



TECHNICAL HANDBOOK

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HOST COUNTRY AND CITY

RUSSIA

Territory: 17,098,246 square kilometres.

Population: 146 million people.

Russia is a multinational country with more than 170 different nationalities. In addition to Russian, which is the official language throughout the country, different regions have their own additional official languages.

Main religions: Islam, Christianity, Catholicism, Buddhism, Judaism.



Russia is known for its rich nature:

- first in the world in terms of gas reserves and second in coal reserves;
- the deepest lake in the world, Baikal, and the highest mountain in Europe, Elbrus, are located here;

Russia has achieved success in a variety of areas:

- russian explorers developed half of the Arctic region and discovered Antarctica;
- soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first in the world to orbit the Earth.
- Russia is the leader in nuclear energy;
- the world's longest railway, the Trans-Siberian Railway, is located here.



REPUBLIC OF TATARSTAN

Territory: 67,847 square kilometres.

Population: 4 million people.

Tatarstan is a progressive region with enormous scientific and technological potential.

IT and nanotechnology are among the priority areas of development. The foundation of Tatarstan's industrial base is the petrochemical industry and mechanical engineering.

It is a multiconfessional region where Western and Eastern cultures converge. There can be found the mosques, Orthodox churches, Lutheran and Catholic churches, a Jewish synagogue, a Theological seminary and the Russian Islamic University here.

The region has a rich culture: a landmark annual event is Sabantuy, a festival celebrating the end of spring field works. It traditionally embraces a creative part in terms of performances by singers, reciters and dancers, and competitions in serious and comic disciplines. The most popular competition, koreshe belt wrestling, is also an official discipline of the BRICS Games.

The destinies of many outstanding cultural figures are connected with Tatarstan: singer Fedor Shalyapin, writers Leo Tolstoy, Maxim Gorky, VasilyAksenov, artist Ivan Shishkin and many others.

The glory of the Tatar culture was also made by the classic of Tatar poetry GabdullaTukai, the poet-hero Musa Jalil, composers SalikhSaidashev, Sofia Gubaidulina.





KAZAN

It's the capital of Tatarstan and the largest city in the Volga region.

Territory: 638.4 sq. km.

Population: 1.3 million people

Major economic, political, scientific, cultural and sports centre.

It is ranked fifth in the top largest cities in Russia.

Kazan is the sports capital of Russia, which has a number of titled clubs: Rubin football club, Ak Bars hockey club, Zenit and Dynamo volleyball clubs, UNICS basketball club, Sintez water polo club. In recent years, Tatarstan has hosted the largest number of sporting events.

Among the most significant events are the Summer Universiade 2013, FINA World Championships 2015, FIFA World Cup 2018, WorldSkills Kazan 2019, European Diving Championships 2019, European Short Course Swimming Championships 2021, First CIS Games 2021, United Games of the Special Olympics 2023, Games of the Future 2024.

The emblem of Kazan depicts Zilant (dragon) with a crown. It symbolises power, greatness, immortality, and eternal renewal.





INTERESTING FACTS

Kazan is 150 years older than Moscow and is one of the oldest cities not only in Russia, but in Eastern Europe as well. Officially founded in 1005, in the 13th century, it became a part of the largest Mongol-Tatar empire in the world, the Golden Horde.



Bolgar in Tatarstan is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Bolgar was the place where the Islamization of Tatarstan began. Here is the largest Quran in the world, decorated with precious metals and stones. It weighs 800 kilograms (1,763 lb) and when opened takes up 3 x 2 metres.

The wife of the famous artist Salvador Dalí was born in Kazan. Gala – real name Elena Diakonova – was the wife of Paul Éluard, love of Max Ernst, and later the wife, the muse and the only female model of Salvador Dalí.



