



PRESS GUIDE

TO THE 2ND EUROPEAN GAMES

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The 2nd European Games MINSK 2019

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Dear friends,

We are less than one year away from the summer of 2019, when Minsk will welcome 50 European countries to a great festival of sport and culture taking place in Belarus.

The 2nd European Games will be the event of the year for not only the athletes, but also the tireless coaches, volunteers and officials, tourists and media representatives from all over Europe.

The Minsk 2019 European Games Operations Committee continues to make progress in the designing of bespoke facilities that will better meet the needs of the media, with the aim of offering the best working conditions while also ensuring the quality of the sporting spectacle.

This Press Guide provides an overview of what is being planned for accredited written and photographic press as well as non-rights-holding broadcasters. This guide also contains important information on a variety of topics, including deadlines, accreditation, accommodation, photo services and Venue Media Centres.

I thank you for your ongoing support and look forward to reading and sharing your stories as you keep Belarus and Europe updated and inspired in the lead up to and during the European Games in June 2019. The best European athletes will most certainly put on a show, and we are happy that you will be there to bring their stories to life for sports fans across the continent and beyond.

I wish you all very enjoyable European Games in Minsk!

Best regards,

George Katulin

Chief Executive Officer of MINSK 2019 European Games Operations Committee (MEGOC),
Secretary General of the National Olympic Committee of the Republic of Belarus



Welcome to Belarus



Belarus is a country with a rich history, distinctive culture and unique beauty of nature. Located in the geographical centre of Europe, Belarus shares land borders with 5 countries: Russia, Lithuania, Latvia, Poland, and Ukraine.

Belarusian climate is moderately continental with mild winters, warm summers, humid autumns and springs.

The Belarusians are a hospitable nation always ready to share its hospitality with guests. The population of the country is about ten million.

Belarus has a well-developed industrial and agricultural base and a high education level. The main branches of industry produce tractors and trucks, earth movers for use in construction and mining, metal-cutting machine tools, agricultural equipment, motorcycles, chemicals, fertilizers, textiles and consumer goods.

The country's main religion is Christianity with a wide diversity of its different branches. What is remarkable about Belarusian tolerance is that Orthodoxy, Catholicism and Protestantism peacefully coexist here. Other religions such as Judaism or Islam are also present in Belarus because citizens have a guaranteed freedom of religion according to the Constitution.



Blue-eyed Belarus with thousands of lakes is a paradise for photographers. Our lakes and rivers are known for their purity. Dense forests constitute over a third of the country's green cover. Another miracle of nature is the Belovezhskaya Pushcha National Park that has preserved the only remaining primeval forest that grew in Europe in prehistoric times. Due to the large number of wetlands that purify and humidify the air as well as generate oxygen, Belarus is referred to as the "Lungs of Europe". In other words, small Belarus is big enough for travelling and new experiences.

The 2nd European Games MINSK 2019 will be the biggest multi-sport event that Belarus has hosted to date. Its past experience of hosting international events include the 2010 Junior Eurovision Song Contest in Minsk, the 2012 ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships, the 2013 UCI Track Cycling World Championships, the 2013 EUBC European Boxing Championships, the 2014 IIHF World Championship, the 31st European Rhythmic Gymnastics Championships in 2015, the 2015 IBU Youth/Junior World Championships, the 2017 UIPM Senior Modern Pentathlon European Championships, the 2017 European Sambo Championship, the aerials and rhythmic gymnastics world cups, the 2018 UCI Track Cycling World Cup and 2018 European U21 Table Tennis Championships.





The 2nd European Games Overview

In 2012 in Rome, the General Assembly of the European Olympic Committees voted by a huge majority to create the European Games – international multi-sport competitions among athletes of the European continent, which are held every four years. The Games are owned, co-organised, and regulated by the EOC.

The first European Games were held from June 12 to June 28, 2015, in the capital of Azerbaijan – Baku. Belarusian athletes won 43 medals there – 10 gold, 11 silver, and 22 bronze.

At its 2016 General Assembly the EOC voted Minsk, the capital of Belarus, as host to the second edition of the European Games, which will take place from 21 to 30 June 2019.

More than 4,000 athletes representing 50 NOCs will take part in the 2nd European Games across 15 sports, 10 of which will provide Olympic qualifications for Tokyo 2020.

Minsk 2019 European Games Operations Committee (MEGOC)

The Republican Organizing Committee for the 2nd European Games Minsk 2019 was established in January 2017 and is chaired by the Prime Minister of the Republic of Belarus Andrei Kobyakov. The leadership of MEGOC is provided by the CEO George Katulin (Secretary General of the NOC Belarus) together with the three Deputy CEOs: Anatol Kotau, Siarhei Shablyka and Uladzimir Papou.

Minsk 2019 European Games Venues

All venues are situated in close proximity to each other in the city, and close to both the Athletes' Village and all the hotels selected for the event. All of the competition venues except one – Canoe Sprint – are located in the capital city of Minsk. This will greatly simplify logistics during Games time.



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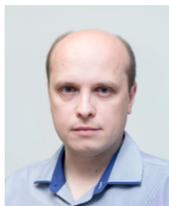
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Accreditation

Accredited persons will receive a European Games Identity and Accreditation Card (EGIAC), commonly referred to as accreditation, which will:

- Establish the identity of the holder
- Permit access to the 2nd European Games Minsk 2019
- Authorize visa-free entrance into Belarus to participate in the Minsk 2019 European Games (when used with a valid ID document that was used at MINSK 2019 Online Accreditation Platform)

Accreditation categories

Press accreditation will be available for members of the written press, photographers, and non-rights holding broadcasters in three categories:

- E** Journalist, editor, photographic editor, employed or contracted by an international or national news agency, a general daily newspaper, a sports newspaper, magazine or internet site; a digital journalist; or a freelance journalist under contract.
- EP** Photographer or technician meeting the same criteria as described for category “E”.
- ENR** Non-rights holding radio or television broadcaster.

Press professionals who meet the above criteria must be affiliated to one or several news organizations and their applications must be validated by their news organization.



Press accreditation timeline

1 December 2018	MINSK 2019 Online Accreditation Platform begins to work
28 February 2019	Press accreditation process ends
March-April 2019	Applications validated and approved
May 2019	Pre-Valid Cards (PVCs) sent to press
25 May 2019	Visa-free period begins
10 June 2019	International Broadcasting Centre (IBC) begins to operate
10 June 2019	Press accreditation counter at IBC begins to work

Quotas

There will be some quotas for press to cover the Games in a similar way to the Olympic quota system. At the same time, there will be no national quota for local press.

Application process

1. Submit accreditation application via the MINSK 2019 Online Accreditation Platform no later than 28 February 2019. Applicants will receive an email confirmation that the application has been received.
2. After processing, applicants will receive an email confirming whether their request for accreditation was approved or rejected.
3. Press Operations will mail Pre-Valid Card (PVCs) to all approved applicants in May 2019. The PVCs will serve for a visa-free entering to Belarus.
4. Pre-Valid Cards have to be validated upon arrival before they can be used as an accreditation during the Minsk 2019 European Games.

The card plus with same identification document that was used to apply for accreditation have to be presented at the Accreditation Centre. Validation of PVCs will be available at the National Airport Minsk (MSQ) and Uniform Distribution and Accreditation Centre (UDAC). Also accreditation counter for press will be available in International Broadcasting Centre (IBC) from 10 June 2019.

Local press will be able to receive EGIAC at UDAC from 25 May 2019. The same identification document (passport) that was used to apply for accreditation must be presented to get accredited.

Visa

International accredited press will have the right for multi visa-free entry to Belarus with using PVCs (EGIACs) and the same ID that was used at MINSK 2019 Online Accreditation Platform from 25 May to 10 July 2019 through all Belarussian border crossing points.

Accredited members of the press coming to Belarus via another country that might require a visa are responsible for obtaining everything necessary for entry into or transit through that country.

General guidelines

- All press applications should be submitted before 28 February 2019 to ensure a Pre-Valid Card can be received for visa-free enter in Belarus. Press applying for accreditation after the deadline may have to apply for a visa following the normal visa process.
- All applications must be entered in MINSK 2019 Online Accreditation Platform.
- All applications must include a recent high-quality photo. PVCs cannot be produced without a photo.



Photo requirements

- taken within the last 6 months
- has only one person in it, looking straight into the camera with eyes open and nothing covering the face
- in color
- professionally printed in high quality on photo paper
- 45mm high by 35mm wide
- in sharp focus and clear
- taken on plain, light and evenly lit background
- taken in full-face view directly facing the camera
- with a neutral facial expression and both eyes open
- with no shadows, glare or distortion in the image or background
- sized in such a way that the face takes 70–80% of the photograph
- with no ink marks, tears or creases
- not retouched

The applicant may not:

- have anything covering the eyes (hair or glasses' frames)
- wear a hat or cover their head unless for medical or religious reasons

When scanning for MINSK 2019 Online Accreditation Platform, please use the following settings:

- scanner resolution must not be less than 600 dpi
- scanning should be in color
- picture format should be JPEG

It is also possible to provide a photo that is initially digital if the photo complies with all the above-mentioned requirements on production and digitalization.

Accommodation

Accommodation for press will be available in three Media Hotels, located on the Games Routes Network and just 10 minutes' driving distance from the city centre. Press will be able to access the competition venues and some non-competition venues using the T-All Transport system. In addition, transport will be provided to and from MSQ.

Key Dates (TBD)

November 2018	Accommodation online booking system opens
March 2019	Deadline for Media Hotels bookings (100% payment due)
10 June 2019	Media Hotels open
3 July 2019	Media Hotels close

Media Hotels Rates

All Media Hotels room rates include breakfast and applicable taxes. Final price per night will be provided at a later stage.

Due to the high demand for accommodation in Media Hotels, it is recommended that bookings are made as early as possible. Online booking will become available from November 2018. Rooms will be distributed on first-come-first-served basis. 100% prepayment is required.



Media Hotels amenities

Media Dining Hall	Serving breakfast and dinner. (Breakfast included in room rate).	Hours TBC
Café/Bar	Serving a selection of coffees, soft drinks, hot and cold snacks. Extra fee required.	Hours TBC
Press Information Desk	Transport information and general press information	Hours TBC
Media Workroom (Belarus 3* and Victoria 4* only)	Free wired and wireless internet access, European standard power sockets (220 V), printing facilities, free tea and coffee refreshment area	Hours TBC

Hotel Belarus 3*

Hotel Belarus (www.hotel-belarus.com) is one of the official Media Hotels for the 2nd European Games 2019. This three-star hotel is conveniently located on the Games Routes Network and just 10 minutes' walking distance from the city center.

Amenities include 1 restaurant, 2 cafes, swimming pool and gym. All Hotel rooms have air-conditioning, satellite TV, telephone and high-speed Wi-Fi internet access.

Press work area will be organized within the Hotel and equipped with working tables, internet access, tea/coffee points, multifunction printing equipment, TV with live-streams from competition venues.

The Hotel will be connected to the Main Transport Hub by Shuttle bus service.



Victoria Hotel 4*

The Victoria Hotel (www.victoria1.hotel-victoria.by) is one of the official Media Hotels for the 2nd European Games 2019. This four-star hotel is located on the Games Routes Network and within 10 minutes' driving distance to the city center.

The Hotel offers 2 restaurants, lobby bar, 50% discount for the SPA and fitness area, located in the adjacent Victoria SPA hotel. Each room is equipped with air-conditioning, in-room safe, mini-bar, telephone, satellite television and has a high-speed Wi-Fi internet access.

Press work area will be organized within the Hotel and equipped with working tables, internet access, tea/coffee points, multifunction printing equipment, TV with live-streams from competition venues.

The Hotel will be connected to the Main Transport Hub by T-All Transport System.



Victoria SPA Hotel 4*

The Victoria SPA Hotel (www.victoria2.hotel-victoria.by) is one of the official Media Hotels for the 2nd European Games 2019. This four-star hotel is located on the Games Routes Network and within 10 minutes' driving distance to the city center.

