



## Team Information Package

Astana 2024 Para Dance Sport Asian Pacific  
Open Championship

16-17 December 2024

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# 1 General information

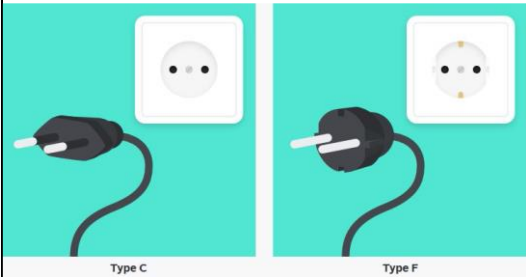
## 1.1 World Abilitysport/ World Para Dance Sport (WPDS)

Chief Executive Operation	Charmaine Hooper
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## 1.2 Local Organising Committee (LOC)

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## 1.3 Information about Host Country and City

Location	Astana, Kazakhstan
Local Time	(GMT+5)
Official Language	Kazakh language. Russian and English language widely spoken.
Climate	<p>The climate of Kazakhstan (except for the south) is sharply continental.</p> <p>Average weather (December)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Average high °C: - 11</li><li>• Average low °C: - 19</li><li>• Snowing</li></ul>
Currency	TENGE (KZT) is local currency Widely use of Visa or MasterCard card
Drinking water	Recommended to drink tap water with preliminary boiling, unless the tap has a sludge filter.
Driving	Right-hand side drive EU, EEA or International Driving Permit required
Electricity	<p>For Kazakhstan there are two associated plug types: C and F. Plug type C is the plug which has two round pins and plug type F is the plug which has two round pins with two earth clips on the side. Kazakhstan operates on a 220V supply voltage and 50Hz.</p>  <p>Type C      Type F</p>
Shopping	Supermarkets and retail shops are normally open on Sundays.
Useful telephone numbers	<p>All the utilities numbers: Fire emergency: 101 Police: 102 Ambulance: 103 Common emergency number: 112</p>

## 1.4 General program (provisional)

Date	Time	Activity	Location
14-15 December	All day	Team Arrivals	Nursultan Nazarbayev International Airport (NQZ) in Astana city
15 December	As per schedule	Classification	At the official hotel
15 December		Team Leaders Meeting	At the hotel of accommodation
16 December		1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Competition	“Palace of Independence” Tauyelsizik ave.52
16 December		Official Opening of the Championships	“Palace of Independence” Tauyelsizik ave.52
16 December		Victory Ceremonies	“Palace of Independence” Tauyelsizik ave.52
17 December		2 <sup>nd</sup> Day of Competition	“Palace of Independence” Tauyelsizik ave.52
17 December		Victory Ceremonies	“Palace of Independence” Tauyelsizik ave.52
17 December		Official Closing of the Championships	“Palace of Independence” Tauyelsizik ave.52
18 December	All day	Team Departures	Nursultan Nazarbayev International Airport (NQZ) in Astana city

## 2 Travel to Astana

### 2.1 Arrivals

The official airport of entry and departure for the Astana 2024 Para Dance Asian Pacific Open Championships is the Nursultan Nazarbayev International Airport (Astana city). The LOC will provide transportation from the airport to the official hotel, as your request bases. Each team will be provided with individual arrival and departure information per email.

All teams are reminded to read the instructions provided carefully and distribute it to team members not in a group.

Any changes to your travel schedule must be communicated to the LOC's secretariat at [aliyamasterklass@list.ru](mailto:aliyamasterklass@list.ru) / [paradance.kz@mail.ru](mailto:paradance.kz@mail.ru)

## **2.2 Visa**

In case your delegation needs to get Visa, please contact the LOC's secretariat at [aliyamasterklass@list.ru](mailto:aliyamasterklass@list.ru) / [paradance.kz@mail.ru](mailto:paradance.kz@mail.ru)

When applying for a visa, please ensure that the passport is valid for at least 6 more months.

## **2.3 Insurances**

All delegation members must have appropriate accident and health insurance accepted to compete. No medical insurance will be provided to any of the participants. The LOC will provide only basic medical services in the venue. All participants are responsible for obtaining their own medical insurance (including Repatriation Coverage) and will be responsible for any medical expenses resulting from participation in the event.

# **3 Accreditation**

## **3.1 Accreditation access**

Team members are always required to wear their Accreditation Badge to enter the official Championships Venue. They should wear it in a manner that it is clearly visible to venue staff. An Accreditation Badge is not transferable and only permits entry to the individual for whom it is issued. Misuse of an Accreditation Badge may result in the cancellation of accreditation.