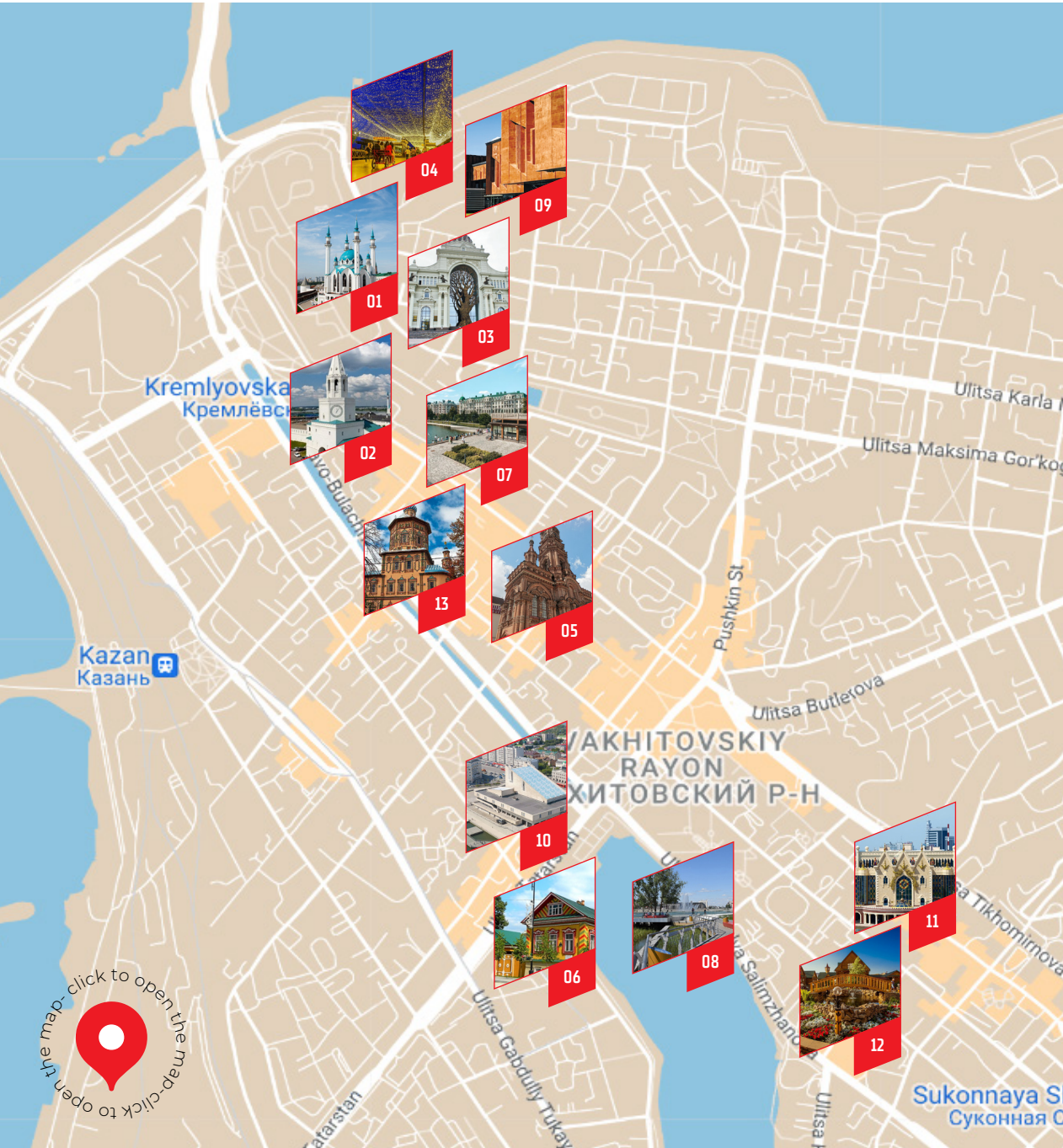
Kazan is home to one of the largest mosques in Europe. Construction of the Kul Sharif Mosque began in the 16th century and, at the time, was famed for being the largest mosque in Europe. In 2005, it reopened after 10 years of restoration work. Now visitors can see the mosque in all its splendor.

Kazan is considered one of the most multi-ethnic cities in Russia. Representatives of more than 115 nationalities live here.