The Hotel has a restaurant, lobby bar, free SPA, and fitness area. Each room is equipped with air-conditioning, in-room safe, mini-bar, telephone, satellite television and has a high-speed Wi-Fi internet access.

Press work area will be organized at the adjacent Victoria hotel.

The Hotel will be connected to the Main Transport Hub by T-All Transport System.



Technology

In Minsk, a motherland of World of Tanks, Viber, and MSQRD, we can't use third-parties' games management systems. The major software solutions will be developed by a local company (a High-Tech park resident) Synesis Sport LLC and provided to MEGOC as a cloud-based service.

A high reliable (with dual protection) fiber network that interconnects all the venues is created in Minsk by the main country's telecom operator Beltelecom.

Internet

Free Wi-Fi will be provided at all venues' public, work zones and in the Athletes' Village. Fan zones, main public transport, transport hubs, hotels will also be enhanced with free Wi-Fi coverage.

Free wired connections will be provided in Athletes' Village. High-speed connections will be available via the Rate Card.

Mobile services

A special mobile tariff is planned to be set for visitors of MINSK 2019 by MEGOC's telecom partners. SIMs will be available via the Rate Card or can be purchased at mobile operators' offices.

Roaming is available via one of the Belarusian mobile operators in 3G/4G GSM standards and should be activated before entering the country.

MEGOC will not provide any technical support for personal headsets, however, there are no limitations on usage of personal imported mobile phones.



Television services

Televisions will be available in public areas and lounges. The competition venue service will display live sports feeds produced within that venue only.

Copying and printing

Press will have access to a multi-function device in media centers.

Technology support

There will support for the services provided by MEGOC only including Internet via venue-based and centralized help desks.

Transport

Transport for media will be available via the T-All Transport System that provides a combination of direct-to-venue services as well as an all-venues. Media will have to pass through a security screening upon arrival at the venue.

Airport Service

Transport will be provided between MSQ and the Media Hotels.

Shuttle Service

Direct Shuttle Service for media will only operate between:

- the Belarus Hotel and Central Hub
- Media Hotels and Regatta Course ZASLAVL (on Canoe Sprint competition days).

T-ALL Service

The T-All Transport system is a shared system which is not dedicated to media only. The Hub of the T-All Transport System will be the Central Hub located in the city centre. A T-All Hub Bus Service will connect the Media Hotels and all competition venues along the Games Route Network.

The estimated maximum one-way travel time is 30 minutes.



T-All Shuttle Routes (TBD)

ROUTE 1	ROUTE 2
Central Hub – AVL – 7 km, Headway – 15 min, 0 stops, 12 min	Central Hub – Minsk Arena – 8 km, Headway – 15 min, 5 stops, 20 min
ROUTE 3	ROUTE 4
Central Hub – Sports Palace Uruchie – 12 km, Headway – 30 min, 2 stops, 30 min	Central Hub – Chizhovka Arena – 12 km, Headway – 30 min, 2 stops, 30 min

Opening and Closing Ceremonies

Transport services will be provided between the Media Hotels and the DINAMO Stadium for media covering the Ceremonies.

Public Transport

Accredited Media will have free access to MINSK 2019 Public Transport system.

Parking

No press parking will be available at any venue during the Games. All press should use the T-All transport system or public transport to access the venues.

Customs and Freight Forwarding

Press organizations are responsible for arranging their own freight and express courier shipments and for all freight forwarding and associated costs.

Generally, customs offices are located near the borders of Eurasian Economic Union (hereinafter - the Union) member states (Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Russia) as well as within the Union territory (within the state).

For customs clearance of cargo intended for MINSK 2019, the choice of a customs office is recommended to be based primarily on how your cargo will arrive in Belarus (i.e. by road, rail, air). If freight arrives by air, you may perform customs formalities upon arrival to the airport.

Most Belarusian border checkpoints have two different entry channels on arrival (green and red). The channel that should be used will depend on whether the passengers have any goods to declare.

Passengers arriving in Belarus may pass through customs using the green channel without having to fill out a declaration form if they have nothing to declare (and have no unaccompanied luggage). Passengers arriving in Belarus should use the red channel and fill in a declaration if they have goods to declare (including unaccompanied luggage).

Types of goods can be imported for use at MINSK 2019 by accredited client groups:

- sports equipment,
- photo and video equipment,
- other goods used in professional activities not related to business activities.



Limits on duty-free importation of alcohol and tobacco products (per person over 18 years) are as follows:

3 liters of alcoholic beverages;
200 cigarettes; or
50 cigarillos; or
50 cigars; or
250 g of tobacco.

Pay attention to the following list of the used goods for personal use which can be imported in the established quantity by foreign natural persons for the period of stay in the customs territory of the Union with exemption from customs duties, taxes;

1. Clothing, footwear, headwear, umbrellas, jewelry, personal hygiene items, other personal goods in the amount necessary for use during the stay in the customs territory of the Union.
2. Portable sound recording, video recording, reproducing equipment, photographic equipment in the amount of not more than 1 unit of each name and video recording media, sound recording media associated with such equipment in the amount necessary for use during the stay in the customs territory of the Union.
3. Mobile phones, smartphones and similar communication devices in the amount of not more than 2 units.
4. Portable personal computers, tablets, game consoles in the amount of not more than 1 unit of each name and belongings to them in the amount necessary for use during the stay in the customs territory of the Union.
5. Portable musical instruments in the amount necessary for use during the stay in the customs territory of the Union.

6. Cultural values (when assigning to such ones is confirmed according to the legislation of the state member of the Union) in the quantity necessary for use during stay in the customs territory of the Union.

7. Baby strollers, baby seats, fixed on the seats of vehicles in the amount necessary for use during the stay in the customs territory of the Union.

8. Wheelchairs for disabled persons in the amount necessary for use during their stay in the customs territory of the Union.

9. Inventory and accessories for sports, tourism, hunting, balloons in the amount necessary for use during the stay in the customs territory of the Union.

10. Pets, including those used for hunting, sports, tourism, in the amount necessary for use during the stay in the customs territory of the Union.

11. Portable dialyzers, other similar medical devices and consumables to them in the amount necessary for use during the stay in the customs territory of the Union.

MINSK 2019 Customs and Freight Guide will be published in November 2018 and will contain detailed information on customs formalities and re-export procedures.



Sports and Competition

15 sports will be competed in 15 Competition Venues during the 2nd European Games. Each Competition Venue as well as the Athletes' Village will have a Venue Media Centre. All the competitions – except one – Canoe Sprint – are located in the city of Minsk.

MINSK 2019 Competition Venues	Abbreviation	Sport
DINAMO Stadium	DST	Opening & Closing Ceremonies Athletics
CHIZHOVKA Arena	CZA	Judo Karate
FALCON Club	FLC	Badminton
MINSK Arena	MSA	Gymnastics – Acrobatic Gymnastics – Aerobic Gymnastics – Artistic Gymnastics – Rhythmic Gymnastics – Trampoline
MINSK Arena Velodrome	MSV	Cycling – Track
Minsk City Centre	MSR	Cycling – Road
Olympic Sports Complex	OCA	Archery
Olympic Sports Complex	OCB	Beach Soccer
PALOVA Arena	PLA	3×3 Basketball
Shooting Centre	SHC	Shooting – Rifle & Pistol
Sporting Club	STC	Shooting – Shotgun
Sports Palace	STP	Sambo Wrestling
Tennis Olympic Centre	TOC	Table Tennis
Sports Palace URUCHIE	STU	Boxing
Regatta Course ZASLAVL	RGZ	Canoe Sprint

Competition schedule

Please, see the appendix for the latest version of the competition schedule. The training schedule will be provided later.

Road to Tokyo

10 sports are part of the Road to Tokyo 2020 Qualification:

Archery	The winners in each individual Olympic event and Mixed Team will automatically receive quota places
Athletics	Qualification standards subject to meeting the IAAF and the EAA Rules and Regulations
Badminton	Ranking points in the same value as for the Continental Championships
Boxing	In each Olympic weight category, Minsk 2019 is valid as an "AIBA Official Ranking" Competition for Tokyo 2020 with the AIBA/EUBC Ranking points awarded towards athletes
Canoe Sprint	The winners in C1 Men 1000m, C2 Men 1000m & C1 Women 200m, C2 Women 500m Olympic events will automatically receive quota places
Cycling	The UCI Ranking points in the same value as for all Continental Games will be allocated to each discipline according to the category of each one counting towards Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games qualification system
Judo	IJF WRL points will be awarded to athletes for Individual Events and Mixed Team Event of the Minsk 2019 European Games in the same value as for the Continental (European) Championships
Karate	Minsk 2019 will be a qualifying event for Tokyo 2020 according to specification detailed in the Karate Qualification System, which has already been approved by the IOC Executive Board
Shooting	The winners in each individual Olympic event will automatically receive quota places
Table Tennis	Three medallists in the Men's and Women's Singles events, gold medallists in Men's and Women's Team events, gold medallists in Mixed Doubles event will receive automatic qualification

Training Sites

While there will be no dedicated working facilities for press at training sites, there will be an opportunity to watch training and conduct interviews. Training opportunities will be available for all sports at either the competition venue or at a separate training site.

Press are advised to contact the team press attache before approaching any athlete for an interview at a training venue.





Competition Venues

- Venue
- Sports

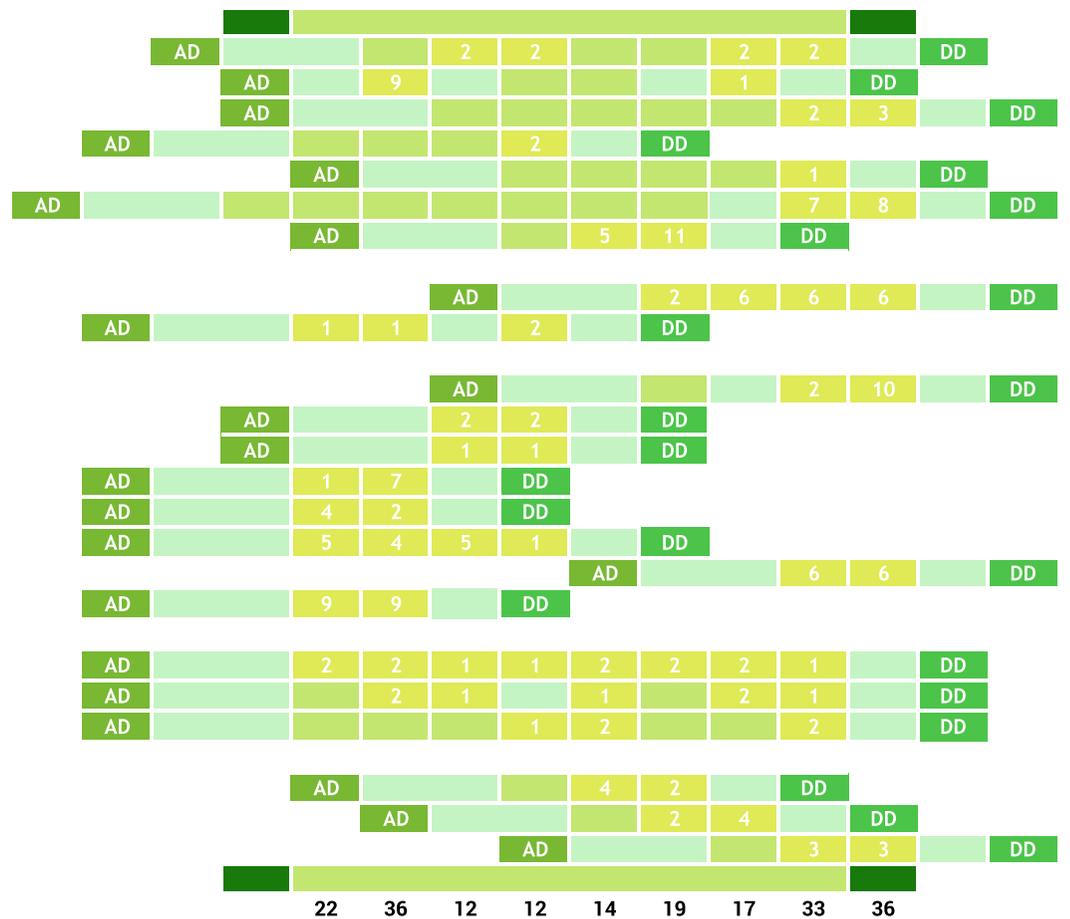
- 1 Shooting Centre
- 2 Sporting Club
- 3 Sports Palace URUCHIE
- 5 Olympic Sports Complex (Archery)
- 4 Olympic Sports Complex (Beach Soccer)
- 6 Minsk City Centre
- 7 DINAMO Stadium
- 8 Sports Palace
- 9 PALOVA Arena
- 10 Tennis Olympic Centre
- 11 FALCON Club
- 12 MINSK Arena Velodrome
- 13 MINSK Arena
- 14 Regatta Course ZASLAVL
- 15 CHIZHOVKA Arena

