Spectator information

Beach Soccer
Baku 2015 welcomes you

This guide will help you to know how to travel to the venue, what to expect when you arrive at the venue and what will be available on venue; allowing you to get the best experience and enjoy your favourite sport session.

Brief synopsis of the rules

Played on a sand pitch, teams of five players will contest matches lasting three periods of 12 minutes each. The team that scores the greater number of goals during a match is the winner. If the score is tied at the end of regulation playing time, an extra-time period of three minutes will be played.

If the score remains tied after extra time, an initial round of three penalty kicks will be taken from the imaginary penalty mark. The team that scores the most goals in the initial penalty round is the winner of the match. In the case of a tied score, the penalties will adopt a sudden death format.

Summary of the Competition

**Competition venue:** Beach Arena

**Competition dates:** 24 – 28 June

5 days of competition

96 athletes

1 medal event
**Competition Format**

The eight teams will be split into two groups of four - Group A and Group B – to contest the group stage of the competition. Each team will play three matches, one against each team in their group. These groups are as follows:

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Teams will earn three points for a win in regular time, two points for a win in extra time and one point for a win on penalties.

Following the group stage of competition, teams ranked first and second in their group will progress to the semi-finals, while teams ranked third and fourth will contest the classification matches.

The two winning teams from the semi-finals will contest the gold medal match, while the two losing teams will contest the bronze medal match.
**Venue name:**
Baku Beach Arena

**Venue address:**
European Games Park,
Bayil, Sabail district,
A.Yaqubov Street,
Baku, Azerbaijan

**Venue facts:**
The Beach Arena is a temporary venue as part of the European Games Park. Located on the edge of the Caspian Sea, the outdoor venue will play host to two of the world’s most popular beach sports – Beach Volleyball and Beach Soccer.

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**Session schedule**

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This information is correct at the time of publication release. Session start times are subject to change and finish times are approximate. More updated information can be found at baku2015.com/schedules-results

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Preliminary round  Final / Medal Event  M – Men  W – Women
Transport

Travelling to the Beach Arena in European Games Park

Parking

Please don’t drive your car to the venue as no parking will be allowed.

You can drive your car up to the Park & Ride location at Merkezi Park, park your car there and get on the relevant Express Bus Line to reach the venue.

Recommended Transport Modes

You are strongly encouraged to use the recommended transport modes to reach the venue.

Metro

The metro will operate on a 19 hour schedule from 6.00am to 1.00am.

The closest metro station serving the venue is Icherisheher and is approximately an hour walk to the venue.

Express Bus Lines

Express Bus Lines will operate on a 20 hour schedule during the Games time and are free for spectators.

Be ready to present your Government issued ID (Şəxsiyyat Vasiqasi for nationals) or Passport (for internationals) and session ticket (or ticket purchase confirmation) to be able to use the Express Bus Line service.

Spectators wanting to buy session tickets at the venues can still use the Express Bus Line service by presenting their ID. If demand for the Express Bus Service is high, priority will be given to ticket holders. For your convenience you are advised to buy your tickets in advance.

X15 and X19 are the Express Bus Lines serving the venue.

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Check the Spectator page of baku2015.com for the latest schedule of Express Bus Lines and to know how you can combine the use of the metro and buses to best plan your journey to and from the venue.
Accessible transport is provided to spectators who have a disability or are elderly that includes accessible express buses, park and ride locations and accessible load zones for drop-off/pick-up.

All Games venues have accessible toilets, concessions and accessible seating for you and your companion.

Mobility assistance services are available on the venue for spectators who require assistance.

For more information about Accessibility call the 2015 European Games Spectator Info Centre or visit the Spectators page of baku2015.com.
Inside the venue

Level 2

- Spectator Seating
- Accessible Seating
Conditions of entry

- Spectators (ticket holders) must have a valid ticket for the session.
- Electronic ticket check will be in place at all venues – each ticket holder must carry their ticket at all times while attending the session.
- If you are over 16 you will need to bring a valid ticket with a Government issued ID (Şəxsiyyət Vəsiqəsi for nationals) or Passport (for internationals) to enter the venue.
- All spectators under 16 years of age as of June 28, must be accompanied by an adult (18+) spectator with a valid ticket and a Government issued ID (Şəxsiyyət Vəsiqəsi for nationals) or Passport (for internationals).
- Children under the age of two will be admitted without a ticket, provided that they remain in the arms of their parents or guardians and do not occupy a separate seat or space.
- Ticket holders will not be allowed to enter the venue with items determined by Government legislation as illegal, dangerous or could compromise safety - the full list of prohibited items is available on baku2015.com.
- Ticket holders are not allowed to leave and re-enter any session (using the same ticket).
- No commercial, promotional, advertising or marketing (including charitable) activity may be undertaken at any games venue or in the vicinity of any games venue.
For your convenience and to avoid queues we recommend that you purchase and collect your ticket prior to the day of the event.

Gates to European Games Park will open 90 minutes prior to competition starting, doors into Baku Beach Arena will open 60 minutes prior competition start – arrive at the venue early to avoid long lines at the security screening areas at the venue entrance.

Expect to go through ‘airport style’ security search at the venue entrance which can take time.

Spectators will be permitted to bring a ‘reasonable’ amount of non-perishable food in original factory packaging for personal consumption - ‘reasonable’ can be defined as a packet of crisps, biscuits and nuts (snacks).

Bring sun cream (up to 100ml), wear a hat, comfortable shoes and stay hydrated - warm weather is expected.

Bring cash - food and merchandise concessions on the venue accept cash only. There is also an ATM available on the venue.

Don’t miss out on your chance to buy Baku 2015 European Games official merchandise, something to suit everyone with the range including t-shirts, backpacks, mugs, mascot soft toys and lots more.

Look for the signage which will help you to find your way to and around the venue.

Look for the Information Points on the venue where your questions can be answered.

There is no storage available at the venue for ticket holders’ personal property (except for baby buggies which should be stored at the designated areas as you will not be permitted to take them to your seats).
Be prepared

- Smoking is allowed only in designated areas on the venue
- Help us to protect our environment – use the bins provided on the venue and place your waste in the correct bin
- Adhere to the venue rules and codes of conduct
Key contact information

**Emergency services**

In case of any emergency situation immediately call:

- **101** - Fire
- **102** - Police
- **103** - Ambulance
- **112** - Crisis Centre

**Baku 2015 Lost & Found Claims Centre**

In the case of any personal property lost or found on competition venues, contact:

**+994 (0) 12 525 5678**

Lost & Found Claims Centre, Level 2 at the AF Mall (entry via Bul Bul Prospect – follow signs for UAC)

**2015 - European Games Spectator Info Centre**

In the case of ticketing enquiries, contact:

**2015 or +994 (0) 77 2015 000** (for international calling) or ticket@baku2015.com

In the case of general Baku 2015 enquiries, contact:

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