Kazan Federal University (KFU), founded in 1804, is the third oldest university in Russia after Saint Petersburg University (1724) and Moscow University (1755).

Kazan metro is included in the Guinness Book as the shortest metro in the world. The journey takes only 15 minutes.



ROUTE AROUND KAZAN

- 01** **Kul Sharif Mosque** (One of the largest mosques in Europe, part of the complex of buildings of the Kazan Kremlin, most popular place for photos.)
- 02** **Kazan Kremlin** (It is a museum-reserve located in the historical centre of Kazan. A complex of architectural, historical and archaeological monuments that reveal the centuries-old history of the city. Since 2000, the Kazan Kremlin has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site.)
- 03** **Agricultural Palace** (It is an architectural construction located in the historical centre of Kazan. The central place in the composition of the building is occupied by a large tree.)
- 04** **Kremlin Embankment** (One of the most popular walking areas in the city. There are cafés with drinks and food, fountains and art objects, and festive fairs.)
- 05** **Epiphany Cathedral** (Cathedral is famous for the fact that Fedor Shalyapin (the great Russian opera singer) was baptized within its walls. Adjacent to the cathedral there is a bell tower, which you can climb and enjoy the sunset from.)
- 06** **Old Tatar Settlement** ("Staro-Tatarskaya Sloboda"). (To understand what Kazan looked like a century and a half ago, it's worth taking a walk through the historical part of the city. The mansions of merchants and estates of wealthy citizens have been preserved in the pedestrian zone. This is a calm and quiet place where you can enjoy Tatar architecture and take beautiful photos.)
- 07** **Black Lake Park** (A park where history and modernity merge. This is the oldest park in Kazan, which has not lost its relevance for more than 200 years. The park has a unique structure — the Arch of Lovers, which is famous for its amazing acoustic effect. Because of the peculiar shape of the building, people standing on its opposite sides can hear each other, even if they talk in whispers.)
- 08** **Kaban Lake embankment** (In the evenings you can enjoy the sunset from the embankment, and during the day you can feed wild ducks and swans on the lake shore, as well as ride catamarans.)
- 09** **National Library of the Republic of Tatarstan** (In the National Library of the Republic of Tatarstan, located in the centre of Kazan, you can find books to suit any taste, including ones in foreign languages, as well as rare editions. We advise you to visit it, even if you don't like to read. Take a look at the installations, grab some drinks and enjoy the views from the panoramic windows.)
- 10** **Galiasgar Kamal Tatar State Academic Theatre** (One of the oldest and most famous theaters in Russia. It was founded at the beginning of the 20th century and has since become one of the main cultural centres of Tatarstan. Theatrical productions of this theater have won high awards more than once. You can take headphones and listen to the performance in English and Russian.)
- 11** **Kazan State Puppet Theater «Ekiyat»** (A permanent laureate of Russian and world competitions. The theater is located in a beautiful building resembling a fairy-tale palace.)
- 12** **TuganAvlylm National Complex** (A wonderful sample of the Tatar culture. In this authentic complex you can get acquainted with Tatar cuisine, national peculiarities and traditions.)
- 13** **Kazan Cathedral of Peter and Paul** (Kazan Cathedral, built in the Russian Baroque style, was visited by Aleksandr Pushkin, and Fedor Shalyapin (the great Russian opera singer) sang in the cathedral choir.)

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AUTHENTIC TATAR CUISINE

- Tatarskaya Usadba
- Tubatay
- Bilyar café
- Tatar by Tubatay
- Chirem

WHERE TO EAT

- Beanhearts
- Sol
- Istina
- Khinkalnaya
- Cheeseria
- Smorodina
- Mellow

HALAL CUISINE

- Medina Food
- Khanuma
- Itle
- Drevnyaya Bukhara
- Rubai

VEGETARIAN/VEGAN CUISINE

- Vegan Day
- Green life
- Govindas
- So Sweet

FOR COFFEE LOVERS

- Skuratov Coffee
- Surf Coffee
- Neft
- Cups
- Coffee Industry

SOUVENIRS

- Aida store
- Chak Chak store
- Smena bookstore
- Pantry of crafts
- Blacksmith's Shop
- Hanbike
- Souvenir paradise
- Tatar Bazar



USEFUL INFORMATION

Time zone

UTC+3 (Moscow time).