- Athletes' Village

As of July 2018

SPORT	VENUE	Events	Athletes
OPENING & CLOSING CEREMONIES			
1 Archery	DINAMO Stadium	8	128
2 Athletics	Olympic Sports Complex	10	690
3 Badminton	DINAMO Stadium	5	160
4 3x3 Basketball	FALCON Club	2	128
5 Beach Soccer	PALOVA Arena	1	96
6 Boxing	Olympic Sports Complex	15	316
7 Canoe Sprint	Sports Palace URUCHIE	16	350
8 Cycling	Regatta Course ZASLAVL	24	542
- Track (20 events, 316 athletes)	MINSK Arena Velodrome		
- Road (4 events, 226 athletes)	Minsk City		
9 Gymnastics	MINSK Arena	32	286
- Artistic (12 events, 90 athletes)			
- Trampoline (4 events, 48 athletes)			
- Aerobic (2 events, 56 athletes)			
- Rhythmic (8 events, 52 athletes)			
- Acrobatic (6 events, 40 athletes)			
10 Judo	CHIZHOVKA Arena	15	400
11 Karate	CHIZHOVKA Arena	12	96
12 Sambo	Sports Palace	18	144
13 Shooting	Sports Palace	20	330
- Rifle & Pistol (13 events, 208 athl.)	Shooting Centre		
- Shotgun (7 events, 122 athletes)	Sporting Club		
14 Table Tennis	Tennis Olympic Centre	5	128
15 Wrestling	Sports Palace	18	288
- Freestyle (6 events, 96 athletes)			
- Women (6 events, 96 athletes)			
- Greco-Roman (6 events, 96 athletes)			
OPENING & CLOSING CEREMONIES			
	DINAMO Stadium		
Overall Events & Athletes:		201	4082
	Men's Events:	91	
	Women's Events:	89	
	Mixed Events:	21	

Jun 18	Jun 19	Jun 20	Jun 21	Jun 22	Jun 23	Jun 24	Jun 25	Jun 26	Jun 27	Jun 28	Jun 29	Jun 30	Jul 1	Jul 2
Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue
Day -3	Day -2	Day -1	Day 0	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day +1	Day +2



Jun 18	Jun 19	Jun 20	Jun 21	Jun 22	Jun 23	Jun 24	Jun 25	Jun 26	Jun 27	Jun 28	Jun 29	Jun 30	Jul 1	Jul 2
Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue
Day -3	Day -2	Day -1	Day 0	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day +1	Day +2

AD Arr val Day
 TR Training Day
 Q Competition Day
 F Medal Competition Day
 DD Departure Day

Venues Overview



Archery

The most precise archers will shoot for gold at the Olympic Sports Complex over seven days of competition. The European Games format will follow that of the Olympic Games with 128 athletes competing in individual and team events as well as in a Mixed Team event. There will be a total of eight medal events.

Days of competition: 7

Competition dates: 23-29 June 2019

Medal events: 8

Total athlete quota: 128

Qualification method: Qualification places for Archery will be determined based on 2018 European Outdoor Championships & 2019 European Grand Prix results; Host NOC allocation and Universality places.

Road to Tokyo 2020 qualification: Mixed Team Qualification: NOCs of the highest placed mixed team in the Continental Mixed Team competition will earn 1 women's and 1 men's quota for a total of 2 quota places. Individual Qualification: NOCs of the highest placed athlete in the Continental Games will each earn 1 quota place in the relevant gender.

OLYMPIC SPORTS COMPLEX

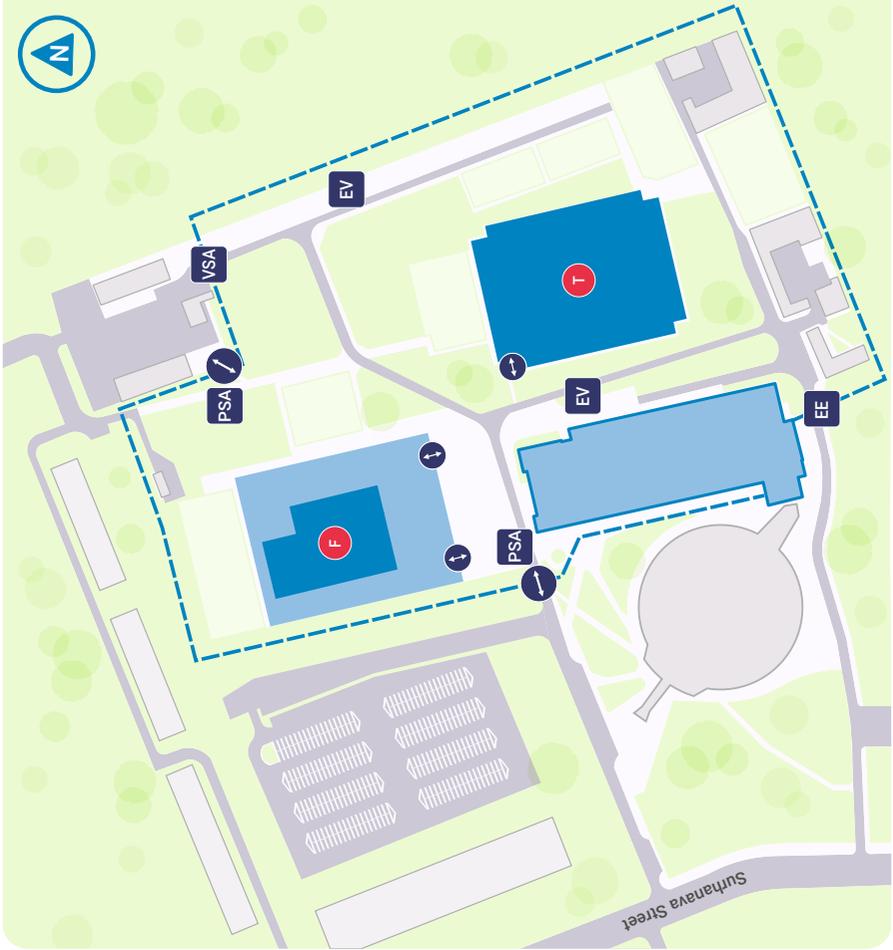
Sports: Archery

Capacity: 500 seats

Construction status: Permanent – complete

The Olympic Sports Complex will have the capacity of 500 spectators for Archery at MINSK 2019. This unique sports and recreation complex is located near the city centre (in close proximity to the Botanical Garden covering an area of more than 12 hectares) and offers a wide range of physical culture and recreational services both for professional athletes and public.





OLYMPIC SPORTS COMPLEX



Capacity 500
Distance from AVL 13 km / Travel Time 25 min

	Competition Venue
	Field of Play
	Training Site
	Security Perimeter
	Entrance / Exit
	Pedestrian Screening Area
	Vehicle Screening Area
	Emergency Vehicles
	Emergency Express Entry / Exit

0 25 50 100 150 m



Athletics

The spectacular DINAMO Stadium will be the setting for 690 athletes. Athletes will compete over four days in men's, women's and mixed track and fields events. The spectacular reconstructed stadium will be the setting for the competition in Minsk 2019 as a tournament format of 2-hour team matches with a qualification of the best 6 teams to meet in a final match for the gold medal. Besides that, the 10 men's, women's and mixed athletics events to be held as they chase for gold, silver and bronze medals in a final match.

Days of competition: 4

Competition Dates: 23, 25, 26, 28 June 2019

Medal Events: 10

Total athlete quota: 690

Qualification method: Qualification places for Athletics will be determined based on the 7th European Athletics Team Championships results & the European Athletics Association Ranking 2017; Host NOC allocation.

Road to Tokyo 2020 qualification: Qualification standards subject to meeting the IAAF and the EAA Rules and Regulations.

DINAMO STADIUM

Sports: Athletics

Capacity: 22,246 seats

Construction status: Permanent – complete

The renewed DINAMO Stadium opened its doors to the public on 21 of June 2018. Due to the Reconstruction, the stadium received the 1st category in accordance with the IAAF Track and Field Facilities Manual criteria, which enable the arena to host international competitions in athletics.

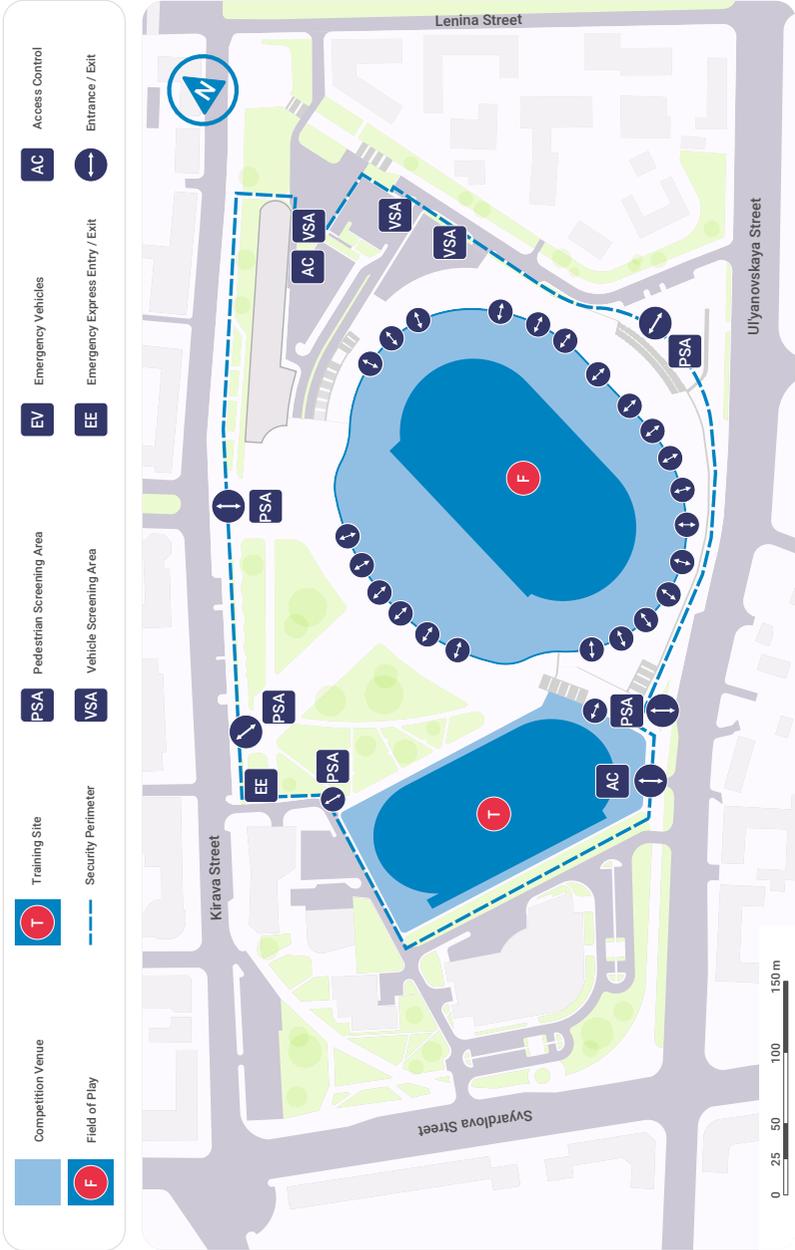


DINAMO STADIUM



Athletics

Capacity 22246
Distance from AVL 9 km / Travel Time 16 min





Badminton

Dynamic action will excite the crowds in the FALCON Club when the Badminton events begin on 24 of June. The competition will be held over a seven-day period and include five medal events in men's and women's singles, men's and women's doubles, and mixed doubles. 160 athletes will be going for gold in front of 2000 spectators.

