



ASTANA CUP

INVITATION LETTER

FENCING FEDERATION of KAZAKHSTAN





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FIE – WORLD CUP INVITATION LETTER

Name of Competition: ASTANA CUP

Type of Competition: Women's & Men's EPEE WORLD CUP

City, Country, dates: ASTANA, KAZAKHSTAN, March 26-29, 2026

Dear Fencing Friends,

On behalf of the National Fencing Federation of Kazakhstan we are pleased to invite you to the ASTANA CUP, taking place in Astana, Kazakhstan from 26 to 29 March, 2026.

Below you will find all essential information for your planning and participation.

With best regards,

National Fencing Federation of Kazakhstan



ORGANISER

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Full Name of the National Federation: National Fencing Federation of Kazakhstan

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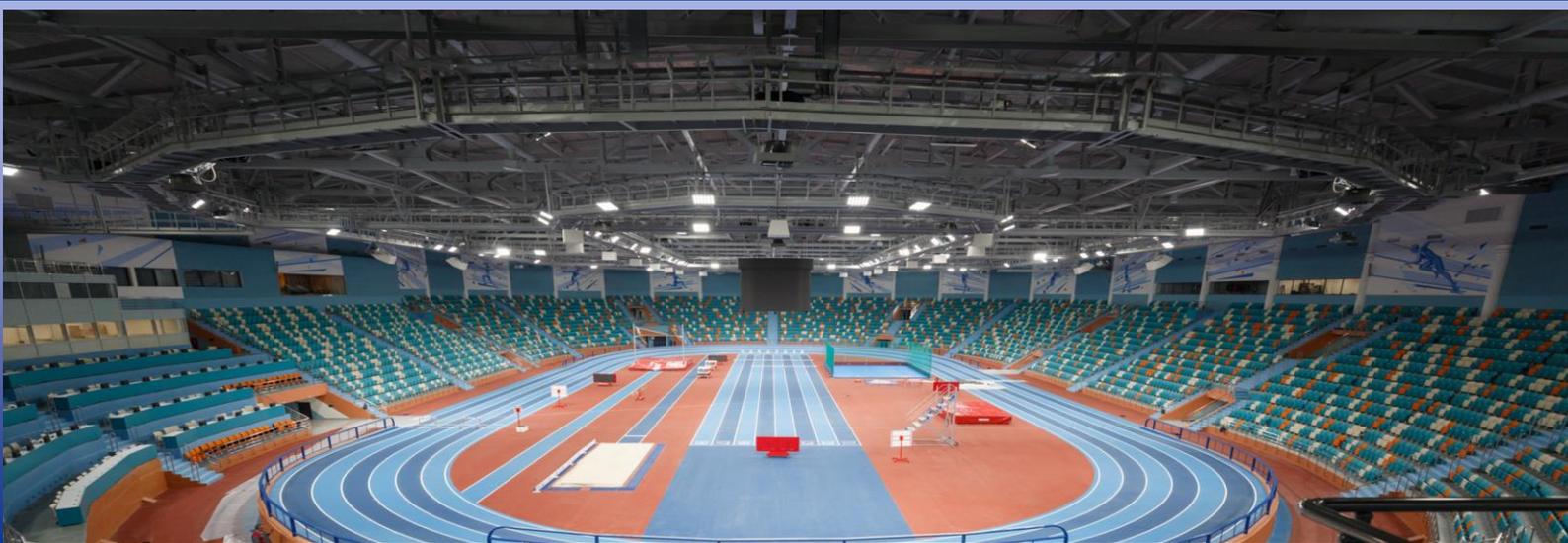
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Email: AstanaCup2026@kazfencing.com / office@kazfencing.com

COMPETITION VENUE

Name of the Venue: Athletics Sports Complex “Qazaqstan”

Full Address and access information: Turan avenue, 59 Esil district, Astana



COMPETITION SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

12:00–20:00: Weapon's control, registration, and payment of entries at the venue, men's epee

Thursday, March 26, 2026

Individual Men's Epee

07:00: Weapon's control

09:00: Beginning of the round of pools

Followed by the preliminary tableau men's epee

Thursday, March 26, 2026

12:00–20:00: Weapon's control, registration, and payment of entries at the venue, women's epee

Friday, March 27, 2026

Individual Women's Epee

07:00: Weapon's control

09:00: Beginning of the round of pools

Followed by the preliminary tableau women's epee

Saturday, March 28, 2026

07:00: Weapon's control

09:00: Beginning tableau of 64 men's epee

10:45: Beginning tableau of 64 women's epee

Sunday, March 29, 2026

Team Competition Men's & Women's

06:30: Weapon's control

08:30: Beginning team's tableau of 32 men's epee

09:30: Beginning team's tableau of 32 women's epee



PARTICIPATION

Individual Event

- Each federation may enter up to 12 fencers.
- The organising country may enter up to 20 fencers plus the number needed to make up the pools (local fencers only).
- 30 fencers for World Cups outside Europe
- Team Event
- Open to all federations, with one team per weapon per country.

