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Welcome to Baku and a return to a city that is a true friend to international judo.

Baku hosted the 2018 World Championships and has an annual place on the World Judo Tour calendar and this means our judo family is always well looked after in Azerbaijan.

This 3 year Olympic cycle is already moving at a pace and our Grand Slam will take us another step closer to Paris 2024, with new names challenging our Olympians and all forging ahead with their judo careers. Baku is the perfect city to host this melting pot of generations, as a city steeped in medieval history but a place also brimming with dynamism and emerging as one of the most modern cities in the world.

We are looking forward to a strong end to 2021 with this penultimate grand slam, prior to Abu Dhabi at the end of November. We are proud of our whole community, having responded to the challenges of the last cycle and the health situation with consistency and professionalism and 2022 is promising to offer a more recognisable schedule.

I wish all participants and organisers a smooth and productive time in Baku and request continued vigilance from everyone, ensuring full adherence to our protocols, so that we may continue to deliver a safe sporting experience for everyone.

Yours in judo.

Marius VIZER
President
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Distinguished guests, dear friends,

On behalf of the Azerbaijan Judo Federation, I welcome each of you to Baku, the capital city of our country, at the “Grand Slam” tournament. I am delighted to see each member of the judo family again here in Baku.

We are delighted to host already for several years one of the “Grand Slam” tournaments that are organized as a part of the World Judo Tour. This competition, attended by world-famous judokas, will be held in our country for the seventh time. As a Federation, we always strive to carry out with high quality the organization of the events that are entrusted to us with dignity and to justify the confidence put upon us. I assure you that this time, Baku and International Judo Federation’s Organizing Committee will put all the efforts into ensuring that the “Grand Slam” tournament is organized according to the highest standards. Of course, I would like to express my deep gratitude to the President of the International Judo Federation, Mr. Marius Vizer, for his trust and support in organizing such a prestigious competition.

Last year, we had to postpone the tournament due to the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. The impact of the pandemic extended beyond Baku “Grand Slam” tournament and led to even the postponement of the XXXII Summer Olympic Games. Naturally, the COVID-19 pandemic brought many challenges to athletes from all over the world, including Azerbaijan. Despite the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Azerbaijan’s state authorities approved the organization of the Baku “Grand Slam” tournament to implement International Judo Federations’ COVID-19 protocol and quarantine rules currently valid in Azerbaijan, and we are thrilled to see all of you here again. I believe that, as usual, the tournament will be held at the highest level, all participants will leave our country with a positive impression and satisfaction. I wish success to all athletes participating in this prestigious tournament and victories in competitive competitions.

Rovnag ABDULLAYEV
President
Azerbaijan Judo Federation



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

ANYONE NOT FOLLOWING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND IJF COVID-19 PROTOCOLS WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE EVENT AND SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION!

The fundamental principle throughout all IJF events during the COVID-19 era is to Protect and Be Protected by wearing a mask, sanitising, distancing and respecting the recommendations of "**the Protocol for resuming IJF events during the COVID-19 pandemic**" hereafter referred to as the **IJF COVID-19 Protocol**. All participants have the mutual responsibility to protect each other.

Each international media participant must have read and understood the latest version of the IJF COVID-19 Protocol which can be found here: [covid.ijf.org](https://www.ijf.org/covid)

The COVID-19 vaccines provide protection to the vaccinated only against seriously falling ill, but not against getting infected or transmitting the virus to somebody else, even if the chances of the latter is very low. Therefore, until vaccination reaches a high level among the judo family and there are other effective preventive methods available, or until it is globally accepted to conduct activities without safety measures, all the participants of any IJF event must follow the same protocol (being PCR tested before the event, upon arrival, during the event, wear a mask, wash hands, follow the bubble system, etc.) to protect and be protected, in the spirit of unity and solidarity which is in our community's moral code.

COVID-19 DOCUMENTS

All pre-event COVID-19 documents must be sent to covid@ijf.org before travelling. Fourteen (14) days after the event, all data will be deleted.