Days of competition: 7

Competition dates: 24-30 June 2019

Medal events: 5

Total athlete quota: 160

Qualification method: Qualification places for Badminton will be determined based on European Ranking List as of 28 March 2019; Host NOC allocation and Universality places.

Road to Tokyo 2020 qualification: Ranking points available in the same value as for the Continental Championships.

FALCON CLUB

Sports: Badminton

Capacity: 2,000 seats

Construction status: Permanent – complete

FALCON Club is one of the newest and most modern sports and recreation venues in Minsk. It's opened its doors to the public in 2016. The 1980 sq. m arena holds the latest technology for hosting sports and entertainment events: it allows for 3 different types of flooring to be installed, which makes it a good fit for any types of championships excluding hockey.



FALCON CLUB



Badminton

Capacity 2000
Distance from AVL 11,5 km / Travel Time 20 min



	Competition Venue
	Field of Play
	Training Site
	Security Perimeter
	Pedestrian Screening Area
	Vehicle Screening Area
	Emergency Vehicles
	Parking Lot
	Emergency Express Entry / Exit
	Access Control
	Vehicle Permit Check
	Entrance / Exit

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3x3 Basketball

3x3 Basketball competition should be one of the most popular sports at the Games, thanks to its high scores and tempo. A total of 128 athletes will compete over four days, finishing with one medal event each in the men's and women's tournaments. The game is played on a half-court between two teams of three players.

Days of competition: 4

Competition dates: 22-25 June 2019

Medal events: 2

Total athlete quota: 128

Qualification method: Qualification places for 3x3 Basketball will be determined based on FIBA 3x3 Federation Ranking as of 1 November 2018; Host NOC allocation.

PALOVA ARENA

Sports: 3x3 Basketball

Capacity: 1,000 seats

Construction status: Permanent – complete

Under the dome of the arena, there are six specially designed Italian pillars, spectator stands and a polypropylene coating that is used for all major international 3x3 Basketball tournaments.



PALOVA ARENA



3x3 Basketball

Capacity 1000
Distance from AVL 9 km / Travel Time 15 min

0 25 50 100 150 m





Beach Soccer

As the name itself says, beach soccer is played on sandy surfaces. But its practice is not limited to natural beaches. In many countries, beach soccer is played on artificially built pitches, even indoors. As well as in traditional football a match is played by two teams, but each consisting of no more than five players, one of whom is the goalkeeper. The recently built Beach Soccer arena at the Olympic Sports Complex will host 96 athletes to compete for gold over five days of competition in front of 1 500 supporters.

Days of competition: 5

Competition dates: 25-29 June 2019

Medal events: 1

Total athlete quota: 96

Qualification method: Qualification places for Beach Soccer will be determined based on Team Ranking based on the 2018 European Beach Soccer League; Host NOC allocation.

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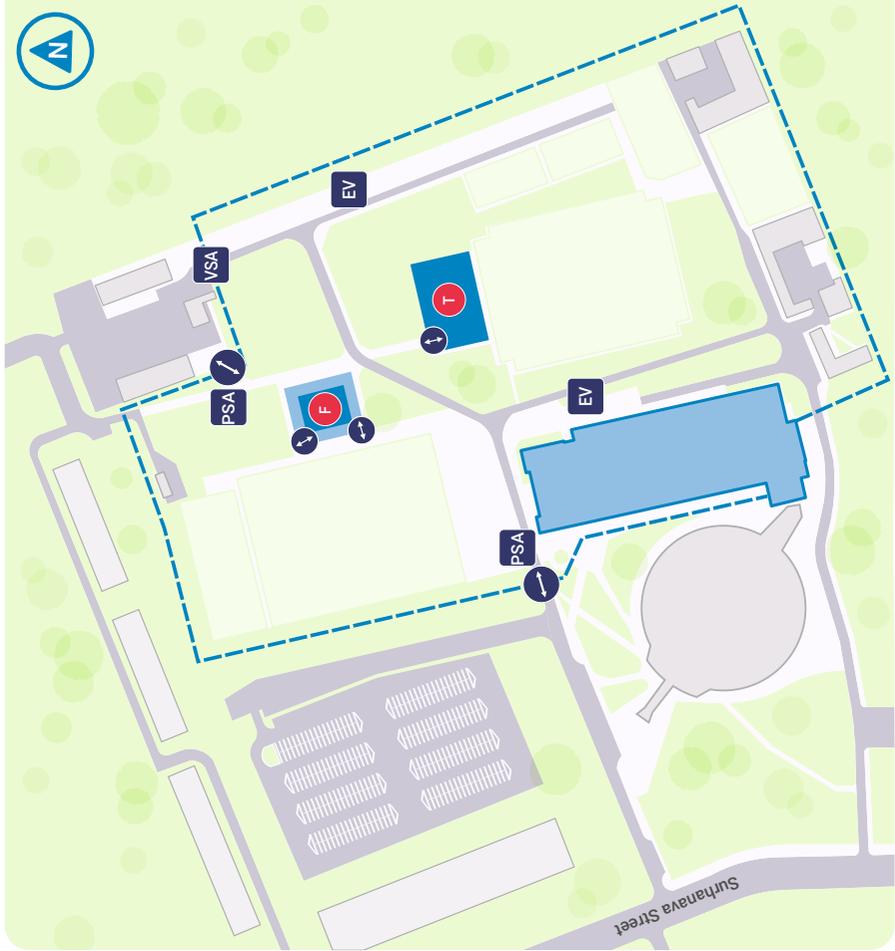
Sports: Beach Soccer

Capacity: 1,500 seats (TBD)

Construction status: Permanent – to be completed by 31 July 2018

The Beach Soccer Arena is being constructed in a designated area of the Olympic Sports Complex. The outdoor venue will seat 1,500 spectators during the Beach Soccer competitions enjoying one of the world's most popular beach sports. Construction is scheduled to be completed on 31 July 2018.





OLYMPIC SPORTS COMPLEX



Beach Soccer

Capacity 1500
Distance from AVL 13 km / Travel Time 25 min

	Competition Venue
	Field of Play
	Training Site
	Security Perimeter
	Pedestrian Screening Area
	Vehicle Screening Area
	Emergency Vehicles
	Entrance / Exit

0 25 50 100 150 m



Boxing

Amateur (Olympic) boxing as a part of the sports programme of the 2nd European Games has a complex set of rules, but the basics are fairly simple. It is a single-elimination tournament with each men's bout and women's bout consisting of three rounds of three minutes each. The winner in each weight category wins the Games.

Boxing will be held at the Sports Palace URUCHIE, with 316 athletes competing for medals in the men's and women's tournaments.

Days of competition: 9

Competition dates: 21-27, 29-30 June 2019

Medal events: 15

Total athlete quota: 316

Qualification method: Qualification places for Boxing will be determined based on AIBA/EUBC Ranking Lists (Women) as of 30 June 2018; Host NOC allocation and Universality places.

Road to Tokyo 2020 qualification: Ranking points available

SPORTS PALACE URUCHIE

Sports: Boxing

Capacity: 3,000 seats

Construction status: Permanent – complete

Sports Palace Uruchie includes 3 areas: the main arena with 3,000 seats, the training area, and a badminton court. The main arena has the latest sound, lighting and broadcasting equipment that complies with international regulations. The main arena and the training area of the venue are used both for hosting tournaments and for training of the handball, basketball, volleyball, futsal, and badminton national teams. In addition to that, tennis training is also possible.

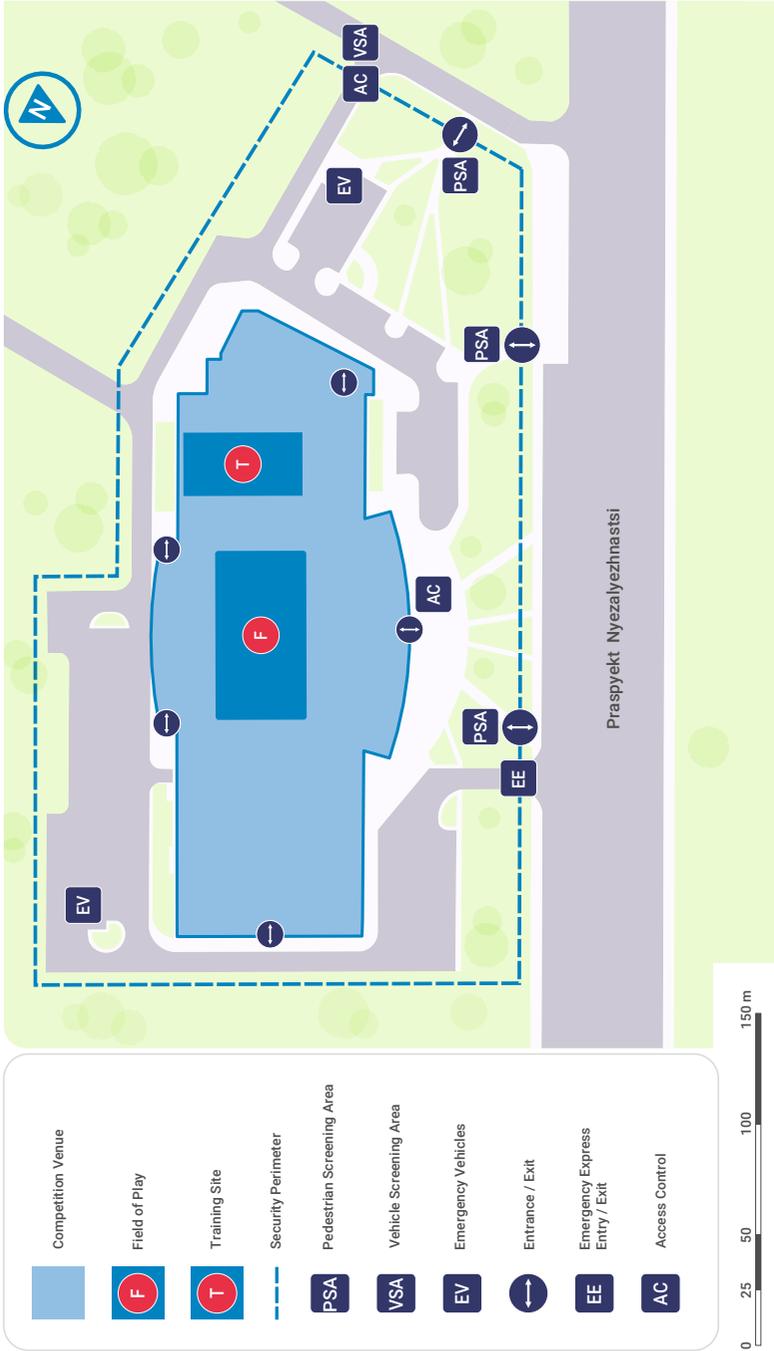


SPORTS PALACE URUCHIE



Boxing

Capacity 3000
Distance from AVL 20 km / Travel Time 33 min





Canoe Sprint

Regatta course located in the historic city of Minsk province Zaslavl will host the Canoe sprint competition with 350 athletes taking to the water over three days of competition. There will be 16 medal events. According to the chronicles, Zaslavl was founded in 985. The town is located 20 kilometers northwest of Minsk.

Days of competition: 3

Competition dates: 25-27 June 2019

Medal events: 16

Total athlete quota: 350

Qualification method: Qualification places for Canoe Sprint will be determined based on the 2018 European Canoe Sprint Championships in Belgrade (Serbia) results; Host NOC allocation and Universality places.

Road to Tokyo 2020 qualification: The winners in the C1 M 1000m, C2 M 1000m, C1 W 200m and C2 W 500m Olympic events in Canoe Sprint at MINSK 2019 will receive the NOCs' athlete quota places for Tokyo 2020 after the 2019 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships in Szeged (Hungary), 21–25 August 2019.