Monetary system

Ruble (RUB) is the official currency of the Russian Federation.

Payment system

Taking into account the existing restrictions on the use of foreign Mastercard or Visa bank cards on the territory of the Russian Federation, we recommend having cash with you for the entire period of your stay.

Climate

The weather in mid-June ranges from 20-25°C, sunny.

Emergency services

Universal emergency response number – 112

Fire service – 101

Police – 102

Ambulance – 103

Power supply

Type of socket – EU (Euro)

Voltage – 220 V

Frequency – 50 Hz

Taxi

Yandex.GO: +7 (843) 510 00 00

Radioelectronic appliances

Legal basis for the use of radio equipment (REAs) in the territory of the Russian Federation. Click [here](#) for more information.



THE BRICS GAMES

The BRICS Games are annual multi-sport competitions between the member states of the BRICS Economic Group.

The event is usually organised by the country chairing the group during the year.

The 2017-2018 summits comprised the first BRICS Games in three sports, with Guangzhou, China, for basketball, volleyball and wushu, and Johannesburg, South Africa, for football, volleyball and netball.

THE BRICS GAMES HAVE BEEN HELD FOUR TIMES:

2017 year

2018 year

2022 year

2023 year

In 2019, 2020 and 2021, due to the threat of COVID-19 spread, the Games were held in an online format.

The main goal of the tournament will be to strengthen friendly sports ties with the BRICS countries based on the principles of equality, non-discrimination and equal eligibility of athletes for the competitions. The International multi-sport forum will be held on 12-23 June 2024. The Games will be held in the run-up-to the BRICS Summit in October, which will also be hosted by the capital of the Republic of Tatarstan.



Bricsik the leopard became the mascot of the BRICS Games in Kazan. He symbolises agility, strength, speed and resilience – the qualities that true champions possess. Bricsik was born in Asia, just like the first BRICS Games, and then grew and developed alongside the tournament.

FACTS ABOUT GAMES

14

days

30

sports

> 60

invited countries

4751 athletes

392 medal events

17 sports venues



ACCREDITATION

An accreditation card is equal in value to a passport on the territory of the “Games of the Future” venues! Please make sure you have your accreditation card with you when:

- at competitions and training sites;
- in dining areas.

IMPORTANT: It's strongly restricted to post pictures of accreditation cards on social media!

Accreditation cards are personalised and non-transferable!

CATERING

Competition participants are provided with 3 meals a day. Check your meal schedule with your attaché.

MEDICAL SERVICES

During all trainings and competitions, a medical room, a mobile medical team and an ambulance team on duty will operate at the sports venue.

In case of emergency outside the competition venue, please call an ambulance and tell the operator that you are a participant of the International Multi-Sport Event “BRICS Sports Games Kazan 2024”.

Ambulance numbers: 103, 03, 030, 112. Medical services provided by an ambulance are free of charge.

To provide medical care outside sports venues, a sports polyclinic has been organised on the premises of the State Autonomous Health Care Institution «City Polyclinic No. 21» (Kazan, 95, OrenburgskyTrakt St.,) from 8:00 to 23:00 every day.

IMPORTANT:

- The participating countries of the BRICS Games independently bear financial responsibility for paying the insurance costs of the delegation;
- Treatment in medical institutions not designated for medical care of the International Multi-Sport Event “BRICS Sports Games Kazan 2024” is covered not by the organiser, but by the insurance company or the participant's personal funds.



Competition information

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COMPOSITION OF THE CHIEF PANEL OF ARBITERS (CPA)

No	Full Name	Position	Category	City, Country
01	Elena Polovina	Chief Arbiter	International	Taganrog, Russia
02	Aleksey Nikitin	Pairing Officer	International	Saint Petersburg, Russia
03	Artur Vashurin	Deputy Chief Arbiter	International	Ivanovo, Russia
04	Konstantin Denyapkin	Deputy Pairing Officer	International	Naberezhnye Chelny, Russia

* The list of the CPJ is preliminary

TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

Chess competitions will be arranged in accordance with the latest technical regulations of the International Chess Federation (FIDE).