EVENT PARTICIPATION

To participate in an IJF World Judo Tour event each participant is responsible to follow:

- The rules to enter the host country
- The Local Organising Committee's (LOC) Government COVID-19 measures
- The IJF COVID-19 Protocol rules

The LOC Government measures may be stricter than those detailed in the IJF COVID-19 protocol or vice versa, the stricter rules **MUST** be followed.

INSURANCE

It is the responsibility of the media participant to ensure that in addition to their normal insurance they have sufficient insurance in place to cover any COVID-19-related costs, including repatriation. The LOC of the event and the IJF accept no liability for any claims relating to cancellation of the event due to COVID-19 or medical costs for any COVID-19 related illness that may affect a media participant during the event.

BEFORE TRAVELLING

- Passports must be valid for at least 6 months from the date of arrival.
- Check if you need a visa, and if yes, request it from the LOC according to the details in the visa section.
- Get an Entry Permission/Invitation Letter from the LOC.
- Upload travel information (arrival and departures) to my.ijf.org for help [contact covid@ijf.org](mailto:contact_covid@ijf.org)
- Book accommodation with the LOC and send a detailed rooming list. Last minute changes can be accommodated whilst the delegation waits on the bus or outside the hotel.
- Check host country entry requirements and airline requirements (if applicable).
- Upload in advance to my.ijf.org negative individual medical PCR COVID-19 test certificate(s) in English or local language.
- Upload just before arrival to my.ijf.org an individual **Liability Release Waiver (LRW)** and **Declaration of Honour (DOH)** on the absence of symptoms for at least 14 days per delegate. The forms can be found in the documents section: www.ijf.org/competition/2267

Timeline	Action
Arrival to country	As per the country rules. If you intend to use the same PCR test to enter the country and to enter the bubble, please, make sure that you meet both the airline/country and IJF PCR requirements.
ALL PRE-EVENT COVID-19 DOCUMENTS MUST BE SENT TO COVID@IJF.ORG BEFORE TRAVELLING	

Timeline	Action
FULLY VACCINATED Arrival and entry to event bubble	Maximum 3 days (72 h) before arrival to the bubble: 1 PCR test. Upon arrival to the bubble: 1 PCR test (isolate until negative result received).
NON-VACCINATED Arrival and entry to event bubble	Maximum 8 days before arrival to the bubble: 2 PCR tests taken a minimum of 48h apart. PCR-2 must be maximum 3 days (72h) before arrival to the bubble. Upon arrival to the bubble: 1 PCR test (isolate until negative result received).



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ENTERING THE HOST COUNTRY

For information about the entering the host country please contact the LOC - office@judo.az
All border-crossing regulations must be followed regarding the validity of passports and visas, as applicable for each respective country.

- All the participants must have a printed copy of the Entry Permission/Invitation Letter to show to border control.

ENTERING THE EVENT BUBBLE WHICH IS OPEN FROM: 01 NOVEMBER 2021

The event venues (hotels, sport hall, training hall etc.) will be classified as bubbles and to reduce risk a “bubble to bubble” concept will be used. People are NOT allowed to leave their bubble as contamination could occur endangering the safety of the event and the health of the participants.

If due to flight schedules you need to arrive earlier than the bubble opening, contact the LOC and they will assist you with a solution.

PCR TEST ON ARRIVAL TO BUBBLE

All participants must take a PCR immediately upon arrival to the event bubble.

Collection place	Centralised place in hotel
Test collection times	24 hours (by the arrival-departure schedule)
Results issued within	24 hours
Extra requirements	Do not eat and drink for 4 hours before taking the test

Until arrival to the bubble PCR test results are obtained, all participants must remain in their hotel rooms, where water and any paid meals will be ensured until the receipt of the test results.

POSITIVE PCR TEST PROCESS

In case of a positive test result the host country Government procedure will be followed.

Quarantine period	14 days
Quarantine hotel	Hospital
Hotel address	TBC
Rates (per person per night)	100 Euro

Anyone with a positive test MUST stay in the quarantine hotel provided by the LOC. The cost must be paid by the National Federation.