REGATTA COURSE ZASLAVL

Sports: Canoe Sprint

Capacity: 1,500 seats

Construction status: Permanent – complete

The complex serves as the grounds for both national and combined teams' training and international sports events. The rowing basin area is equipped with a finish line viewing stand that seats 152 spectators and a checkpoint viewing stand with 480 seats. Visitors can also keep track of the competition by looking at the LED screen (66 sq. m).



REGATTA COURSE ZASLAVL

Capacity 1500
Distance from AVL 31 km / Travel Time 30 min





Cycling – Road

The classic Road Cycling events at MINSK 2019 will undoubtedly attract many spectators as 226 of Europe's finest cyclists will compete on the roads of Minsk. Time Trial and Road Race will feature 4 Medal Events over 3 days of competitions which begin on 22 June 2019.

Days of competition: 3

Competition dates: 22-23, 25 June 2019

Medal events: 4

Total athlete quota: 226

Qualification method: Qualification places for Cycling Road will be determined based on UCI Nation Ranking as of 31 December 2018; Host NOC allocation and Universality places.

Road to Tokyo 2020 qualification: Ranking points available

ROAD RACE: OKTYABRSKAYA SQUARE / RACE ROUTE

Sports: Cycling Road

Construction status: Temporary

The Cycling Road Race will start in the forecourt of the iconic Palace of Republic at Oktyabrskaya Square. The race route for Road Race consists of a 15km circuit throughout the city of Minsk and will include 12 laps for men (180km) and 8 laps for women (120km). The race route for Time Trial consists of a 14,08km circuit throughout the city of Minsk and will include 2 laps for men and women (28,16km). A temporary venue will have the capacity of 400 (TBD) spectators on competition days as well as feature spectating opportunities at various points along the race route.

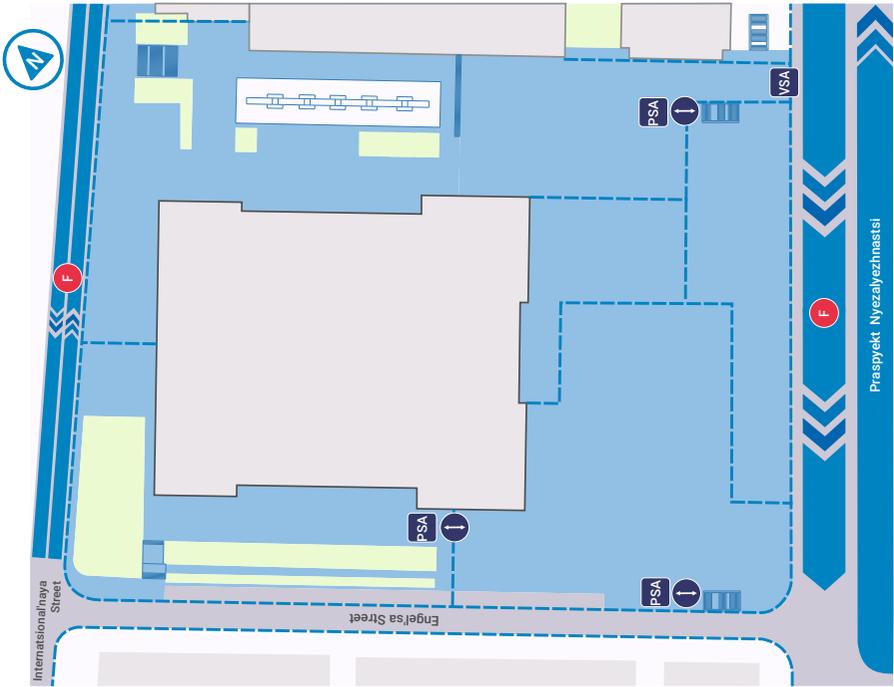


MINSK CITY CENTRE



Cycling — Road

Capacity TBD
Distance from AVL 10 km / Travel Time 20 min





Cycling – Track

Cycling on wooden indoor tracks regularly draws large crowds. There will be 20 Track Cycling events (10 for each gender) at MINSK 2019 which will involve 316 best cyclists from across Europe. The competitions will take place at the MINSK Arena Velodrome

Days of competition: 4

Competition dates: 27-30 June 2019

Medal events: 20

Total athlete quota: 316

Qualification method: Qualification places for Cycling Track will be determined based on UCI Ranking for European athletes and teams after the 2019 UCI Elite Track World Championships in Pruszkow, Poland (27 February - 3 March 2019); Host NOC allocation.

Road to Tokyo 2020 qualification: Ranking points available

MINSK ARENA VELODROME

Sports: Cycling Track

Capacity: 2,000 seats

Construction status: Permanent – complete

The facility consists of the inclined constructions covered with rack wood flooring made of Siberian spruce wood. The length of the cycle track is 250m, the width is 7.5m; there are two curves (left and right), the angle of inclination is 41 degrees. The maximum speed is up to 110km/h. The inside of the track can be also used for other sports such as badminton, table tennis, futsal, basketball, volleyball.

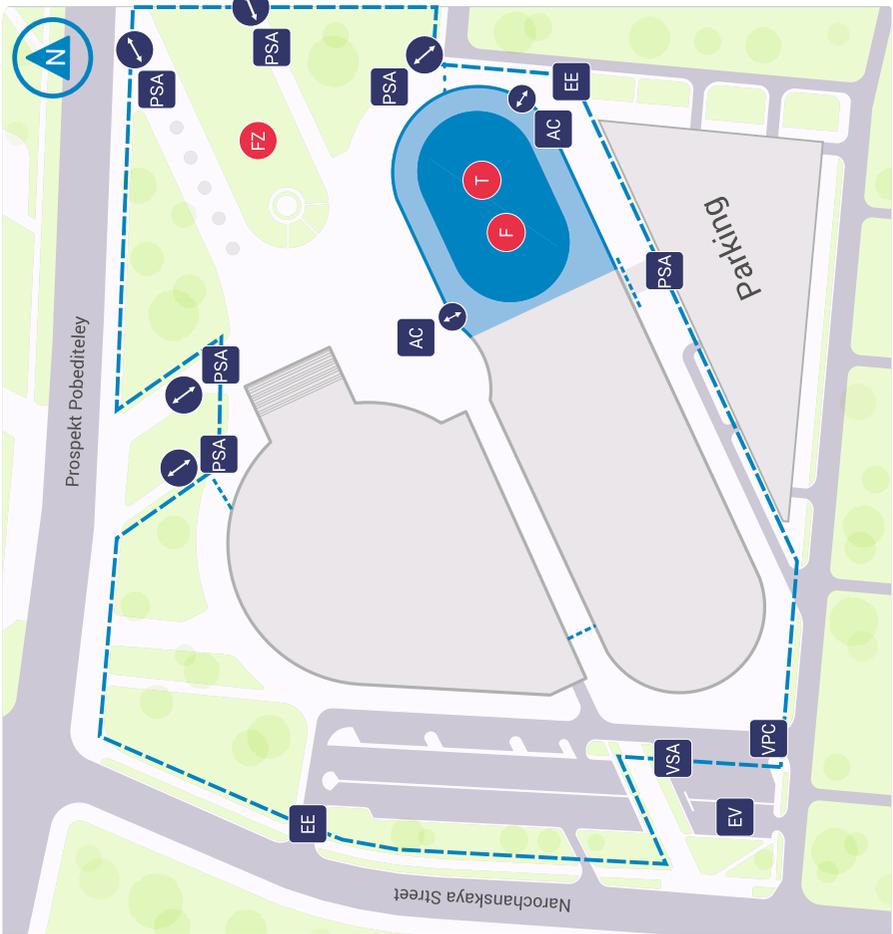


MINSK ARENA VELODROME



Cycling — Track

Capacity 2000
Distance from AVL 13 km / Travel Time 20 min





Gymnastics – Acrobatic

Active and energetic Acrobatic will feature 6 medal events. 40 athletes will be competing for gold in mixed pairs and women's group events.

Days of competition: 2

Competition dates: 22-23 June 2019

Medal events: 6

Total athlete quota: 40

Qualification method: Qualification places for Gymnastics Acrobatic will be determined based on the 26th World Acrobatic Gymnastics Championships in Antwerp (Belgium) results; Host NOC allocation.



Gymnastics – Aerobic

The sport of Aerobic Gymnastics is a sport that combines aerobic choreography and gymnastics elements. The two-day competition will take place at MINSK Arena and feature 56 athletes competing in two medal events.

Days of competition: 2

Competition dates: 24-25 June 2019

Medal events: 2

Total athlete quota: 56

Qualification method: Qualification places for Gymnastics Acrobatic will be determined based on the 26th World Acrobatic Gymnastics Championships in Antwerp (Belgium) results; Host NOC allocation.





Gymnastics – Artistic

Artistic Gymnastics will be held at the MINSK Arena. The three-day competition will feature 12 medal events and play host to 90 gymnasts from around Europe.

Days of competition: 3

Competition dates: 27, 29-30 June 2019

Medal events: 12

Total athlete quota: 90

Qualification method: Qualification places for Gymnastics Artistic will be determined based on the European Women's Artistic Gymnastics Championships in Glasgow (United Kingdom); the 33rd European Men's Artistic Gymnastics Championships in Glasgow (United Kingdom); the 8th European Men's and Women's Artistic Gymnastics Championships in Szczecin (Poland) results; Host NOC allocation.



Gymnastics – Rhythmic

Rhythmic Gymnastics is a sport that combines sport and art in order to demonstrate great technical and skillful performance. Athletes will have the chance to compete in both group and individual events throughout the two-day competition as they work with the ribbon, clubs, ball, and hoop at MINSK Arena. The competition will see 52 athletes compete in eight medal events from 22 June 2019.

Days of competition: 2

Competition dates: 22-23 June 2019

Medal events: 8

Total athlete quota: 52

Qualification method: Qualification places for Gymnastics Rhythmic will be determined based on the 34th European Rhythmic Gymnastics Championships in Guadalajara (Spain) results; Host NOC allocation.



Gymnastics – Trampoline

Trampoline gymnasts will be set to amaze with their aerial skills over the two days of competition at the MINSK Arena. The drive discipline will feature 48 athletes from around the continent competing for medals in the men's and women's individual and synchronized events.

Days of competition: 2

Competition dates: 24-25 June 2019

Medal events: 4

Total athlete quota: 48

Qualification method: Qualification places for Gymnastics Trampoline will be determined based on the 26th European Trampoline Gymnastics Championships in Baku (Azerbaijan) results; Host NOC allocation.

MINSK ARENA

Sports: Gymnastics – Acrobatic, Aerobic, Artistic, Rhythmic and Trampoline

Capacity: 8,000 seats

Construction status: Permanent – complete, refurbishment is scheduled to be finished by December 31, 2018

MINSK Arena sports and entertainment complex is one of the largest in Europe. It consists of three facilities: a multifunctional sports and entertainment arena (capacity – 15,000 seats), a skating stadium (3,000 seats) and a velodrome (2,000 seats). The Field of Play will be constructed over a hockey rink 60x30m in size. Seating capacity will be 8,000 spectators. Training site will be constructed in the Skating Stadium. The Arena and the Skating Stadium are connected by an underground passage.

