



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

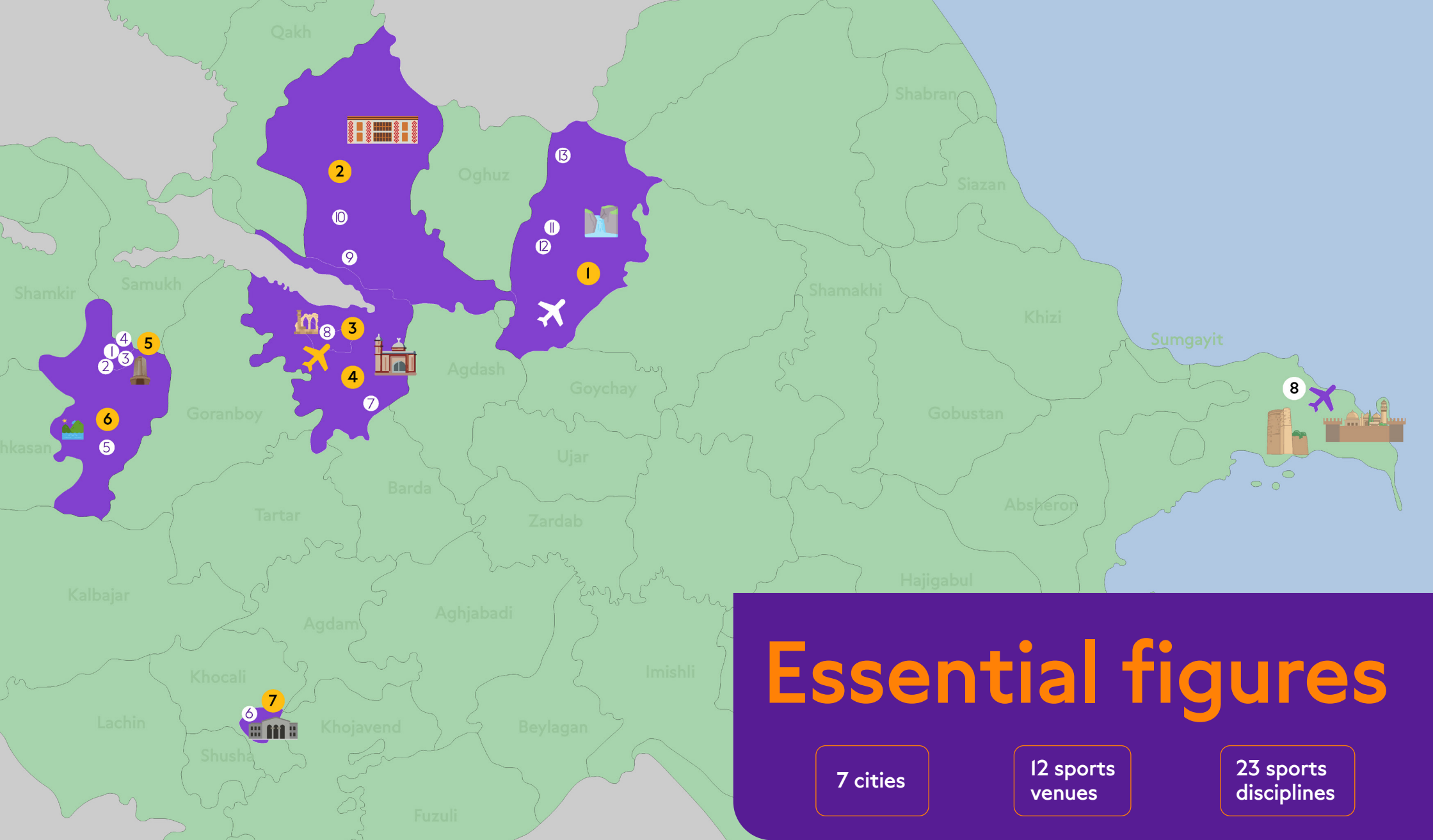


**Attention and care for
sports should be a state
policy of every country.**






Ilham 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

10

including
Azerbaijan

Total number of
members of CIS delegations

2330

Number
of athletes

1605



VENUE GUIDE

"KUR" OLYMPIC TRAINING AND SPORTS CENTER



Canoe



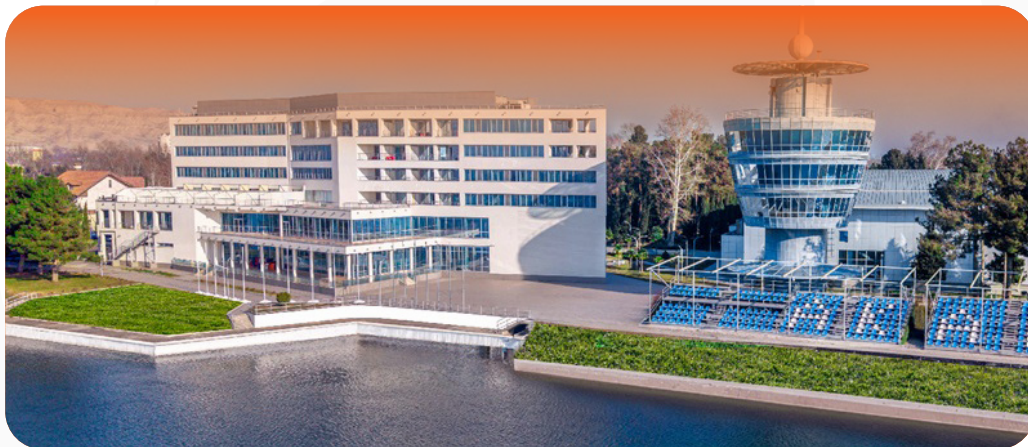
Taekwondo



Rowing



Karate



Since its establishment in 2010, the Olympic Training and Sports Center "Kur" has hosted a number of major international competitions and sporting events. Thanks to its modern infrastructure and convenient location, the center attracts both local and international athletes.

The extensive territory (9.2 hectares) includes a modern hall with 390 seats, a swimming pool, an assembly hall, a hotel with 48 rooms (130 beds), a dining hall for 100 people, and a tennis court. Together, these facilities provide comfortable accommodation and high-quality.

Among the key international events hosted here are:

The First European Games: Canoe and kayak competitions of the 2015 European Games were held in Mingachevir.

President's Cup and Mingachevir Regatta: Large-scale sporting events organized in Sugovusha and Mingachevir.

International training camps: National teams from different countries regularly conduct training camps here, making use of the rowing base, swimming pool, and multipurpose sports hall.

International seminars and conferences: Educational programs and seminars for coaches and sports specialists are also held here.

As part of the 3rd CIS Games, the Olympic Training and Sports Center "Kur" will host competitions in four sports.



"BEFORE THE START"

As Azerbaijan prepares to host the 3rd CIS Games from September 28 to October 8, the national youth taekwondo team is actively training for the upcoming competition.

The head coach of the team, Elnur Amanov, spoke about the work done, upcoming plans, and his expectations for the tournament

We began forming the team after the national championship. Based on the results, the winners and silver medalists were invited to join the team. That was the start of our preparation for the CIS Games.