If a positive person takes another test during the quarantine period:

If positive	Quarantine period restart
If negative	Quarantine must be finished
When the quarantine period is over	To leave Azerbaijan a negative result is needed

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Close contacts will be traced and may be isolated/quarantined depending on the host country Government COVID-19 measures, their definition of close contact may differ from that described in the IJF COVID-19 protocol.

DURING THE EVENT

For more details please see the IJF COVID-19 Protocol: [covid.ijf.org](https://www.ijf.org/covid)

- Wash/sanitise your hands regularly.
- No handshake - greet each other with a bow.
- Wear a mask at all times (exceptions: masks are not obligatory on the Field of Play tatami, on the warm-up tatami whilst warming up or on the training tatami whilst training). Masks must be worn in dining areas at all times, except when sitting eating.
- Maintain 1.5 m distance at all times, except for competitors during training, their contests and during warming up with ONE PARTNER.
- Submit yourselves to contactless temperature measurement. Anyone registering a high temperature will be asked to remain outside and the LOC COVID-19 Manager and the IJF COVID-19 Manager will be contacted. An opportunity to recheck their temperature will be given, if it is still high a final decision will be made by the LOC COVID-19 Manager and the IJF COVID-19 Manager.

SYMPTOMS AFTER ARRIVAL

Anyone who experiences symptoms after arrival must immediately contact the LOC COVID-19 Manager.

IJF Covid Manager	Corina Ilic	corina@ijf.org	+385993029686
LOC Covid Manager	Rahim Maharramov	mr.doktor1371@gmail.com	+994502225515

EXIT TESTS

Exit tests, if required, may be booked with the LOC, if required.

Where to book	Hotel welcome desk
PCR test price	80 Euro
Antigen test price	50 Euro
Payment method	Cash only (only Euro)

With any COVID-related questions pre-event, please contact: covid@ijf.org



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1. DEADLINES

PLEASE RESPECT ALL DEADLINES AND RULES DETAILED IN THESE OUTLINES.

Days before Competition day 1	Deadline	
16	Wednesday 20 October 2021	Hotel first reservation
16	Wednesday 20 October 2021	Visa application (with passport photocopies)*
11	Monday 25 October 2021	Hotel final reservation and full payment
11	Monday 25 October 2021	Travel Information
8	Thursday 28 October 2021	Full refund in case of hotel cancellation
8	Thursday 28 October 2021	http://ijfmedia.datastat.si

*Entry letters and visa applications will only be accepted for people who are inscribed in judobase

Event Inscription

In case of unforeseen delay of arrival or if someone has to be cancelled from the event you must inform both the IJF (registration@ijf.org) and the LOC (office@judo.az).

2. LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE (LOC)

Name	Azerbaijan Judo Federation
Address	Baku, Azerbaijan, A.Mehbaliyev-10, AZ1048
Telephone number	+994502040319
Email	office@judo.az
Website	www.judo.az

4.CONTACTS DURING THE EVENT

Accommodation	Ali Alizade	office@judo.az	+994775969920
Covid Manager	Rahim Maharramov	mr.doktor1371@gmail.com	+994502225515
General Enquiries	Zaur Mutallimov	office@judo.az	+994503840145
Visa	Kamran Yahyayev	visa@judo.az	+994516331162

Emergency (24 hours, English-speaking)	Elmar Babanli	secretary@judo.az	+994502040319
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5. COMPETITION VENUE

Name	Heydar Aliyev Sport Arena
Address	Abbas Sahat-2 str., Baku Azerbaijan
Spectators	Not allowed