ENTRIES

Entries for fencers and coaches must be made strictly via the FIE website (www.fie.org), in accordance with FIE Rules and regulatory deadlines.

Notes:

Coaches must be entered via the FIE website and must have a FIE license valid for the current season.

Eligibility:

- All participants must hold a FIE license valid for the current season.
- Minimum age: No fencer may obtain an FIE license, enabling him or her to enter for an official FIE competition, until he or she has reached their 13th birthday.



ENTRY FEES

Fees must be paid: onsite before competition starts with cash.

Entry fee

Individual competition: 80 EUR

Team competition: 400 EUR

REFEREE OBLIGATION

Referees are appointed by the FIE.

Referees must have an FIE category in the weapon of the competition for which they are entered and a FIE license valid for the current season

Delegations do not have to provide referees.

Rules and equipment control: Competition and equipment control in accordance with all FIE rules.



COMPETITION FORMULA

Individual Event

By direct elimination with a mixed system consisting of one round of eliminating pools and a preliminary direct elimination table, followed by a main direct elimination table of 64 fencers to qualify 8 or 4 fencers for a direct elimination final.

Team Event

The first four teams are placed in the direct elimination table according to the current official team ranking of the FIE (cf. o.109); the remaining ranked teams will be placed in the table by drawing of lots in pairs. The teams that are not classified will occupy the last places in the table and will be separated by drawing of lots. 2 The table will be drawn up based on the ranking of the teams entered, at the latest one hour after the quarter finals of the individual event.

- All places up to 16th are fenced
- Seeding per FIE team ranking

MANDATORY

Competition results/management software

Fencing Time is the FIE official and mandatory competition results/management software. It is obligatory for senior events.

ANTI-DOPING

Anti-Doping control must be done according to FIE rules which can be found on:

<https://static.fie.org/uploads/37/185549-2.1.FIE%20Anti-Doping%20Operational%20Instructions%20-%202025%20%20ang.pdf>

ACCOMMODATION & TRANSPORT

Official hotels, transport, and special rates:

Accommodation name	Stars	Address	Rate Sgl/Twn
Holiday Inn Express Astana	5	Turan Ave 44	85/100 USD
Astana Saad Hotel	5	Dostyq St 2	120/150 USD

- Free Wi-Fi internet access and Breakfast included
- Accommodation and Transport email: AstanaCup2026@kazfencing.com
- Booking deadline: **March 05, 2026**
- Transportation information: **Airport transfers and hotel-venue-hotel transportation during the stay are available for USD 100 per person**
- Airport: **Astana Airport (Nursultan Nazarbayev International Airport) (NQZ)**

Please DOWNLOAD! and send filled [Accommodation and Transfer Form](#) to email AstanaCup2026@kazfencing.com no later than **March 05, 2026.**



VISA SUPPORT

The Organizing National Federation declares that its national authorities guarantee the granting of visas to all the participants of the member federations of the FIE.

To avoid delays, all delegations are required to submit their visa requests **no later than February 20, 2026**.

Participants who require a visa are kindly requested to begin the application process as early as possible.

To facilitate visa issuance, the Organizing Committee will provide official invitation letters upon request.

Please DOWNLOAD! and send filled [visa form](#) together with copy of passports of applicants to email AstanaCup2026@kazfencing.com

For any questions related to visas or entry requirements, please contact:

- Name and e-mail address: **Dmitriy Gryaznov, AstanaCup2026@kazfencing.com**
- Federations requiring visa support should send filled form, passport copies and travel details to email: **AstanaCup2026@kazfencing.com**
- Deadline: **February 20, 2026**
- **! Please note** that it is very important to fill in ALL the fields as indicated in the visa form. The Migration Service requires all the data indicated to issue a visa invitation. Otherwise, the invitation will not be issued.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Kindly check for visa requirements to Kazakhstan before making your ticket reservations. To check if you need a visa to Kazakhstan, follow the https://egov.kz/cms/en/articles/visa_regime_for_foreigners

Visa migration portal of the Republic of Kazakhstan <https://www.vmp.gov.kz/en/services>

Reminder: Those who need visa assistance and/or visa support, please download, fill [the visa form](#) and send it together with passport copies to AstanaCup2026@kazfencing.com no later than 20th February 2026.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Best regards,