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EVENT OUTLINES FOR INTERNATIONAL MEDIA

JUDO

Baku Grand Slam, Azerbaijan

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#JudoBaku

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@MariusVizer

Welcome to Baku and the penultimate Grand Slam of 2022.

Baku is a city used to staging judo tournaments at the highest level, opening its doors to judoka from all over the globe for their annual World Judo Tour event and even a world championship. This makes Azerbaijan a country of friendship, security and guarantees for all judoka; we are in no doubt that we will all be taken care of.

This Olympic cycle is now into its qualification period and with the first of three world championships before Paris 2024 already behind us, we feel time moving unusually fast and Baku is an important step on this short path to the Olympic Games. Only Tokyo and the World Judo Masters lie between us and the new year.

It's time to bring together all generations and cultures of our judo family and show this city, this country and the whole judo world the very best of our sport.

I wish all participants and organisers a successful time in Baku and thank our national federations for their continued hard work bringing judo to its highest level ever.

Marius L. VIZER
President
International Judo Federation



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Dear Judo Family,

Dear friends,

On behalf of Azerbaijan Judo Federation, it is my genuine pleasure to welcome all of you in our beautiful capital city Baku, on the occasion of the Grand Slam tournament.

We are looking forward to three exciting days filled with fantastic battles by brilliant athletes, representing different countries. I am confident that the Baku tournament will be remembered as an event of resilience, humanity, and friendship.

Hosting the Grand Slam tournament in Baku this year has a special importance to us as we are celebrating the 50th anniversary of judo in Azerbaijan in 2022. Over the past years, our athletes have won multiple medals in prestigious tournaments around the world and did their best to keep the flag of our country high. We are proud to say that, during these years as a result of the special attention and care of our head of the state, His Excellency President Mr. Ilham Aliyev, Azerbaijan has become one of the leading judo countries.

But what inspires us the most is seeing hundreds of young boys and girls choosing Judo as their lifelong commitment every year. We are happy to see more and more young people of Azerbaijan devoting their time to judo that combines physical activity, self-defense skills, and discipline with a selfless commitment to the philosophy of the discipline.

I believe that, as usual, the tournament will be held at the highest level, and all participants will leave our country with a positive impression and satisfaction. I would like to express my deep gratitude to the International Judo Federation for the trust and support in organizing such a prestigious competition.

We are very pleased that along with such a prestigious tournament, we will be able to celebrate together the 50th anniversary of judo in Azerbaijan.

I wish success to all athletes participating in this prestigious tournament!

Rashad NABIYEV
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 respecting the recommendations of “**IJF COVID-19 Protocol**”. All participants have the mutual responsibility to protect each other. For the **IJF COVID-19 Protocol** and any applicable amendments go to covid.ijf.org

VACCINATION

The applicable IJF regulations for vaccination/recovery reflect the pandemic hazard level of the IJF World Judo Tour events; host country vaccination criteria may differ from those of the IJF, always check the local rules before travelling.

For the full list of accepted vaccinations and all related information see below or go to covid.ijf.org

Vaccination is not a prerequisite to attend an IJF World Judo Tour (WJT) event, however all judo family members are strongly encouraged to get vaccinated to the highest possible level (e.g., booster dose) to contribute to the overall protection level of the judo family.

Vaccinated judo family members may benefit from their vaccination in the form of a softer testing protocol at an event. However, **anyone testing positive during an event are treated equally** regardless of their vaccination status. **Positive cases fall under the jurisdiction of the host country.**

All types of vaccines are accepted, not only EMA or WHO approved.

Only a completed series (first series, additional series) of vaccination is accepted.

When the vaccination document expires during an event, it is accepted for the entire event if it is still valid on the day of the draw. At the IJF's discretion additional testing may be introduced.

Minors (under 18) are considered fully vaccinated after completing the first series of vaccination with no end of validity until further decision.

Documents must be uploaded to my.ijf.org for check and approval.



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PROTECTION LEVELS

	Type of protection	Minimum time elapsed	Maximum time elapsed
1st series of vaccination	1 dose (Janssen, Sputnik Lite, or other)	Minimum 28 days from receiving the dose	Maximum 6 months from receiving the dose
	2 doses of any 2 dose vaccines	Minimum 14 days from the 2nd dose	Maximum 6 months from the 2nd dose
	Recovery from infection and 1 dose	Minimum 14 days from receiving the dose	Maximum 6 months from receiving the dose
	1 dose and recovery from infection	Minimum 11 days from the positive PCR	Maximum 6 months from the positive PCR
Additional series of vaccination*	Booster/revaccination dose(s)	From the day of vaccination	To be determined by the WHO, currently no end of validity
Recovery	Recovery from infection	Minimum 7 days from the positive PCR	Maximum 6 months from the positive PCR

INSURANCE

It is the responsibility of each 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 local organising committee (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 them during the event.