The team has completed the first stage of training, during which we focused on physical conditioning. After that, the athletes were given a short break before resuming their training. The Federation has provided all the necessary conditions for us. Ahead, we still have two more intensive training camps.

I believe the team has very high potential. The under-21 category is such that it can include members of the senior national team. The World Taekwondo Federation organizes tournaments in this age group to ensure young athletes stay in competitive form and transition smoothly from junior to senior level.

As the host country, Azerbaijan will be represented by two teams, with a total of 28 athletes competing. They'll be up against strong competition from Russia, Kazakhstan, and Uzbekistan — nations widely regarded as leaders in international taekwondo.

Despite the high level of competition, the Azerbaijani team is aiming for a strong performance. For these young athletes, participating in such a major international event is both an invaluable experience and a great source of motivation. And competing at home is a major advantage. The host status gives us a boost, and the team will do its best to seize this opportunity and make the fans proud, he said.

Media accreditation

The media accreditation portal for the 3rd CIS Games was opened on May 21, 2025. A total of 372 applications were received from media representatives. The application process was closed on August 8, 2025.

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

PERSONA

YAYLAGUL RAMAZANOVA — A SYMBOL OF COURAGE AND INSPIRATION

The Paris 2024 Olympic Games will go down in Azerbaijan's history not only for sporting achievements but also for an incredible example of human willpower and the strength of a woman — Yaylagul Ramazanova.

The words of the International Olympic Committee — "Heart of a champion, strength of a mother" — describe her story briefly yet powerfully. While preparing to become a mother, Yaylagul did not step away from sports. On the contrary, she competed in archery, proving to the whole world that a true champion never gives up.