Each country has the right to enter no more than 4 players (2 men and 2 women; age group of the competitors: men, women, from 18 years old). In addition to the players, a team also includes: 1 coach, 1 manager.

Members of the national team or club team must have an identical ceremonial team uniform. Competitive sports uniforms, as well as personal sports inventory and equipment must comply with the requirements set forth in the rules of the sports included in the BRICS Games programme.

The BRICS Games Participating Countries shall bear independent financial responsibility for the payment of the delegation insurance costs.

Competition Programme

17 June	Arrival day, Admission Committee, training sessions
18 – 21 June	Competition days
22 June	Departure day



COMPETITION FORMAT

The competitions will last six (6) days and will include the following events:

- one men's "Blitz" tournament;
- one men's "Rapid" tournament;
- one women's "Blitz" tournament;
- one women's "Rapid" tournament;
- one "Blitz" tournament jointly for men and women (mixed pairs);
- one "Rapid" tournament jointly for men and women (mixed pairs).

Individual classification will be established in accordance with the total points scored in all games. A participant is awarded 1 point for a victory, 0.5 points for a draw, 0 points for a defeat. In case of a tie, the winner will be determined in accordance with the rules of the International Chess Federation (FIDE).

Team classification will be established in accordance with the total team points scored in all games. A team is awarded 2 points for a victory, 1 point for a draw, 0 points for a defeat. In case of a tie, the winning team will be determined in accordance with rules of the International Chess Federation (FIDE).

Time Control:

"Blitz" 3 minutes for the whole game for each participant with the addition of 2 seconds for each move made, starting from the first move;

"Rapid Chess" 10 minutes for the whole game for each participant with the addition of 5 seconds for each move made, starting from the first move.

Competition Procedure:

- competitions in the "Blitz" are held in 11 rounds in accordance with the Swiss system;
- competitions in the "Rapid Chess" are held in 9 rounds in accordance with the Swiss system.

SPORT ENTRIES

Participation

Only athletes who meet the following criteria may participate in the Games:

- a) be citizens of the country they represent;
- b) an athlete's age and level of sports training must meet the requirements of the sport included in the Games programme.



- c) an athlete must have a medical report proving their ability to participate in sports competitions as issued in accordance with the requirements of the athlete's country.
- d) an athlete must have a life and health insurance and accident insurance policies, which shall be issued for each member of the delegation.

Types of Forms	Deadline for Completion	Contents
Intention of Participation	11 February 2024	Confirmation of intention to participate. Entry for the appointment of a responsible person from the delegation with contact details for further communication regarding registration and other issues of the delegation's stay
Quantitative Entry Form	17 April 2024	Entries indicating the number of officials and competitors for each sport/discipline. Registration is carried out in accordance with the quotas regulated by each sport.
Individual Entry Form	15 May 2024	Individual (Nominal) Entries. Entries with the participant's personal data and photo to be entered into the Accreditation System.
Arrival and Departure Data	27 May 2024	Information on arrival and departure dates and detailed information on arrival and departure flights of the competitors to be entered into the Accreditation System.

All delegations (national federations) shall submit entry forms to the Organising Committee by the deadline and under the form specified by the Organising Committee.

Intention of Participation, Quantitative and Individual Entry Forms may be sent by e-mail to delegation.services@bricskazan2024.games or by fax to meet the deadlines, but they must be confirmed in writing on the official forms.

Entries received later than the required deadlines will not be accepted. Exceptions are force majeure circumstances recognised as such by the Organising Committee.



ARBITERS

Arbiters are appointed by the All-Russian Public Organisation “Chess Federation of Russia”. All national Arbiters have an international Arbiter category and a valid licence.

Arbiters within foreign teams are not involved.

PROTESTS AND APPEALS

The protest and appeals process will be conducted in accordance with the BRICS Sports Games Rules.

