



Guide to



Baku 2015

1st EUROPEAN GAMES

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12-28 June



What are the European Games?

- Backed by the European Olympic Committee, the European Games is a major multi-sport event to be held for the first time this year, from 12–28 June 2015.
- They are the final 'continental' Games to be inaugurated after the Asian Games, Pan-American Games, All-Africa Games and Pacific Games. This means that every continent will now have a continental Games.
- Over 6,000 athletes from 50 European nations will be in action across the 16 days of competition, all bidding to win one of the 253 gold medals on offer and the title of the first ever European Games Champion.
- The Games will take place every four years, in the Olympic tradition.
- The Team GB squad was selected on Thursday 23 April, 50 days before the start of the European Games.

Which sports are featured?

The sports featured are listed below, and include 16 Olympic sports:

Archery	Diving	Table tennis
Athletics	Fencing	Taekwondo
Badminton	Gymnastics	Trampoline
Basketball	Judo	Triathlon
Beach soccer	Karate	Volleyball
Beach volleyball	Sambo	Water polo
Boxing	Shooting	Wrestling
Canoeing	Synchronised swimming	
Cycling	Swimming	

Where will the inaugural European Games take place?

The inaugural European Games will take place in Baku, Azerbaijan.

Why Azerbaijan?

Azerbaijan is passionate about sport. There are 53 sports federations, 66 sports organisations, 60 sport clubs, and 170 sport schools in the country.

Currently more than 365,000 people are engaged in sports and physical training in Azerbaijan. Its star is on the rise – in the past 15 years, Azerbaijan has gained 945 medals in official international games. The country won ten medals at the 2012 London Olympics. Two of those medals were gold – both in wrestling. The other medals were in boxing and weightlifting.

Why are the European Games important for Team GB?

10 of the sports in which Team GB is competing will be especially significant, since they represent a key step for athletes on the road to the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The Rio 2016 qualification disciplines for Team GB in Baku are:

Swimming	Judo	Triathlon
Archery	Shooting	Wrestling
Beach volleyball	Table tennis	
Boxing	Taekwondo	

These events will offer the chance of either direct qualification to Rio 2016 or the opportunity to achieve qualification standards and pick up ranking points.

Which Team GB athletes will be there?

Olympic champions Nicola Adams (Boxing), Jade Jones (Taekwondo) and Ed McKeever (Canoe sprint) will lead Team GB.

Over 150 GB athletes will attend the Games, the largest team sent overseas from Team GB since the 2008 Beijing Olympics. The list of athletes selected is set out at Appendix 1. The sports Team GB athletes are competing in with Olympic qualification possibilities are: archery, beach volleyball, boxing, judo, shooting, swimming, table tennis, taekwondo, triathlon and wrestling.

"It's a great opportunity," said Team GB's Chef de Mission Mark England. "Many will test themselves against Europe's best, gain crucial multi-sport Games experience or build on their road to Rio 2016."

Jade Jones, competing in Taekwondo and GB's first ever gold medal winner in the sport, is the Team GB athlete ambassador for the Games. She says she is "very proud to have been named as a Baku 2015 Athlete Ambassador, and it will be an honour to help promote the Games."

What are the key dates for my diary?

Opening ceremony: 12 June

Closing ceremony: 28 June

GB events and medal ceremonies:

The schedule is available here: www.baku2015.com/img/downloads/schedule.pdf

Aquatics: 12–27 June

Beach volleyball: 16–21 June

Boxing: 16–27 June

Canoeing: 14–16 June

Fencing: 23–27 June

Gymnastics: 14–21 June

Judo: 24–28 June

Karate: 13–14 June

Shooting: 16–22 June

Table tennis: 13–19 June

Taekwondo: 16–19 June

Triathlon: 13–14 June

Wrestling: 13–18 June

Medals presented: 15–27 June

Medals presented: 20–21 June

Medals presented: 25–27 June

Medals presented: 15–16 June

Medals presented: 23–27 June

Medals presented: 15–21 June

Medals presented: 24–28 June

Medals presented: 13–14 June

Medals presented: 16–22 June

Medals presented: 15–19 June

Medals presented: 16–19 June

Medals presented: 13–14 June

Medals presented: 13–18 June

When is the start of the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio?

