



3RD CIS GAMES
AZERBAIJAN
2025

**Victory
in every heart!**

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**Competition
schedule**



Official name

3rd CIS Games

Period of the Games

Sept 28 - Oct 8, 2025

Opening & Closing Ceremony

Opening Ceremony • Sept 28, 2025

Closing Ceremony • Oct 8, 2025

Venue: Ganja City Stadium

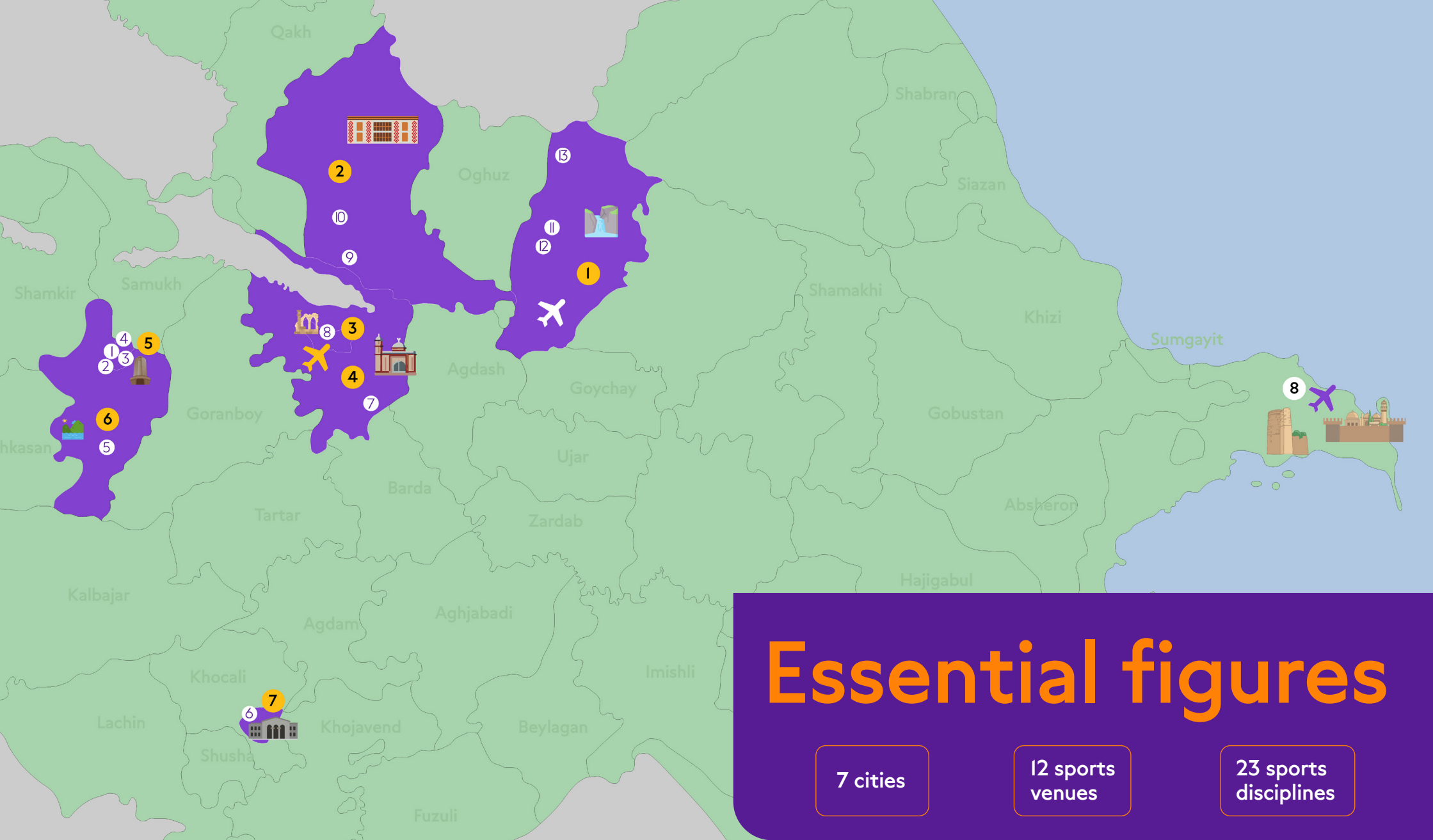


**Attention and care for
sports should be a state
policy of every country.**



İlham Aliyev

President of the Republic
of Azerbaijan



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| 1 Ganja Sports Palace | 5 Goygol Olympic Sports Complex | 9 Shaki Olympic Sports Complex | 13 Gabala Shooting Club | 1 Gabala | 5 Ganja |
| 2 Ganja Olympic Sports Complex | 6 Khankendi City Stadium | 10 Shaki City Stadium | ✈ GYD | 2 Shaki | 6 Goygol |
| 3 Ganja Basketball Court | 7 Yevlakh Olympic Sports Complex | 11 Gabala Olympic Sports Complex | ✈ GBB | 3 Mingachevir | 7 Khankendi |
| 4 Ganja Central Stadium | 8 "Kur" Olympic Center | 12 Gabala City Stadium | ✈ GNJ | 4 Yevlakh | 8 Baku |

SPORT DISCIPLINES

 Archery	 Badminton	 Basketball 3x3	 Boxing	 Canoe	 Chovgan
 Fencing	 Football U-16	 Greco-Roman Wrestling	 Judo	 Karate	 Rhythmic Gymnastics
 Rowing	 Sambo	 Shooting	 Shotgun	 Swimming	 Table Tennis
 Taekwondo	 Trampoline Gymnastics	 Volleyball	 Women's Wrestling	 Wrestling	

UPDATES

Number of
registered countries

8

including
Azerbaijan

Number
of athletes

1840

Total number of
members of CIS delegations

2666

Team Sports



8

countries



477

athletes

Individual Sports



8

countries



1363

athletes

Azerbaijan



349

athletes

Russia



263

athletes

Kazakhstan



259

athletes

Turkmenistan



170

athletes

Uzbekistan



257

athletes

Belarus



255

athletes

Tajikistan



202

athletes

Kyrgyzstan



85

athletes

Media Accreditation

The Media Accreditation Portal for the 3rd CIS Games was launched on 21st of May. As of now, 208 applications have been submitted by media representatives. The cutoff date for accreditation is 8th of August 2025. We encourage all interested media professionals to apply before the deadline.