Protests against the decision of the Chief Arbiter may only be filed in writing and within five minutes after the end of the round with a deposit of RUB 5,000.00 (Five thousand roubles). If the protest is rejected, the money goes to the Organising Committee to cover the costs of the competition. The decision of the Appeal Committee is final.

COMPETITION VENUE

Venue	Activity	Distance from the Athletes Village
IT Park named after Bashir Rameev	Competition	9 km

SPORTS EQUIPMENT

Specialised high-quality equipment that meets FIDE standards:

1. Electronic chess board with pieces and peripherals and a licence for on-line broadcasting;
2. Electronic chess clock DGT XL (or similar).

While at the sports venue, the competitors must not wear beach clothes (shorts and flip-flops).

Marketing requirements for the equipment:

The equipment must comply with the standards and rules of the sport and must not jeopardise the health of athletes and spectators.

Equipment layouts/images must be sent by e-mail to the Organiser for approval at delegation.services@bricskazan2024.games not later than one month before the start of the Games.



The use of the following symbols is prohibited:

- logos of betting companies banned in the Russian Federation;
- political and religious slogans;
- brands of alcohol and tobacco products;
- materials violating ethical norms.

The equipment must comply with the requirements established by the legislation of the Russian Federation.

Entries Consideration Procedure

The entries are considered within 5 working days, and a positive response or comments for amendments are sent after such consideration.

Responsibility

- In case of violation of the regulations, an athlete may be subject to disciplinary sanctions, including disqualification.
- The regulations for approving sports equipment are mandatory for all and team representatives.

COMPETITION SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Competitions Held	Phase / Round	Venue
18 June	10.00-17.00	Rapid (individual classification) men's and women's tournament	Finals	IT Park named after Bashir Rameev
19 June	10.00-17.00	Blitz (individual classification) men's and women's tournament	Finals	IT Park named after Bashir Rameev
20 June	10.00-17.00	Rapid (team classification) mixed pairs	Finals	IT Park named after Bashir Rameev
21 June	10.00-17.00	Blitz (team classification) mixed pairs	Finals	IT Park named after Bashir Rameev

* The competition schedule is preliminary



TECHNICAL MEETINGS

Sports Discipline	Event Name	Venue	Date	Time
Chess/ Rapid Chess, Blitz	Admission Comission	IT Park named after Bashir Rameev	17 June	10.00-20.30
	Organisational meeting with Arbiters, team representatives, and the Organising Committee	IT Park named after Bashir Rameev	17 June	21.00-22.00
	Pairing	IT Park named after Bashir Rameev	17 June	22.00-22.30

SPORTS INFORMATION CENTRE

The Sports Information Centre will provide reliable information on sports in a timely and prompt manner during the International Multi-Sport Event “BRICS Sports Games”.

All necessary information will be placed in the Sports Information Centre areas at all competition and training venues.

Working hours of the Sports Information Centre at sports venues depend on the competition schedule.

Client groups:

- Athletes, Heads of Delegations, and team representatives;
- International and national referees and TO's.

Information provided by the Sports Information Centre:

- Competition schedule;
- Training schedule;
- Start lists;
- Sports results (final protocols, statistics);
- Information on technical meetings;
- Transport schedule.



TRANSPORT

Transport on Arrival and Departure

Upon arrival and departure to the host city, participants will be provided with a meet and greet service by the “BRICS Games” Organiser staff.

The participants will get necessary assistance in case of luggage loss.

The departure schedules of the participants will be communicated through the attachés or posted on information desks at the places of accommodation.

IMPORTANT: Transfer from official hotels is arranged 2.5-3 hours before the scheduled departure time;

Transport to Training and Competition Venues

Buses from the hotel to the training and competition venues will run daily in accordance with the approved schedule.

* Transportation schedule will be drawn up after the actual Games schedule is confirmed.

DOPING CONTROL

Anti-doping activities will be carried out based on the requirements of the World Anti-Doping Code.