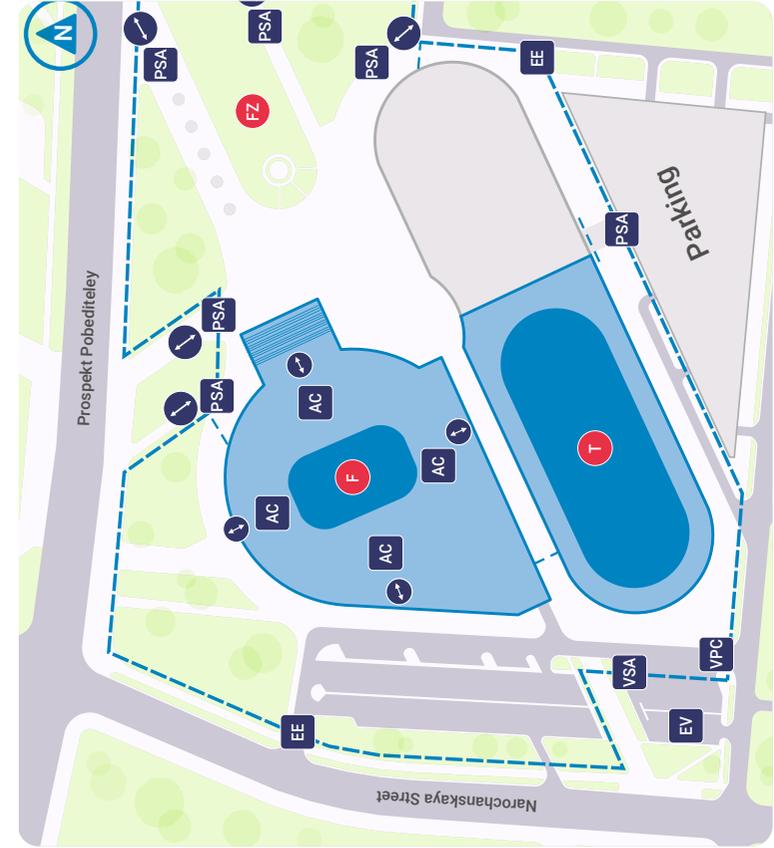


MINSK ARENA

Capacity 8000

Distance from AVL 13 km / Travel Time 20 min

-  Gymnastics – Aerobic
-  Gymnastics – Artistic
-  Gymnastics – Acrobatic
-  Gymnastics – Rhythmic
-  Gymnastics – Trampoline



	Competition Venue
	Field of Play
	Training Site
	Fan Zone
	Security Perimeter
	Pedestrian Screening Area
	Vehicle Screening Area
	Emergency Vehicles
	Emergency Express Entry / Exit
	Access Control
	Entrance / Exit





Judo

Judo is a tremendous and dynamic combat sport that demands both physical prowess and great mental discipline. From a standing position, it involves techniques that allow you to lift and throw your opponents onto their backs. On the ground, it includes techniques that allow you to pin your opponents down to the ground, control them, and apply various chokeholds or joint locks until submission. Judo became an Olympic sport in the Tokyo Games in 1964, and thus became universal. More than 400 judokas will compete over four days. 15 sets of medals will be offered at the full-contact form of combat judo.

Days of competition: 4

Competition dates: 22-25 June 2019

Medal events: 15

Total athlete quota: 400

Qualification method: Qualification places for Judo will be determined based on the IJF World Ranking List for European athletes as of 8 April 2019; Host NOC allocation and Universality places.

Road to Tokyo 2020 qualification: IJF WRL points will be awarded to athletes for Individual Events and Mixed Team Event of the Minsk 2019 European Games in the same value as for the Continental (European) Championships.

CHIZHOVKA ARENA

Sports: Judo, Karate

Capacity: 8,800 seats

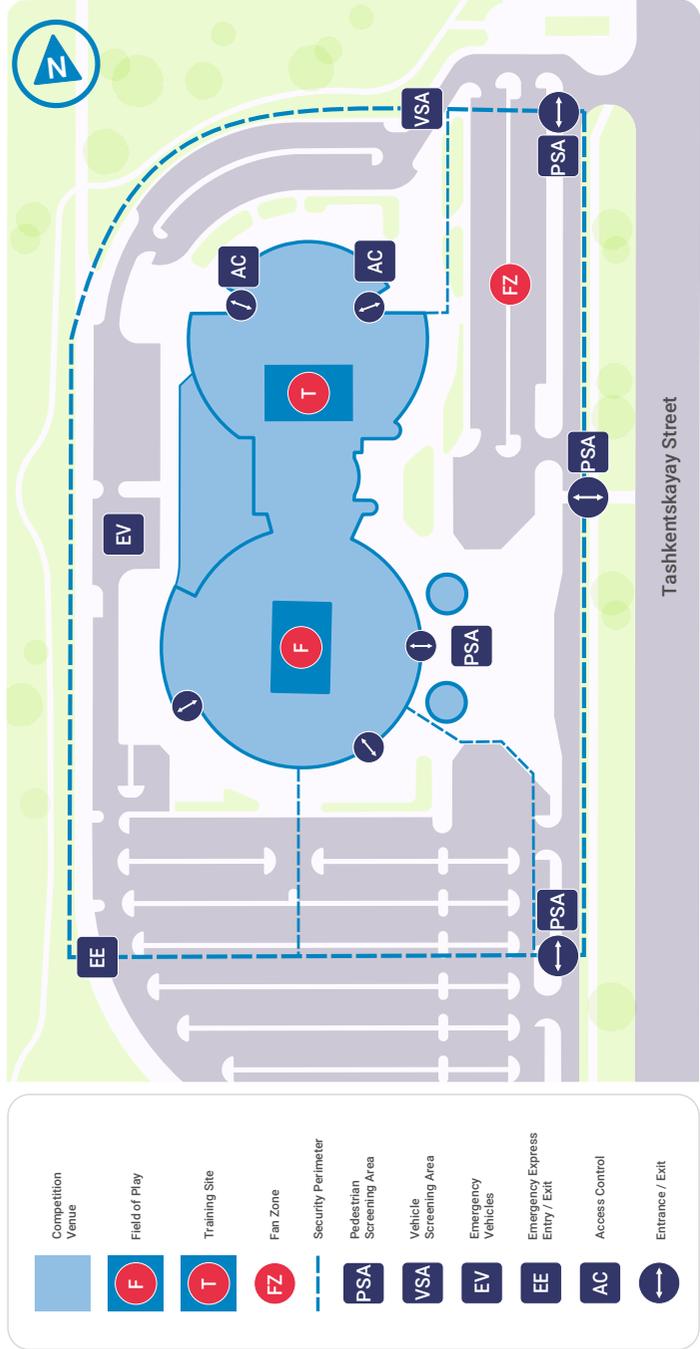
Construction status: Permanent – complete

CHIZHOVKA Arena multifunctional complex was opened in 2013 and combines two arenas (big and small), both of which feature an ice rink and seats for spectators (8,800 seats at the big arena and 470 at the small one). The official opening took place in December 2013. The complex was built according to the world's best practices and standards of the International Ice Hockey Federation. It has two ice rinks: the big one is used for competitions (capacity – 8807 spectators) and the small one is for training (capacity – 473 seats). Also, there is a multifunctional gym. Ice rinks (sized 60×30m) can be transformed into fields of play for team sports, combat sports, weightlifting, gymnastics, and boxing.



CHIZHOVKA ARENA

Capacity 8800
 Distance from AVL 16 km / Travel Time 27 min





Karate

Karate is a martial art that originated in China. Karate uses no weapons but instead relies on three basic movements of the hands and feet: thrusts, kicks, and arm strikes. The Karate competition will take place over two days on 29-30 June and feature 12 medal events. Europe's best athletes will demonstrate their talents on the tatami of modern CHIZHOVKA Arena.

Days of competition: 2

Competition dates: 29-30 June 2019

Medal events: 12

Total athlete quota: 96

Qualification method: Qualification places for Karate will be determined based on the 54th EKF European Senior Championships in Spain (28 – 31 March 2019) results, EKF European Games – Minsk 2019 Standing (based on WKF World Ranking) as of 1 April 2019; Host NOC allocation and Universality places.

Road to Tokyo 2020 qualification: Ranking points available

CHIZHOVKA ARENA

Sports: Judo, Karate

Capacity: 8,800 seats

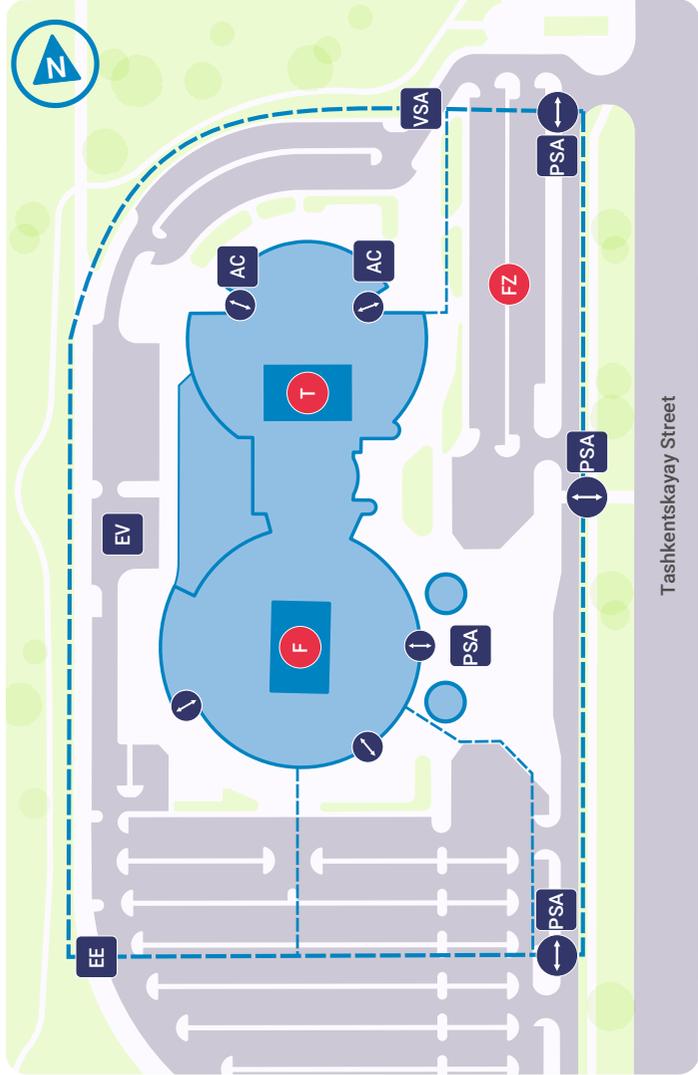
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CHIZHOVKA ARENA

Capacity 8800
 Distance from AVL 16 km / Travel Time 27 min



	Competition Venue
	Field of Play
	Training Site
	Fan Zone
	Security Perimeter
	Pedestrian Screening Area
	Vehicle Screening Area
	Emergency Vehicles
	Emergency Express Entry / Exit
	Access Control
	Entrance / Exit



Sambo

Sambo is a unique synthesis of single combat and martial arts of the world. Sambo is the original system of physical and spiritual education of person, in which many nations of the world recognize their sporty styles and traditions. Spectators will see competitors build their way through European Games to glory at the Sports Palace that could host 3300 visitors. The competition will be held over two days resulting in a total of 18 medal events.

Days of competition: 2

Competition dates: 22-23 June 2019

Medal events: 18

Total athlete quota: 144

Qualification method: Qualification places for Sambo will be determined based on the FIAS World Ranking List as of 31 December 2018; Host NOC allocation and Universality places.

SPORTS PALACE

Sports: Sambo

Capacity: 3,300 seats

Construction status: Permanent – complete, renovation and refurbishment is scheduled to be finished by December 31, 2018

Sports Palace was opened in May 1966 and renovated in 2001-2004. The main arena of the Sports Palace is a versatile sports and entertainment hall with a hockey rink 61×30m in size which can be transformed into a venue for other sporting events or concerts in just a few hours. The capacity of the sports layout is 3,300 spectators. An indoor training arena is located behind the Palace. The Palace can host competitions in 22 sports such as hockey, figure skating, handball, basketball, volleyball, wrestling, tennis, table tennis, etc.



SPORTS PALACE



Sambo



Women's Wrestling

Wrestling – Freestyle

Wrestling – Greco-Roman

Capacity 33000

Distance from AVL 9 km / Travel Time 15 min





Shooting

Shooters from across Europe will be aiming to hold their nerve in a brand new and purpose-built Shooting Centre during Rifle & Pistol Shooting competitions and at the modern Sporting Club during Shotgun competitions. Both venues are located in close proximity to one another. There will be 8 Days of Competition for 330 male and female athletes. Medal hopefuls will have opportunities at 20 individual and team events featuring pistol, rifle and shotgun firearms. Expect high tension when competition begins as a grand total of 12 quota places for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games will be awarded to the winners of individual events.