<https://azerbaijan2025.com/media-accreditation/>

PERSONA

HASRAT JAFAROV

Hasrat Jafarov is a member of the Azerbaijan national Greco-Roman wrestling team and a bronze medalist at the Paris 2024 Summer Olympic Games. He is also a three-time European champion, and a two-time world medalist. In 2021, he won gold at the very 1st CIS Games held in Kazan (Russia) and had the honor of carrying Azerbaijan's flag at the opening ceremony. He is a multiple-time champion of prestigious international tournaments, including the European Youth Olympic Festival and the Islamic Solidarity Games.

In recognition of his contributions to Azerbaijani sports, he was awarded the 3rd Degree "For Service to the Fatherland" Order in 2024.

"The 3rd CIS Games are a great opportunity for Azerbaijan's young talents. I believe our athletes must take full advantage of this chance. It's a great honor to represent our country at a prestigious international competition — and to do it right here at home. I wish all Azerbaijani athletes the best of luck at the 3rd CIS Games. This is a significant event for our country. I'm confident the Games will be held at the highest level."

— Hasrat Jafarov



VENUE GUIDE

GANJA SPORTS PALACE

Ganja Sports Palace is a multifunctional sports complex located in the city of Ganja. It hosts various sports competitions, training sessions, and public events. The venue complies with modern standards and is equipped with spectator stands, preparation and rest areas for athletes, as well as all necessary technical facilities. Ganja Sports Palace is one of the key venues capable of hosting international events, including the 3rd CIS Games.

It is one of the largest sports arenas in the South Caucasus.

The Media Center for the 3rd CIS Games will also be located at the venue.



Shotgun



Swimming



Volleyball



Fencing

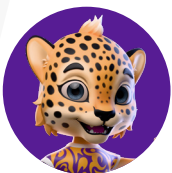


"BEFORE THE START"

Azerbaijan (UI5) Women volleyball national team is actively preparing for the 3rd CIS Games. The team is undergoing intensive training to ensure a strong performance at the tournament.