MASK WEARING

Mask wearing is obligatory from the airport to the testing station while in transfer, otherwise optional or as per the host country regulations. We recommend always having a mask with you in case it is necessary to wear one. The IJF Medical Commission strongly recommends wearing a mask on flights/trains/buses/any closed environment even if it is not obligatory.

COVID-19 DOCUMENTS – my.ijf.org

Before arrival all COVID-19 documents and travel information must be uploaded on the IJF platform: my.ijf.org

- Have a signed and approved individual Liability Release Waiver (LRW). The form can be found in the event document section of covid.ijf.org
- Keep any vaccination/recovery documents up to date.
- Send travel information (arrival and departures) to covid@ijf.org
- Send in advance to covid@ijf.org any PCR COVID-19 test/recovery certificate before starting the travel to the event. PCR test documents are deleted fourteen (14) days after the event.



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BEFORE TRAVELLING

- Passports must be valid for at least 6 months from the date of arrival.
- **Take an antigen or a PCR test before arrival to the official hotel as per the Event Testing Protocol below.**
- Check host country entry requirements and airline requirements (if applicable).
- Check if you need a visa, and if yes, request it from the LOC according to the details in the visa section.
- Book accommodation with the LOC.

ENTERING THE HOST COUNTRY

Each individual is responsible to ensure they follow the entry rules (passport validity, visas, entry permission letter, COVID-19 etc.) for the host country. Entry rules may be subject to change, the current information can be found here: <https://evisa.gov.az/en/>

COVID-19 entry rules to Azerbaijan: <https://www.azal.az/en/information/covid-azerbaijan>

ANTIGEN TEST ON ARRIVAL TO THE OFFICIAL HOTELS

A negative arrival antigen test means you are free to continue your activities. If the antigen test shows COVID-19 positivity the local COVID rules will be followed.

EVENT TESTING PROTOCOL

	Action
EVERYONE	Maximum 4 days (96h) before arrival to the official hotels: 1 PCR test or Maximum 3 days (72h) before arrival to the official hotels: 1 laboratory antigen test

Anyone testing positive during an event are treated equally regardless of their vaccination status. Positive cases fall under the jurisdiction of the host country.

SYMPTOMS AFTER ARRIVAL

Anyone who experiences symptoms after arrival must immediately contact the LOC COVID-19 manager:

COVID Management			
IJF	Ms Andrea Ember	covid@ijf.org	+36703311035
LOC	Dr Ramil Valiyev	medical@judo.az	+994559774235

EXIT TESTS

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

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	Action
30	05 October 2022	Hotel first reservation
20	15 October 2022	Visa application (with passport photocopies)*
20	15 October 2022	Hotel final reservation and full payment
11	24 October 2022	Arrival and departure information uploaded to covid@ijf.org
7	28 October 2022	Full refund in case of hotel cancellation (medical reason e.g., sick or COVID-19 positive, must send medical certificate)
7	28 October 2022	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 (media@ijf.org) and the LOC (office@judo.az).

2. LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE (LOC)

Name	Azerbaijan Judo Federation
Address	A.Abbaszada str. 126, AZ1004, Sabail district, Baku, Azerbaijan
Telephone number	+994 51 277 97 14
Email	office@judo.az
Website	www.judo.az

3. LOC EVENT CONTACTS

Accommodation	Ms Roya Valiyeva	accommodation@judo.az	+994 55 374 33 39
General Enquiries	Mr Kamran Talibov	office@judo.az	+994 51 277 97 14
Visa	Mr Kamran Yahyayev	visa@judo.az	+994 51 633 11 62

Emergency (24 hours, English-speaking)	Mr Kamran Talibov	office@judo.az	+994 51 277 97 14
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4. COMPETITION VENUE

Name	Heydar Aliyev Sport Arena
Address	Abbas Sahat-2 str., Baku Azerbaijan
Seats for spectators	3,000
Spectators	TBC