Days of Competition: 8

Competition Dates: 22-29 June 2019

Medal Events: 20

Total Athlete Quota: 330

Qualification method: Qualification places for Shooting will be determined based on the European Ranking Lists as of 31 December 2018; Host NOC allocation and Universality places.

Road to Tokyo 2020 qualification: The winners in each of the Individual Events will receive the NOC's athlete quota places.

SHOOTING CENTER

Sports: Shooting – Rifle & Pistol

Capacity: 250 seats (TBD)

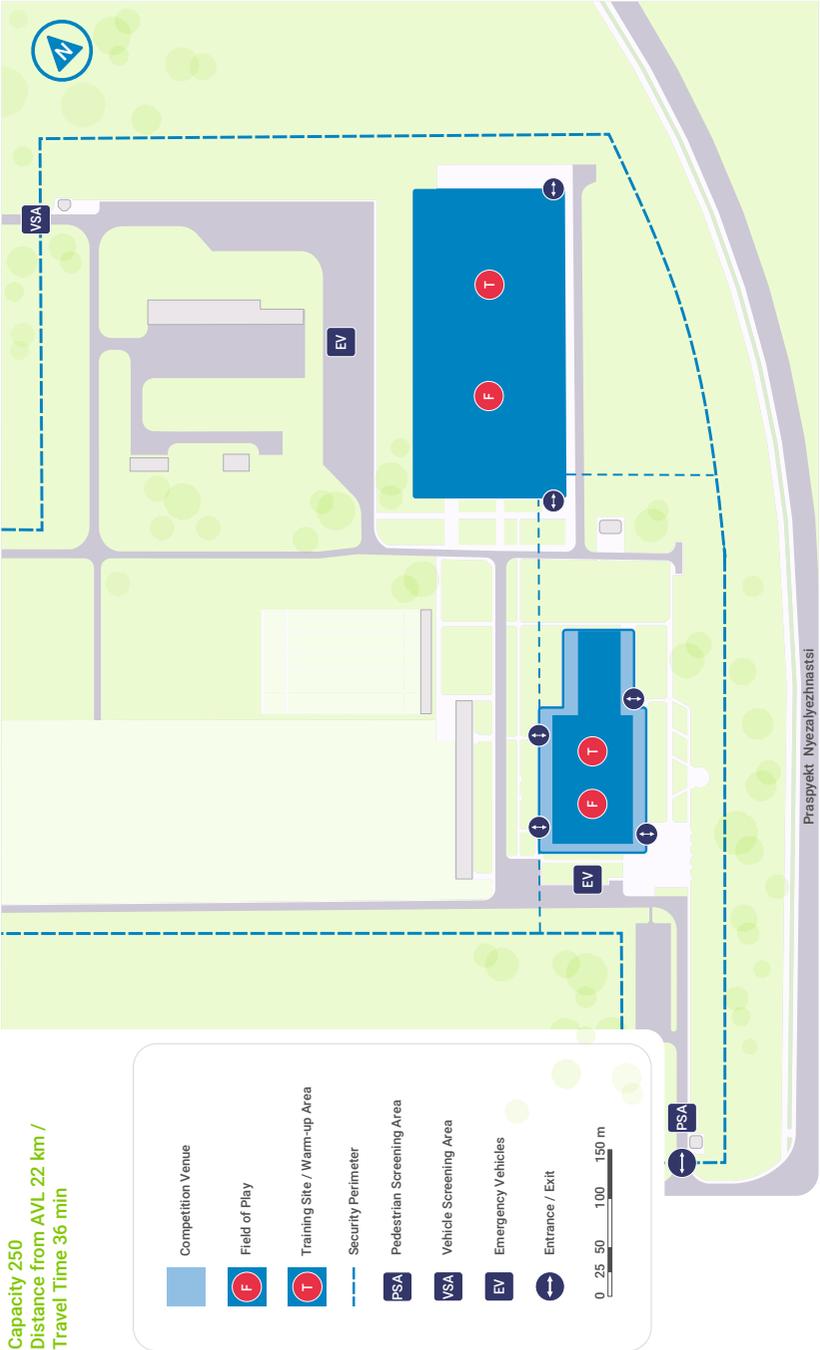
Construction status: Permanent – under construction, scheduled to be completed in September 2018

Shooting Centre is a brand-new purpose-built shooting facility for MINSK 2019 that will form part of the lasting legacy left by the Games.



SHOOTING CENTRE

Capacity 250
 Distance from AVL 22 km /
 Travel Time 36 min



SPORTING CLUB

Sports: Shooting – Shotgun

Capacity: 300 seats

Construction status: Permanent – complete

Sporting Club is the national Olympic training ground for clay target shooting. Five combined shooting layouts ensure comfortable conditions for training sessions both for professional athletes and amateurs. Picturesque surroundings will add some beauty to the competition with a high level of hidden tension. Temporary stands construction is expected to be completed in May 2019 and will have seats for 300 spectators.



SPORTING CLUB



Shooting — Shotgun

Capacity 300
Distance from AVL 22 km / Travel Time 36 min

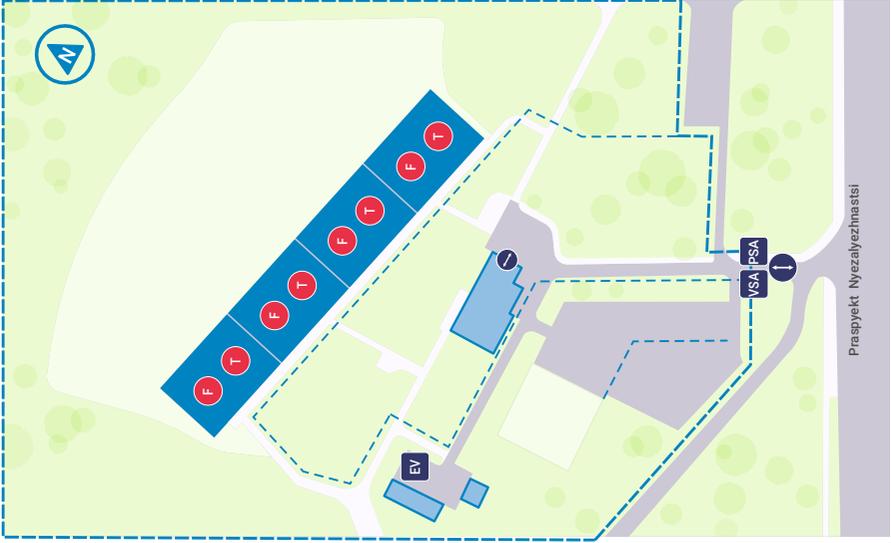
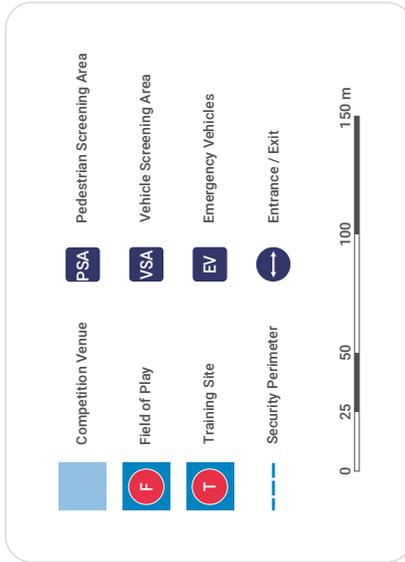




Table Tennis

The representatives of the fastest sports in the world, table tennis athletes will amuse audiences in the Tennis Olympic Centre. The eight days of action will see 128 athletes competing. The best European players will culminate in five medal events.

Days of competition: 8

Competition dates: 22-29 June 2019

Medal events: 5

Total athlete quota: 128

Qualification method: Qualification places for Table Tennis will be determined based on the European Table Tennis Championships in Alicante (Spain, 18-23 September 2018) results; Special Team Ranking List as of 1 December 2018; ITTF World Ranking Lists as of 1 March 2019; Host NOC allocation and Universality places.

Road to Tokyo 2020 qualification: Three medallists in the Men's and Women's Singles events, gold medallists in Men's and Women's Team events, gold medallists in Mixed Doubles events will receive automatic qualification.

TENNIS OLYMPIC CENTRE

Sports: Table Tennis

Capacity: 1,000 seats

Construction status: Permanent – complete

Tennis Olympic Centre was built in 1978 and hosted a vast number of tennis competitions. The second wing of the complex was commissioned in 2015. The venue will be upgraded with temporary stands, a giant screen and overlay for MINSK 2019. At the Games-time the venue will have the capacity of 1,000 seats for spectators to enjoy the Table Tennis competitions.



TENNIS OLYMPIC CENTRE



Capacity 1000
 Distance from AVL 11 km / Travel Time 18 min



	Competition Venue
	Field of Play
	Training Site / Warm-up Area
	Security Perimeter
	Pedestrian Screening Area
	Vehicle Screening Area
	Emergency Vehicles
	Emergency Express Entry / Exit
	Access Control
	Entrance / Exit



Wrestling

One of the most popular combat sports in the world, Wrestling will be a highlight of the European Games and will be fought in front of 3,300 spectators at the Sports Palace. A grand total of 18 weight categories ensures a busy competition agenda, with several Medal Events held on each of the 6 days of wrestling action. Competition in Freestyle, Greco-Roman and Women's Wrestling events will give 288 athletes the chance to claim the title of the European Games champion in front of a passionate crowd.

Days of competition: 6

Competition dates: 25-30 June 2019

Medal events: 18

Total athlete quota: 288

Qualification method: Qualification places for Wrestling will be determined based on the 2019 Senior European Wrestling Championships in Bucharest (Romania) results; Host NOC allocation and Universality places.

SPORTS PALACE

Sports: Wrestling

Capacity: 3,300 seats

Construction status: Permanent – complete, renovation and refurbishment is scheduled to be finished by 31 December 2018

Sports Palace was opened in May 1966 and renovated in 2001-2004. The main arena of the Sports Palace is a versatile sports and entertainment hall with a hockey rink 61×30m in size which can be transformed into a venue for other sporting events or concerts in just a few hours. The capacity of the sports layout is 3,300 spectators. An indoor training arena is located behind the Palace. The Palace can host competitions in 22 sports such as hockey, figure skating, handball, basketball, volleyball, wrestling, tennis, table tennis, etc.



SPORTS PALACE



Sambo



Women's Wrestling
Wrestling – Freestyle
Wrestling – Greco-Roman

Capacity 3300

Distance from AVL 9 km / Travel Time 15 min



Venue Press Operations

Press work areas will be available at all Competition Venues, Athletes' Village (AVL) and the Media Hotels.

Venue Media Centres (VMCs)

Every Competition Venue and the Athletes' Village will have a Venue Media Centre that offers a help desk, workroom, I-Zone, lounge area.

While there will be no dedicated working facilities for press at training venues, there will be an opportunity to watch training and conduct interviews.

VMC opening hours

VMCs will open two hours before competition and close up to three hours after competition ends. For competitions with sessions that finish after 23:00, the VMC will close 90 minutes after competition. VMCs will open two days before competition begins or on the first day of training at that location.

Media Workroom

The VMC workrooms in Competition Venues will be combined for press and photographers. Each workroom will be equipped with televisions, broadcasting the official host broadcaster channel for that Venue. There will also be printing facilities available.

Each workroom position will have a cabled Internet port and European standard power sockets (220v). Work positions will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Other services available at each VMC include:

- Help desk for general information including competition details and transportation schedules;
- Free tea and coffee refreshment area;
- Lockers for temporary storage;
- Language services support.



Press Tribunes

Each Competition Venue will provide a dedicated seating area for the press with an unobstructed view of the field of play.

Both tabled and non-tabled press tribunes will be available.

Tabled positions in the press tribunes will be fitted-out with cabled internet ports and one European standard power socket (220v) at every seat. Wi-Fi internet access will be available both in the tabled and non-tabled tribunes.