## **3.2 Loss of Accreditation Badge**

In case of loss or theft of an Accreditation Badge, please report it immediately to Mrs. Aliya Tussupbekova. In order to obtain a new accreditation badge, the team member must report to the LOC Office, accompanied by their Team Leader, carrying an appropriate identification document. A lost or damaged Accreditation Badge will be cancelled in the accreditation system, and a lost Accreditation Badge, later found, should be returned to the LOC Office for secure disposal.

# **4 Accommodation**

## **4.1 Accommodation programme**

The LOC has arranged special accommodation rates for participants of the Astana 2024 Para Dance Asian Open Championship. Accommodation booking forms were required to be returned to LOC's secretariat at [aliyamasterklass@list.ru](mailto:aliyamasterklass@list.ru) / [paradance.kz@mail.ru](mailto:paradance.kz@mail.ru)

LOC will make and manage bookings with discount. Payment can be made directly to the hotel upon arrival.

Room configuration requests will be allocated to the teams on a first-come, first-served basis. All rates can be provided full board services, if chosen and paid for it.

Official check in time at all hotels is 14:00 and check out time is 12:00. The LOC will

endeavor to assist teams with any early arrival/late checkout requirements. Please note, Teams must settle any additional costs (telephone, laundry, minibar, meeting room bookings, damages, etc.) directly with the hotel reception desk prior to departure – the LOC will not be responsible for any additional charges.

## **4.2 Official Hotel**

Ibis Astana

Address: 38 Tauelsizdik Ave, Kazakhstan, 010000 Astana, Kazakhstan

Price (includes BREAKFAST) per person per night: 65 €

Or single: 65 €

Double: 65 €

For hotel reservation, please contact: [aliyamasterklass@list.ru](mailto:aliyamasterklass@list.ru) / [paradance.kz@mail.ru](mailto:paradance.kz@mail.ru)

Holiday Inn Express - Astana – Turan

Address: 44 Turan Ave, Kazakhstan, 010000 Astana, Kazakhstan

Price (includes BREAKFAST) per person per night: 55 €

Or single: NO SINGLE ACCOMODATION

Double: 55 € per person per night

For hotel reservation, please contact: [aliyamasterklass@list.ru](mailto:aliyamasterklass@list.ru) / [paradance.kz@mail.ru](mailto:paradance.kz@mail.ru)

## **Cancellation policy**

There will be no refunds (not partial, not total). If booking has been cancelled 4 weeks before check-in, no funds will be deducted. For cancellation – please inform LOC immediately.

## **Meeting Rooms**

Delegations requiring use of a meeting room will need to make their own arrangements with their accommodation provider for any associated cost and availability. Or contact LOC 3 weeks before the check-in to check availability

# **5 Transport from the official hotel to the venue**

Transportation from the hotel to the competition venue will be guaranteed (it takes 10-20 minutes by bus from the hotel to the venue – depending on chosen hotel). Please note that there will be no direct public transport between the venue and the official hotel.

# **6 Competition Venue**

6.1. “Palace of Independence” at Tauyelsizdik ave. 52, Astana

## 6.2 Personal belongings

Participants are advised to leave valuable items in the hotel. There will be no safety box or individual lockers in the venue, but there are in the rooms, so please, in case of needs, we suggest using it.

## 7 Meals

During the competition, lunch and dinner will be served at the competition venue. Lunch and Dinner can be organised at the cost of 10 € each meal. At the venue, it will be an open buffet style with a choice of menu. Preliminary order is required. The amount to be paid will be calculated between the team and the LOC and paid directly to the LOC on site or via bank transfer.

## 8 Sport

### a. Entry regulations

#### i. Eligibility

Dance couples must consist of a male and a female partner. All wheelchair users must fulfil minimum disability criteria. Couples' entries must be submitted by their Member Organisation.

#### 8.1.2 Final sport entries

All athletes must be entered by their respective Member Organisation via the SDMS. WPDS will check if athletes entered in the Freestyle events fulfil the minimum requirements.

For World Para Dance Sport Championships, each country can nominate a maximum number of 3 couples/ athletes per class per event. For the freestyle events there is a minimum number of points required.

#### 8.1.3 Entries deadlines

- Entries by number: 28 October until 8 November 2024
- Entries by name: 3 November until 13 November 2024
- Full payment of Accommodation Fee, Competition Fee and Transportation Fee: 30 November 2024

**Competition fee to the LOC:** 200 € per participant.

**Accommodation Fee payment to the LOC:** will be invoiced

**Capitation fee to World Abilitysport:** 40 € per participant (an invoice will be generated by the SMS system after the online registration).



## **b. Competition procedure**

### **i. Judging system and results**

The “old” judging system will be used for the conventional events.

Only athletes who have been licensed by WPDS (including partners) will be eligible for receiving points for the World Rankings.

<https://www.paralympic.org/dance-sport/downloads>

### **ii. Ranking**

The minimum number of participating countries per event must be 3.