5. PROGRAMME

Date	Time	Activity	Location
Wednesday 02 November 2022	13:00 - 20:00	Antigen test for officials	Baku Marriott Hotel Boulevard
	14:00 - 20:00	Accreditation	
Thursday 03 November 2022	09:00 - 15:00	Antigen test for officials	Baku Marriott Hotel Boulevard
	09:00 - 12:00	Accreditation	
	14:00	Draw	Online
	18:00 - 18:30	Weigh-in w: -48 kg, -52 kg, -57 kg; m: -60 kg, -66 kg	Baku Marriott Hotel Boulevard
Friday 04 November 2022	Competition Day 1 - w: -48 kg, -52 kg, -57 kg; m: -60 kg, -66 kg		
	TBC*	Preliminaries	Heydar Aliyev Sport Arena
	16:00	Opening Ceremony	
	17:00	Final Block	
	17:30-18:00	Unofficial weigh-in for day 2 athletes	Baku Marriott Hotel Boulevard
	18:00 - 18:30	Weigh-in w: -63 kg, -70 kg; m: -73 kg, -81 kg	
Saturday 05 November 2022	Competition Day 2 - w: -63 kg, -70 kg; m: -73 kg, -81 kg		
	TBC*	Preliminaries	Heydar Aliyev Sport Arena
	17:00	Final Block	
	18:00 - 18:30	Weigh-in w: -78 kg, +78 kg; m: -90 kg, -100 kg, +100 kg	Baku Marriott Hotel Boulevard
Sunday 06 November 2022	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	

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



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6. ENTRY TO THE HOST COUNTRY

Everyone needs an Entry Permission Letter from the LOC.

The LOC will assist with visas where possible but having the correct visa is the responsibility of each participant. Visa applications will only be accepted for people who are inscribed in judobase for the event.

It is the responsibility of the media participant to respect the conditions of stay defined by the Government of the country hosting the event. If any participant does not respect these conditions, any costs arising will be borne by the participant concerned.

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 2022 Form Visa		
Deadline	15 October 2022		
Visa contact	Mr Kamran Yahyayev	visa@judo.az	+994 51 633 11 62

7. TRANSPORT

The LOC will provide official transportation for media during the competition. This transportation service includes airport transfers.

Arrival and departure details must be sent to covid@ijf.org.

Transfers for this event will be arranged from/to:			
Airport	Heydar Aliyev International Airport (GYD)		
Deadline	24 October 2022		
Transport contact	Mr Azer Novruzov	transport@judo.az	+994 55 590 69 92

8. 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 2022 Form Accommodation		
Deadline first reservation	05 October 2022		
Deadline final reservation and full payment	15 October 2022		
Accommodation contact	Ms Roya Valiyeva	accommodation@judo.az	+994 55 374 33 39



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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 LOC cannot promise rooms in the hotels detailed in these outlines and another official hotel may be added.

INTERNATIONAL MEDIA HOTEL

The following packages are available in the international media hotel:

Bed and breakfast includes breakfast at the hotel.

Half board includes breakfast at the hotel, and dinner at the hotel.

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

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

CATEGORY A - Baku Marriott Hotel Boulevard	
Address	4C Khagani Rustamov str., Baku Azerbaijan
Phone	+994 12 310 00 10
Website	https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/gydmb-baku-marriott-hotel-boulevard/overview/
Check-in time	14:00
Check-out time	12:00
Early check-in	After 11:00 can be granted complimentary upon availability. Between 07:00 - 11:00 requires 50% of the room rate. Between 00:01 - 07:00 requires 100% of the room rate.
Late check-out	Until 15:00 can be granted complimentary upon availability. Between 15:00 and 18:00 requires 50% of the room rate. After 18:00 requires 100% of the room rate.
Airconditioning	Yes (Free)
Gym	Yes (Free)
Wi-Fi	Yes (Free)
Room service	Yes
A La Carte restaurant	Yes
Food delivery allowed	Yes

All prices are per person per night in: **US Dollars**

	Bed & Breakfast	Half Board	Full Board
Single	200	225	250
Twin	150	175	200
Extra lunch on competition days (at the sport hall) Reserve at the hotel welcome desk		30	
Deposit required by hotel at check-in		No	



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Distance and approximate travel time from hotel to:	Km	Time (hh:mm)
Airport	24	00:30
Accreditation	same hotel	
Draw	The draw will be held online: www.ijf.org	
Sport hall	9.8	00:30

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 LOC well in advance that they will pay cash on arrival".

All bank fees and bank transfer costs must be paid to the following bank:

Beneficiary's Name	Azerbaijan Judo Federation Public Union
Bank Name	Azerpost LLC Post branch № 1 of Baku city, Republic of Azerbaijan
Bank Address	36 Uzeyir Hajibayov str., Baku city, Azerbaijan
IBAN	AZPOAZ 22
SWIFT/BIC Code	AZ94AZPO91015462408400200096
Payment Reference	Baku Judo GS 2022 (Country code and reason)

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 LOC 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 7 days before start of competition	28 October 2022

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/21) and the IJF Anti-Doping Rules (<https://www.ijf.org/cleanjudo/133>). 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.



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The LOC 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.

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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