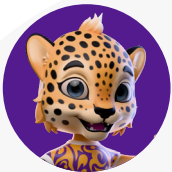


Chatting with Babir & Leyla



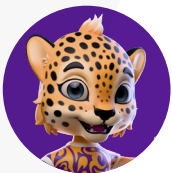
Hi, Leyla! Do you feel it? The 3rd CIS Games are getting closer — and they're happening right here in Azerbaijan!

Absolutely, Babir! I'm so excited! Ganja is getting ready to welcome athletes from different countries. The city is coming alive!



Speed, strength, and spirit — just like us! I can't wait to see the wrestling competitions.

But don't forget the opening ceremony! Music, dancing, and Azerbaijani hospitality — it's going to be a real celebration!



Totally agree! Let's make the Games unforgettable! Welcome to Azerbaijan!



GOLDEN MOMENT

Chovgan is one of the oldest equestrian sports in the world, with deep roots in Azerbaijan's history. Over 1,000 years ago, it became a noble game played by warriors and kings across the Caucasus. In Azerbaijan, Chovgan flourished during the time of the Shirvanshahs and the Karabakh khans, becoming both a sport and a symbol of courage, honor, and national identity.

At the heart of Chovgan is the Karabakh horse — a rare and elegant breed known for its speed, intelligence, and beauty. Native to the Karabakh region, these horses were highly valued in royal stables and played a key role in military campaigns and traditional games. With their golden coats and proud posture, Karabakh horses are a living emblem of Azerbaijan's heritage.

Interestingly, even Queen Elizabeth II — a lifelong equestrian and horse enthusiast — admired the Karabakh horse. In 1956, a Karabakh horse was gifted to her by the Azerbaijani people, highlighting the breed's international prestige and the respect it commands among horse lovers around the world.

Today, Chovgan is making a proud return. Recognized by UNESCO in 2013 as Intangible Cultural Heritage, the game is once again played on Karabakh horses — uniting history, tradition, and the enduring spirit of a nation.

One of the sports featured at the 3rd CIS Games is Chovgan.





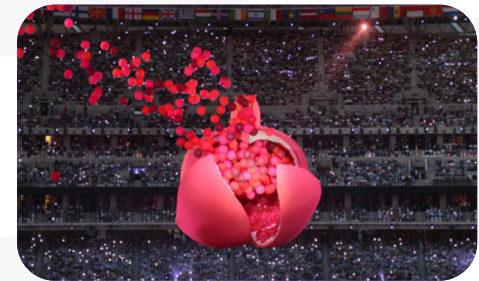
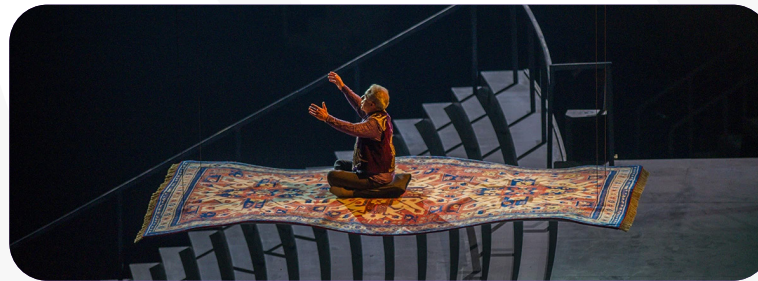
Sports Unite!

In June 2015, Azerbaijan made history by hosting the First European Games in its capital, Baku. This groundbreaking event brought together over 6,000 athletes from 50 countries, competing in a wide range of sports. It was more than just a competition—it was a celebration of solidarity, friendship, and unity.

The Games marked a new chapter for European sport, creating a platform for countries large and small to come together. Athletes competed fiercely, yet the spirit of respect and mutual admiration prevailed. The event demonstrated how sport can break down barriers, build bridges, and inspire shared values across borders.

Azerbaijan used the Games to showcase not only its sporting facilities but also its deep commitment to international cooperation and cultural exchange. Volunteers, spectators, and participants formed bonds that extended beyond medals. Through sport, they shared stories, traditions, and dreams.

The First European Games in Baku proved that sport has the power to unite people in peace and friendship, leaving a lasting legacy for Europe and the world.



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