In case of not reaching the minimum quota of 3 countries in the event, there are two options:

- a) The event is cancelled with no competition at all or
- b) The couple/athlete can compete in a higher class.

No medals will be rewarded for the original event. However, in case the athletes reach the podium in the higher class, medals shall be normally awarded. The placement points will be carried to their specific ranking class.

### **iii. Music**

Music for Freestyle events must be submitted via email to the LOC in mp3 format until **30 November 2024**. Team leaders are advised to bring a copy by USB Stick. The title of the email must contain the country and the athletes' name.

### **iv. Mixed Zone**

The Mixed Zone (MZ) is where the interviews with the broadcast and press media occurs. The athletes may refuse the interview request from the media, but they must pass through the MZ after leaving the Field of Play. Refusal to pass through the MZ is not permitted.

After the dance round is over, the athletes will exit the dance floor section of the Field of Play (FOP), and must pass through the Mixed Zone (MZ) on the side of the Athlete side (i.e. FOP zone, which is indicated as Blue Zone on the accreditation card).

The MZ is comprised of two (2) main areas in the following order:

- 1. Broadcast MZ
- 2. Press MZ

If the athletes agree to the interview requests, they must do the interview with the Rights-Holding Broadcasters (RHBs) first.

The Press Manager and/or Mixed Zone Manager may escort the athlete to a specific media that have requested assistance.

### **v. Live Broadcast Production**

For the Astana 2024 Para Dance Sport Asian Pacific Open, there will be a live broadcast production of all sessions. All delegations and the LOC must coordinate with the Broadcast Services FA (i.e. BRS) and the Host Broadcaster (HB) to allow smooth

operations for all parties.

All stakeholders must be aware of the camera positions and must not block the camera shots, in principle. For operational reasons, there may be exceptions, but all parties must agree and notified beforehand.

Due to the live broadcast production the team seating areas, especially the tables at the FOP always need to be maintained tidy.

## **vi. Victory Ceremonies**

Victory Ceremonies will be conducted at the end of each competition day.

After each final of an event, results will be announced, and the respective medalists must report to the Victory Ceremonies staff (located in the warmup area) 20 min prior to their respective Victory Ceremony. The LOC is NOT in the position to postpone any Victory Ceremony if the medalist(s) does/do not arrive in time.

Medalists should either wear their national team uniform or their competition uniform. No flags or cameras etc are allowed to be brought to the podium.

The athlete(s) will be presented with the medal(s), which will be hung around the neck. When the presentation is finished, the national anthem of the gold medalist(s) will be played. After the conclusion of the anthem, medalists are asked to get together in the middle for a photo. Then the whole Victory Ceremony party moves off the podium.

## **9 Classification**

Classification will be conducted according to the 2018 World Para Dance Sport Classification rules and regulations.

It will take place at the official hotel on **15 December**. Exact time and room to be confirmed.

Athletes are requested to bring to classification only their competition wheelchair, straps if any and their medical information.

If an athlete does not attend Classification, he/she will be disqualified from the competition. The Classification schedule will be shared with the team leaders and Member Organizations.

Protests can be placed within one hour after the result has been announced.

## **10 Doping Control**

### **a. Doping Control Programme**

The Doping Control Programme, which shall include the collection of doping control samples, shall be under the authority of World Para Dance Sport. The collection and testing of samples shall be done in accordance with the applicable provisions of the World Abilitysport Anti-Doping Code (“**Code**”) and the World Anti-Doping Code International Standard for Testing and Investigations. The samples will be analyzed at the World Anti-Doping Agency accredited Laboratory in Kazakhstan.

### **b. Therapeutic use exemption (TUE)**

It is an athlete’s responsibility to ensure that any medication or method they take to treat an illness, or medical condition is not prohibited according to the World Anti-

Doping Agency (WADA) Prohibited List.

Athletes may have to take medication that is on the WADA Prohibited List to treat an acute or chronic illness or medical condition. Before doing so, they must apply for a TUE and be given approval for the particular medication and/or method. Athletes should consult with their NPC team physician to guide them through this process. All TUEs will be managed as per the WADA International Standard for TUEs (ISTUE) and entered into ADAMS (a secure online database).

Member Organisations are encouraged to:

- Be proactive in assisting their athletes in verifying the status of their medications.
- Identify, along with the athlete's physician, therapeutic use alternatives to prohibited medications or methods, if appropriate.
- Submit legible and complete TUE application forms in a timely manner.

The most common reason a TUE is denied is because of lack of proper medical documentation. Athletes and Member Organisations medical staff are encouraged to ensure documentation related to all medical treatment such as proper diagnoses and treatment plans are included.

For more information about Anti-doping and TUE, please check:

<https://worldabilitysport.org/anti-doping>

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