6. PROGRAMME

Date	Time	Activity	Location
Wednesday 03 November 2021	14:00 - 20:00	Accreditation	Baku Marriott Hotel Boulevard
Thursday 04 November 2021	09:00 - 12:00	Accreditation	Baku Marriott Hotel Boulevard
	14:00	Draw	Online
	19:00 - 19:30	Weigh-in-W: -48 kg, -52 kg, -57 kg; M: -60 kg, -66 kg	Baku Marriott Hotel Boulevard
Friday 05 November 2021	Competition Day 1 - W: -88 kg, -52 kg, -57 kg; M: -60 kg, -66 kg		
	TBC*	Preliminaries	Heydar Aliyev Sport Arena
	17:00	Final Block	
	19:00 - 19:30	Weigh-in-W: -63 kg, -70 kg; M: -73 kg, -81 kg	Baku Marriott Hotel Boulevard
Saturday 06 November 2021	Competition Day 2 - W: -63 kg, -70 kg; M: -73 kg, -81 kg		
	TBC*	Preliminaries	Heydar Aliyev Sport Arena
	TBC	Open Ceremony	
	17:00	Final Block	
	19:00 - 19:30	Weigh-in-W: -78 kg, +78 kg; M: -90 kg, -100 kg, +100 kg	Baku Marriott Hotel Boulevard
Sunday 07 November 2021	Competition Day 3 - W: -78 kg, +78 kg; M: -90 kg, -100 kg, +100 kg		
	TBC*	Preliminaries	Heydar Aliyev Sport Arena
	17:00	Final Block	
Monday 08 November 2021		Departures	

* The start time will be confirmed once the final number of athletes is known.



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7. INVITATION LETTER AND VISA

Each participant needs an entry permission/invitation letter from the LOC.

The LOC will assist with visas where possible but having the correct visa is the responsibility of each participant.

Please note that visa approvals or rejections are done by the Government authorities and the LOC has no control over this and cannot be held responsible for any rejections

Complete the form	Baku GS 2021 Invitation Letter and Visa Application Form		
Deadline	Wednesday 20 October 2021		
Visa contact	Kamran Yahyayev	visa@judo.az	+994516331162

8. TRANSPORT

The organiser will provide official transportation for media during the competition. This transportation service includes airport transfers. Only official transport must be used whilst in the bubble (no taxis, no private cars etc.).

Arrival and Departure details must be sent to the LOC.

Transfers for this event will be arranged from/to:			
Airport	Heydar Aliyev International Airport		
Deadline	Monday 25 October 2021		
Transport contact	Anar Huseynli	senior.azejudo@gmail.com	+994702156065

9. ACCOMMODATION

All media participants, who inscribe for an IJF WJT event, must reserve their accommodation in one of the official hotels published in the event outlines. The reservation must be made with the LOC (not directly with the hotel). Any damage to hotel property will be charged to the participant and must be paid in full.

Complete the form	Baku GS 2021 Accommodation Form		
Deadline first reservation	Wednesday 20 October 2021		
Deadline final reservation and full payment	Monday 25 October 2021		
Accommodation contact	Ali Alizade	office@judo.az	+994775969920

Due to the COVID-19 situation, all participants must stay at the official hotel for the entire period of their stay, as the bubble-to-bubble concept is used at this event.

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People sharing a room must check-in at similar time, due to quarantine rules. If someone checks in later, the first person to check in will need to stay in quarantine until the 2nd person is released from quarantine.

Note: The LOC will do their best to provide your first choice of accommodation but, as rooms might be limited, this cannot be guaranteed. After the accommodation deadline, the organiser cannot promise rooms in the hotels detailed in these outlines and another official hotel may be added.

The following packages are available:

Full board includes breakfast at the hotel, lunch* and dinner at the hotel.

*LUNCH ON COMPETITION DAYS MUST BE RESERVED AT THE WELCOME DESK AND WILL BE SERVED AT THE SPORT HALL.

INTERNATIONAL MEDIA BUBBLE

Hotel	Baku Marriott Hotel Boulevard
Address	4C Khagani Rustamov str., Baku Azerbaijan
Phone	+994 12 310 00 10
Website	https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/gydmb-baku-marriott-hotel-boulevard/

Airconditioning	Yes (free)
Wi-Fi	Yes (free)
Gym	No
Check-in time	14:00
Check-out time	12:00
Early check-in / late check-out	Not available
Room service	Yes
A La Carte restaurant	Yes
Food delivery	Not allowed

All prices are per person per night in: **Euro**

	Full Board
Single	190
Twin	170
Deposit required by hotel at check-in	No



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Distance and approximate travel time	Km	Time (hh:mm)
Airport	23.7	00:25
Accreditation	same hotel	same hotel
Draw	The draw will be held online: www.ijf.org	
Sport hall	9.8	00:31

PAYMENT

According to the IJF rule enacted on the 2 December 2012 in Tokyo, "the organising country should not request penalties fee for participating countries who cannot make bank transfers but can pay in cash upon arrival. Those countries who cannot make bank transfers should inform the organisers well in advance that they will pay cash on arrival".