Her determination captured attention not only in Azerbaijan but also around the globe. Foreign journalists are eager to interview her and share her story because Yaylagul's example inspires thousands of women and young athletes: even in the most challenging circumstances, one can stay true to their dream.

Yaylagul Ramazanova has once again shown that being a champion means not only mastering a sport but also having a strong character and a brave heart. She has become a symbol of strength and courage not just for Azerbaijan, but for the whole world.





BAKU 2017 – 4TH ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY GAMES

From May 12 to 22, 2017, the capital of Azerbaijan, Baku, hosted the 4th Islamic Solidarity Games. This major sporting event became the largest edition in the history of the Games. Over 3,000 athletes from 54 Islamic countries took part.

The Games became a celebration of sport, friendship, and intercultural exchange. Azerbaijan stood out for its excellent organization and hospitality. The biggest achievement was securing first place in the medal standings — Azerbaijan won 75 gold medals. This result highlighted the strength of the nation and its commitment to sport.

The 4th Islamic Solidarity Games became a memorable and historic event for Azerbaijan, further strengthening the country's international reputation.



GOLDEN MOMENT

Nazim Huseynov is an outstanding Azerbaijani judoka who made history as the first Olympic champion of independent Azerbaijan. He was born on August 2, 1969, in Baku and began practicing judo from a young age, demonstrating not only physical strength but also perseverance and determination. His coach was the Honored Coach of Azerbaijan, Tarlan Hasanov.

He was named the Best Judoka of the Year across all weight categories (1992), was a two-time USSR youth champion (1987, 1989), and was awarded the title of Honored Master of Sports of the USSR (1992).

At the opening ceremony of the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona, as part of the Unified Team, he carried the flag of Azerbaijan. At these Games, he became an Olympic champion, defeating South Korean judoka Yoon Hyun in the final and the reigning world champion Tadanori Koshino from Japan in the semifinal. In honor of Huseynov's victory, the flag of Azerbaijan was raised at the Olympic Games for the first time in history.

At the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, he competed as part of the Azerbaijani national team and was once again the flag bearer at the opening ceremony. However, at these Games, Huseynov exited in the 1/8 finals after losing to a judoka from Mexico.

He was a bronze medalist at the World Championships (1991), a silver medalist at the World Championships (1993), a two-time European champion (1992, 1993), and a silver medalist at the "A" category international tournament featuring the world's strongest judokas (1997).

By decree of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, he was awarded the "Shohrat" Order. He retired from sport in 2000 and declined an offer to coach the Italian national team. In 2002, Huseynov was granted the Special Olympic Scholarship of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan.





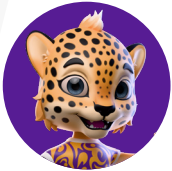
THE ROLE OF VOLUNTEERS AT THE 3RD CIS GAMES IN AZERBAIJAN

The 3rd CIS Games, to be held in Azerbaijan, will not only be a celebration of sport but also an important experience for hundreds of volunteers. Young people from different parts of the country will actively participate in organizing the competitions, welcoming guests, assisting athletes, and creating a comfortable atmosphere at all levels.

The role of volunteers is one of the key elements in organizing such events — they serve as a vital link between participants and organizers. Thanks to their efforts, the events run smoothly, efficiently, and with true hospitality. Volunteering helps young people develop communication skills, gain experience in an international environment, and contribute to the country's image.

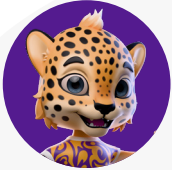
For many volunteers, participating in the 3rd CIS Games will be a significant step in their personal and professional growth, as well as a source of lasting memories and pride in Azerbaijan, their homeland.

Chatting with Babir & Leyla



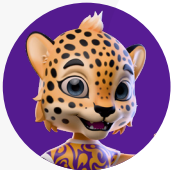
Leyla, did you get your volunteer uniform yet?

Yes! I picked it up yesterday. It's so cool — a T-shirt, a cap, and a badge. All with the Games logo. What about you?



Me too. I was assigned to work in the Media Center — I'll be helping journalists. Just imagine how many interviews I'll hear!

That's great! I'll be in the Fan Zone. I'll be welcoming guests and helping them find their way around. Honestly, I'm a bit nervous.



Don't worry! You always know how to get along with people! See you at the 3rd Games, we're ready!



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