PRESS CONFERENCE

Accredited media representatives have access to the competition site on competition days. Depending on their category (Journalist, Photographer, Cameraman, etc.), they are assigned areas of work during competition hours: media stands, photo and camera positions.

Press Scrum in the Mixed Zone

Media communication with players in the format of a press scrum takes place in the Mixed Zone after each competition session/stage.

At each venue, the Mixed Zone is located in the immediate vicinity of the field of play along the players’ route from the field of play to the changing rooms, or from the changing rooms to the exit from the venues. The Zone is equipped with a banner and lighting (if necessary). There is an interpreter (Rus-Eng) in the Mixed Zone.



At the end of the competition, the players must leave the field of play through the Mixed Zone.

Communication with the media during the qualifying stages is optional; however, it is recommended to answer and not turn down the questions of journalists.

Coaches and winners (players or teams) shall take part in a press scrum lasting 20-30 minutes at the final stages of the competition and after the awards ceremony.

Additional requests for interviews with the team/athlete will be passed on by the Venue Press Manager through the Press Officer.

Press Conference

Press conferences, to which players may be invited, are scheduled during the event. Invitations will be extended through the Press Officer.

In case of any questions regarding press activities, please contact the Venue Press Manager.

AWARDS

Sports Discipline	Number of Gold Medals	Number of Silver Medals	Number of Bronze Medals	Number of Medals	Number of Ceremonies
Rapid	4	4	4	12	3
Blitz	4	4	4	12	3

Award Ceremonies

The Organising Committee provides production of award attributes in accordance with the approved design.

Winners and runners-up of individual competitions are awarded medals. In team competitions, medals are awarded to the teams, winners and runners-up, as follows:

- **for the third place:** bronze medal;
- **for the second place:** silver/silvered medal;
- **for the first place:** gold/gilded medal.

In team sports, the winners and runners-up are awarded cups for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place respectively. Any other interpretation of these rules must be agreed by the Organising Committee.

In specific sports, where required by the regulations of the respective sports



federation, two (2) bronze medals will be awarded.

The awarding of two (2) identical results, as well as medals for competitors in Preliminary Qualifying Competitions are foreseen in specific sports.

The official languages of the Award Ceremonies are Russian and English. The national anthem of the state represented by the winner/winning team will be played at the Award Ceremonies without raising the flags. If technically possible, the flags of the winners can be displayed on screens. When the flags are displayed on the screen and the national anthem of the winning country is played, the athletes, officials, and accompanying persons must face the flags being displayed.

In addition to the main awards, other prizes and gifts may be awarded as decided by the Organising Committee.

According to the traditions and rules of international sports federations, the Award Ceremonies are held on the same day as the competition finals.

All participants of the Ceremony (winners and runners-up, guests of honour) must be in the preparation area for the Award Ceremony 10 minutes before the start of the Ceremony. Award Ceremonies shall be held at the Games competition venues. Winners must attend the Award Ceremony in the official sports uniform of their delegation. Athletes shall enter the Award Ceremony without accreditation badges. **Athletes are not allowed to bring any national flag or other national, cultural, or religious symbols to the podium with them.**

In the absence of the winners/runners-up from the Ceremony for a valid reason (e.g. hospitalisation), the medals and flowers shall be handed over to the official representing the delegation concerned. The official does not climb on the podium, but stands in front of it and accepts the medal and flowers.

Winners and runners-up of individual sports are awarded medals by a representative of the sports federation, whereas flowers/mascots are handed over by a representative of the Organising Committee and/or another guest of honour.

Winners and runners-up of team sports are first awarded medals and flowers/mascots, and then cups together by representatives of the sports federation and the Organising Committee, and/or another guest of honour.

The awarding starts from the 3rd place. After listening to the anthem of the winner/winning team, an official general photo is taken on the podium/ in the Award Ceremony area.

Additional awards (other than medals) may be presented only upon agreement with the Organising Committee. The presentation of additional awards will take place separately from the Award Ceremonies.

The Certificate of Participation is issued to all participants of the BRICS Games and is not presented at the Award Ceremonies. Certificates of Participation will be distributed through a separate procedure.