All bank fees and bank transfer costs must be paid by the participating National Federation to the following bank:

Beneficiary's Name	Event Management Services LLC
Bank Name	Xalq Bank "Merkez" branch
Bank Address	17, 28 May str, AZ1010, Baku.
IBAN	AZ55HAJCHCREUR00810099881001
SWIFT Code	HJCAZ22XXX
Payment Reference	Baku Judo GS 2021 accommodation expenses

If payment is being made by bank transfer the bank information must be inserted correctly and completely on the transfer document and any procedures related to amendment of the bank transfer must be done before arrival. Participants must ensure that all bank charges are paid at their end so that the organisers receive the correct amount of funds without any deductions. Participants must have proof of the bank transfer, upon arrival.

If rooms are cancelled the LOC has the right to charge as follows:	
No refund, 100% of the hotel costs must be paid from 8 days before start of competition	Thursday 28 October 2021

10. GENERAL INFORMATION

FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES

All local and international media representatives participating in the event described in these outlines must respect and accept the authority of the IJF Officials, the IJF Statutes, the IJF Sports and Organisation Rules (SOR, www.ijf.org/ijf/documents/5) and the IJF Anti-Doping Rules (www.ijf.org/ijf/documents/10). Individuals deemed to have acted against the IJF, its principles or purposes should be subject to suspension or expulsion from the event and/or cancellation of their accreditation cards.

INSURANCE

Everyone is responsible for their own insurance and must assume all responsibility for accident and health insurance as well as civil liabilities during any IJF WJT event.

The organiser of the event and the IJF will not be responsible in the absence of insurance.

The entity contractually bound to the IJF for the organisation of the event shall take all necessary actions to provide insurance coverage against civil liability for the entire duration.

The LOC of the event and the IJF have no liability for any claims of injury, illness or death arising from the travelling to and the participation in this event.

COMPETITION RULES

All media matters are the responsibility of the IJF Media Director. It is expressly forbidden for all media including photographers to live stream at any time during the draw, competition or any other official IJF activity. They are not allowed to film, or photograph injured or bleeding athletes anywhere in the venue. Mobile devices must not be used for any function while mat side.

Media are not allowed to access the warm-up area unless special access has been granted from the IJF. This must be proposed and granted by the IJF at least two weeks before the competition. Any member of the media who does not follow the above risks losing their accreditation and access to the competition.

Religious, political, personal or commercial connotation is prohibited for everyone on the field of play.

ACCREDITATION

The purpose of accreditation is to identify people and their roles at events and allow them necessary access to perform their roles.

Accreditation cards may be picked up from the accreditation centre, from the welcome desk at the hotel after the draw, from the media entrance welcome desk in the sport hall, or from any other place dedicated to media which will be indicated.

An accredited person should never wear another person's accreditation card. The accreditation card remains the property of the IJF and can be withdrawn, with immediate effect, at the IJF's sole discretion.



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The accreditation card is valid for the duration of the competition and is the personal identity document of the participant for all security and access controls. This card contains: last (family) name, first (given) name, country, IJF ID number, media status (writer, photographer) and a picture.

Replacement of lost or forgotten accreditation will be charged at 50 US\$ to be paid to the IJF.

RESPECT TOWARDS ATHLETES

Throughout the event, from arrival to departure, media representatives must observe strict respect for the athletes and their delegation.

The delegations need calm to prepare and concentrate, the international media will only have access to the athletes under the conditions of the competition, at the stadium, in a mixed zone, in compliance with the IJF COVID-19 protocol.

Any other request must be the subject of a written request to the IJF: press@ijf.org

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