5 August 2016

Where is Baku, Azerbaijan?

Located on the eastern edge of Azerbaijan and overlooking the Caspian Sea, Baku sits on the periphery of Europe and lies almost 2,500 miles from the Olympic Stadium in London's Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

Who is partnering and supporting the European Games?

Partners and supporters include Coca Cola, P&G, McDonalds, Motorola, Nestlé and BP.

Appendix

Team GB members by sport

Aquatics

Diving

Matthew Dixon
Millie Fowler
Millie Hafferty
Ross Haslam
James Heatly
Jordan Houlden
Matty Lee
Shanice Lobb
Lydia Rosenthall
Katherine Torrance
Lois Toulson

Aquatics

Swimming

Tom Fannon
Daniel Speers
Duncan Scott
Martyn Walton
Cameron Kurlle
Kyle Chisholm
Tom Derbyshire
Charlie Attwood
Luke Davies
Luke Greenbank
Joe Hulme
Jarvis Parkinson
Joe Lichfield
Georgia Coates
Madeleine Crompton
Holly Hibbott
Layla Black
Emma Cain
Laura Stephens
Amelia Clynes
Abbie Wood
Rebecca Sherwin
Hannah Featherstone
Darcy Deakin

Aquatics

Synchronised Swimming

Genevieve Randall
Jodie Cowie
Emma Critchley

Hannah Randall
Jorja Brown
Phoebe Bradley-Smith
Rebecca Richardson
Danielle Cooper
Lara Hockin
Esme Lower

Aquatics

Water Polo

Dani Brazier
Isabelle Dean
Hannah Edwards
Sophie Jackson
Fleur Kennedy
Verity McCoy
Mhairi Nurthen
Lara Partridge
Hayley Price
Kathy Rogers
Grace Rowland
Lucy Shaw
Beth Ward

Archery

Amy Oliver
Naomi Folkard
Nicky Hunt
Kieran Slater

Beach Volleyball

Chris Gregory
Jake Sheaf

Boxing

Nicola Adams
Lisa Whiteside
Sandy Ryan
Savannah Marshall

10 additional
male boxers TBC

Canoe Sprint

Lani Belcher
Rachel Cawthorn
Louisa Sawers
Hayleigh Mason
Angela Hannah
Emily Lewis
Ed McKeever
Liam Heath
Jon Schofield
Jonathan Boyton
Timothy Pendle
Andrew Daniels
Christopher Calvert
James Sytan

Fencing

Richard Kruse
Marcus Mepstead
Bejamin Peggs
Alexander Tofalides
Natalia Sheppard
Corinna Lawrence
James Honeybone
Aliya Itzkowitz

Gymnastics

Aerobic

Chloe Farrance
Olivia Farrance
Ella Augier
Kayleigh Silva
Sophie Goves

Gymnastics

Acrobatic

Jennifer Bailey
Ryan Bartlett
Hannah Baughn
Cicely Irwin
Josie Russell

Gymnastics

Artistic

Brinn Bevan
Frank Baines
Nile Wilson
Rebecca Tunney
Tyesha Mattis
Kelly Simm

Gymnastics

Trampoline

Luke Strong
Katherine Driscoll
Laura Gallagher

Judo

Kelly Edwards
Nekoda Smythe-Davis
Alice Schlesinger
Gemma Howell
Sally Conway
Megan Fletcher
Natalie Powell
Gemma Gibbons
Sarah Adlington
Ashley McKenzie
Colin Oates
Owen Livesey
Frazer Chamberlain
Benjamin Fletcher

Shooting

Abbey Ling
Charlotte Kerwood
Ed Ling
Brad Davis
Elena Allen
Amber Hill
Jeremy Bird
Mike Gilligan
Steve Scott
Tim Kneale
Joh Hammond
Jen McIntosh