Interview Zones

The Interview Zones (I-Zones) will replace the Press Mixed Zone and Media Conference Room at venues. There will be no change to the Broadcast Mixed Zone and athletes will be required to pass through the Broadcast Mixed Zone. The I-Zone will be a comfortable area in or near the Venue Media Centre where media can interview athletes and coaches in a more informal atmosphere immediately following competition or the Medal Ceremony. Interviews can be conducted one-on-one or in a group.

NOCs are also welcome to use the I-Zone for media interviews and can film short pieces for use on their websites without broadcast quality equipment.

I-Zone Process

After passing through the Broadcast Mixed Zone, athletes will be free to return to the changing room or go to Medical/Doping unless they are requested to go to the I-Zone.

Press wanting to interview someone in the I-Zone will make a request to Press Operations who will escort the athlete from the Broadcast Mixed Zone to the I-Zone. By default, all gold medallists and all Belarusian athletes will be accompanied to the I-Zone for interviews.

The News Service team will also proactively request athletes to come to the I-Zone in order to introduce interesting story angles to the media. Once in the I-Zone, the athlete would be interviewed by the member of the press who requested the interview. There will be no time limit on the length of the interview (within reason) and there will be no guarantee that it would be exclusive, meaning one or two journalists might want to interview the same athlete. Press attaches, Doping Control officers and Language Services team members will be able to escort athletes into the I-Zone as needed.

Broadcasters can also request interviews in the I-Zone and appropriate backdrops will be available for filming and photos. The I-Zone will be managed by Press Operations to help facilitate introductions or questions, and ensure the I-Zone remains an informal area and that no media “scrum” is created. The I-Zone will close about 45 minutes after competition ends.

I-Zone Access

Access to I-Zone will be restricted to:

- Competing athletes;
- Press;
- Press Operations staff;
- Language Services team members (with appropriate accreditation for access);
- Doping Control staff (with appropriate accreditation for access);
- Host Broadcast staff;
- Rights-holding broadcasters;
- EOC Media Operations staff;
- NOC Press attaches.

Broadcast Mixed Zone

ISB will manage the Mixed Zone which will be used by broadcasters only, as the press will use the I-Zone. Supplementary accreditation devices will be distributed to the Broadcasters to enable them to access and work in the Broadcast Mixed Zone. The Broadcast Mixed Zone is the area where the Broadcasters can interview athletes and also coaches (in some instances), as they leave Field of Play (FOP). All athletes will be guided through the Broadcast Mixed Zone but are not obliged to speak. Broadcast interviews will be limited to one minute per athlete. Coaches of team and combat sports who are normally positioned on FOP will be asked to pass through the Broadcast Mixed Zone for interview possibilities.



Broadcast Mixed Zone Access

Mixed Zone access will be restricted to:

- Competing athletes;
- Rights-holding broadcasters;
- Language Services team members (with appropriate accreditation for access);
- Doping Control staff (with appropriate accreditation for access);
- Host Broadcast staff;
- EOC Media Operations staff.

Athletes' Village VMC

A VMC will be available in the territory of AVL. This VMC will include an I-Zone for athlete interviews and a work area for press. All accredited press and broadcasters will have access to the Athletes' Village VMC.

The Athletes' Village VMC will open on 18 June 2019. Its operating hours will be 09:00-21:00. Only accredited media will be allowed access.

Media access to AVL

One hundred media guest passes will be available at any given time. Media guest passes will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis by MEGOC Press Operations team at the Athletes' Village VMC.

AVL Media Tours

While press will not be allowed into the Residential Zone unless invited as a guest of a NOC. They will be able to tour the Residential Zone during one of two AVL Media Tours. Details will be provided later. There will be a limit of 100 media representatives allowed on each tour. Press representatives will be able to sign up for these tours at press@minsk2019.by.

Photo Operations

Photo Operations

At the Games time, the Photo Operations team will include a dedicated photo supervisor responsible for each competition venue, supported by deputy photo supervisors and the photo team members.

Photographers' Undertaking

All photographers will be required to sign a Photographers' Undertaking in which they agree to abide by the MINSK 2019 European Games Operation Committee's rules for the use of photographic images. Photographers will sign the undertaking when they pick up their photo bibs after the Photographer Briefing (details will be provided later); signing the undertaking is mandatory and no photo bib will be issued if the undertaking is not signed.

Photo bibs

Every photographer accredited for the Games will receive an official photo bib. Photo bibs will be distributed during the Photographer Briefing. Details will be provided later. These bibs will allow access to the photo positions and photo file areas. They must be worn at all times while in a venue. Bibs will be numbered and are not transferable. In some venues, prime or restricted photo positions will be reserved for a "pool" of photographers. Photographers wanting to access a "pool" position will need to exchange their photo bib for a special "pool" photo bib. When photographers leave the "pool" positions, they must return the bib for their original one. "Pool" photo bibs will be managed by the photo supervisors at each venue.

Photo positions

Every effort has been made to secure the best possible photo positions in each venue. Details of each photo position will be available during the Games from the venue photo supervisors and from the Press and Photo Guide. Photo positions will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.



Photo file areas

Photo file areas will be available in select venues where the Media Workroom is not close to the field of play. Each photo file area will offer tables, chairs, power and standard internet connections. Wi-Fi will not be available in photo file areas.

Spectator seats

Photographers will be permitted to photograph from empty spectator seats but they must not disturb any nearby spectators while working in these areas. Photographers must immediately vacate these seats if and when ticket holders arrive.

Medal Ceremonies

There will be a restricted number of photographers allowed into photo positions for Medal Ceremonies. Where possible, photographers from the countries of the medalists will be allocated places to use these photo positions, access to which will be determined by each venue's photo supervisor.

Venue lighting

While the venue lighting levels in indoor venues have yet to be confirmed, they are expected to be no less than 1,400 horizontal lux at 5,200K average (daylight white balance.)

Wireless camera triggers

All wireless devices including wireless camera triggers, wireless microphones, walkie-talkies or Wi-Fi service points will require a spectrum license before they can be used inside a Games venue.

The use of any wireless camera trigger in a venue is subject to Press Operations' approval. More detailed information will be provided at a later date.

Tools of the Trade

MEGOC will develop a list of prohibited and restricted items for the Games and exceptions will be made for press and photographers to ensure they can enter with equipment necessary to do their jobs in the venues. These exceptions, commonly referred to as the Tools of the Trade, will be clearly outlined and available at a later stage on the Press Extranet.

Photographers Briefing

All photographers are invited to attend a photographer briefing on 19 June 2019. Details will be provided later. After the briefing, photographers will be asked to sign the photographer undertaking and they will receive their bibs.



Games News Service

News Service

MEGOC will operate a news service producing reports and stories from the venues. Information will be published on the Games website and be available to both accredited and non-accredited media.

Athletes' Biographies

MEGOC will ask each NOC for assistance in collecting the biographical information. Biographies will be available on MINSK 2019 website to both accredited and non-accredited media to assist them in covering the Games. Athletes' biographical information can be provided via the athlete registration system (TBD).

Press Operations will work closely with each NOC on this project. All athletes' biographies will be edited by Press Operations to ensure consistency in style.

NOC Profiles

MEGOC will provide factual profiles for each NOC. The profiles will be available on the Games-time website as part of the News Service.

Non-rights Holding Broadcasters

The Communications and Press Operations team is responsible for the accreditation of non-rights holding broadcasters for the Games. A limited number of international and domestic non-rights holding broadcasters (ENRs) will be allowed to the Games. Organizations will be able to apply for accreditation via the Press Extranet.

ENRs will only be allowed to bring equipment into the competition venues to film in the I-Zone or to cover official media conferences; cameramen must wear a special ENR bib while in the I-Zone. ENR bibs will be distributed at the I-Zone. In addition, ENRs can bring filming equipment into AVL Square at the Athletes' Village (except during the Athlete Welcome Ceremony) and into the Media Conference Room. Details for ENR access will be available on the Press Extranet.

News Access Rules

All ENRs must abide by the News Access Rules, which are designed to protect the exclusivity of broadcasters who have paid for broadcasting rights while permitting fair access for ENRs to broadcast highlights for news purposes. The News Access Rules outline the specific conditions under which ENRs can use the footage they record. The News Access Rules apply to television broadcasting, radio broadcasting, internet (including newspaper websites), mobile platforms, social media, and other digital media news products and services.

If an organization is granted ENR accreditation, it is obliged to sign an undertaking on behalf of its members and all persons accredited are obliged to abide by the News Access Rules.

A complete copy of the News Access Rules will be available on the Press Extranet later.

ENR Briefing

All international non-rights holders are invited to attend an ENR briefing. Details will be provided at a later date.



Recording Equipment Access Policy

Full details on the Recording Equipment Access Policy will be provided later.

Social Media, blogging and internet guidelines

MEGOC encourages all to use social media to share their experience of the Games. The 2nd European Games online might be accessed through Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, Twitter, Flickr and VKontakte. We appreciate your posts regarding any aspect of the Games on personal pages as well as on public pages of your organizations. You can tag the official 2nd European Games accounts by using main hashtags #EuropeanGames and #minsk2019.

Accredited persons must not capture pictures, video/audio for commercial purposes. Accredited Persons must not include any commercial references in connection with any European Games content posted on their social media accounts.

A full copy of the Social Media Guidelines will be available on the Press Extranet.

Useful Information

Airports

The official port of entry to Belarus is National Airport Minsk (MSQ) which is located 40 km from Minsk.

Accreditation validation will be available for international press arriving at the airport and transport services will be provided to the Media Hotels.

Banks and credit cards

There are a multitude of ATM machines around the city in Minsk, most of which accept international debit and credit cards. Depending on your account-holding bank, there may be limits on the amount of currency you are able to withdraw in one day. Larger bank branches are open Mondays to Saturdays, but closed on Sundays. Smaller branches are closed on Saturdays and Sundays. International credit and debit cards are accepted in most restaurants and larger shops.

Currency

The currency in Belarus is the Belarusian ruble (BYN). The official currency of the Republic of Belarus is available in:

- **banknotes:** 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, 500 rubles;

- **coins:** 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50 kopecks, and 1 and 2 rubles.

The Belarusian ruble is not a fully convertible currency, so it is impossible to get any before you arrive in the country. Visitors will need to use the foreign exchange desk at the arrivals hall at the airport or at the Media Hotels or withdraw from ATMs around the city.



Electricity

Standard electrical power in Belarus is 220v, 50Hz alternating current.

All plugs are symmetrical two pin, as in continental Western Europe. Press wishing to bring electrical equipment to Belarus may need plug adaptors or step-down converters to conform to the standard power supply.

Emergencies

When calling from a Belarusian telephone:

Fire 101	Police 102	Ambulance 103
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Gratuities and tipping

Tipping is entirely discretionary in Belarus and service charges are not automatically added to the bill.

If you want to tip in a restaurant or café, give about 5% of the total amount. Taxi drivers and hotel staff don't generally expect tips, although they are always gratefully received.

Language

The official languages are Belarusian and Russian. The official language of the European Games will be English.

Medical/pharmacies

Press with existing medical conditions should bring enough prescription medicine – plus the valid prescription and related medical records -- with them to cover the duration of their visit to Belarus. In case of emergency, press can purchase medicine from local pharmacies.

Opening hours

Office hours are officially 09:00 to 18:00 Mondays through Fridays. Banking hours are officially 09:00 to 18:00, Mondays through Fridays. Most of the Belarusian stores are open from 9:00-10:00 till 20:00-21:00, large malls till 22:00. Supermarkets and hypermarkets are open from 8:00-9:00 till 23:00-24:00. Shops are open seven days a week. Bars and restaurants are open until at least 23:00.

Taxes (VAT)

VAT in Belarus is similar to that in most European VAT systems, with tax levied on the supply of most goods and services and on the import of goods.

Telephones

The telephone dialing code for Belarus is **+375** and the city code for Minsk is **017**. To make international calls (including the CIS) from Belarus, you need to dial: **8-10** - country code - number.

Time Zone

Belarus is in the Eastern European Standard (EET) time zone. EET is 3 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT+3).

Tourist information

Belarus tourism information can be found at the following resources:

<http://visit-belarus.com/en/informationabout-belarus/>

<http://www.belarus.by/en>

<http://minsktourism.by/en/>

<https://vetliva.com/>



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