airport will be available on the information board in the hotel the day before departure.

To book a transfer, please contact <u>info@fencing.uz</u>.

Please note that transfer payment should be made until 10th march 2015. Information on the terms of payment will be sent after the request is submitted.

For additional questions on Media accomodation/transportation contact info@fencing.uz