



International School Sport Federation

# ISF GYMNASIADE ERZURUM 2023

## SCHOOL WINTER GAMES

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Bulletin 0

# WINTER SPORTS IN ISF

The International School Sport Federation has included Winter Sport in its programme since its foundation in 1972. ISF organised for the first time in 1973 World School Ski Championship in Schladming in Austria with students from all over the world competing both in Cross Country Skiing and Alpine Skiing.

Since the success of this first event, ISF has organised an additional 13 World School Ski Championships around the World in Andorra, Canada, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, and Sweden.

The latest World School Ski Championship was organised by ISF in 2016 in L'Aquila in Italy, gathering over 400 participants from 15 countries.

Following the success of these events, the goal of ISF was to develop the sport programme available and provide more sports to the international students.

In 2018, ISF and the French School Sport Federation, UNSS, developed a multi-sport winter event in the context of celebrating the 50th anniversary of Grenoble's 1968 Winter Olympics. This unique event was another step towards further developing the winter sport programme within ISF, on the road to the eventual creation of the ISF Winter Gymnasiade.

Over the course of 5 days, in Grenoble, 500 school student athletes came from 19 countries to participate in this multi winter sport event. School students from Argentina, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Chile, England, Estonia, France, Germany, Hungary, Russian Federation, Scotland, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey and Ukraine engaged in various educational and cultural activities while competing. The Sport programme consisted of 8 sports including Alpine Skiing, Biathlon, Cross Country, Curling, Figure, Skating, Ski Jumping, Ski freestyle and Snowboard. The launch of this event was a strong show of will by the ISF to challenge itself by giving opportunities to youth in the field of winter sports.

Following this success, 2023 will see Türkiye organise the first ISF Winter Gymnasiade in Erzurum. The Gymnasiade is the largest ISF event, gathering school students from all around the world, to experience sport competition, cultural exchange, and educational engagement. It is a unique opportunity for youth to compete in a multi-sport environment with an international dimension, meeting their peers from around the world.



# Why Erzurum?



## ERZURUM the capital of Winter Sports

Erzurum, 1240 km (771 miles) east of Istanbul and 873 km (542 miles) east of Ankara, is the “capital” of Eastern Türkiye, a transportation center, and a good base for explorations of Türkiye’s scenically spectacular east.

Erzurum was an important Selçuk Turkish city in the 1100s and 1200s, and has important Selçuk buildings such as the Çifte Minareli Medrese, the Yakutiye Medrese, a very old citadel, and various distinctive Selçuk Turkish tombs.

The museum and bazaar are also interesting to visit and local festivities are a must to experience. The museum and bazaar are also interesting to visit and local festivities are a must to experience. Use Erzurum as a base for visits to the beautiful Tortum Valley and Georgian churches in the Kaçkar Mountains to the northeast, and to Doğubayazıt to gaze on Mount Ağrı. The food is exceptional and all the local restaurants are tourist friendly. The Doğu Ekspresi (Eastern Express) train runs daily to and from Ankara, Kayseri (Cappadocia), Sivas, Divriği and Erzincan.

The train hauls sleeping cars, but is much slower than the bus, much much slower than a flight, and not as comfortable as sleeping car trains in western Türkiye.

# ABOUT ERZURUM





# VENUES



CURLING

ERZURUM CURLING HALL	
STATUS	Existing
CONSTRUCTION (LAST MAJOR RENOVATION)	2010
FUTURE WORKS	tbc
CAPACITY	1,000 (+ 500 temporary seats)
OWNER	Publicly owned
OPERATOR	Provincial Directorate of Youth Services and Sports
EXPERIENCE	2011 Winter Universiade, 2012 World Mixed Doubles Curling Championships and European Curling Championships



FIGURE SKATING / SHORT TRACK

ERZURUM ICE RINK	
STATUS	Existing (permanent works)
CONSTRUCTION (LAST MAJOR RENOVATION)	Approximately 2010 (tbc)
FUTURE WORKS	Venue could host the Games with major temporary upgrades
CAPACITY	3,000 (+1,000 temporary seats)
OWNER	Publicly owned
OPERATOR	Provincial Directorate of Youth Services and Sports
EXPERIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Turkish Ice Hockey League Competitions</li> <li>2012 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship Dev. III</li> <li>Short Track World Cup 2015</li> </ul>



ALPINE (SPEED AND TECHNICAL)

PALANDÖKEN SKI CENTRE	
STATUS	Existing (permanent works)
FUTURE WORKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Downhill and Super-G course upgrades</li> <li>To be homologated by FIS</li> </ul>
FINISH AREAS	tbc
CAPACITY	tbc
OWNER	Publicly owned
OPERATOR	Edjer 3200 (Erzurum Municipality-owned company)
EXPERIENCE	2011 Winter Universiade



FREESTYLE / SNOWBOARD

PALANDÖKEN SKI CENTRE	
STATUS	Existing (permanent works)
FUTURE WORKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some upgrades to meet FIS requirements</li> <li>Size of finish area and halfpipe would need to be increased</li> </ul>
FINISH AREAS	tbc
CAPACITY	tbc
OWNER	Publicly owned
OPERATOR	Edjer 3200 (Erzurum Municipality-owned company)
EXPERIENCE	FIS Snowboard Cross WC

# VENUES

## KANDILLI SPORTS CENTRE



- 1 competition venue (venue precinct)
- 2 finish areas / stadia



NORDIC COMBINED / CROSS COUNTRY / BIATHLON

### KANDILLI SKI CENTRE

STATUS	Existing
CONSTRUCTION (LAST MAJOR RENOVATION)	2010
FUTURE WORKS	Regular lifecycle upgrades
CAPACITY	Permanent stands for 700 + 500 people with potential temporary upgrades
OWNER	Publicly owned
OPERATOR	Provincial Directorate of Youth Services and Sports
EXPERIENCE	Junior and U23 World Championships; Candidate for World Cup events

## PALANDÖKEN SKI CENTER

- 2 competition venues (tbc)
  - Number of finish areas / stadia (tbc)

### BASE ELEVATION

- 2,150 m

### HIGHEST ELEVATION OF PALANDÖKEN SKI CENTRE

- 3,140 m





# ACCOMMODATION

## 3 OLYMPIC VILLAGES



### VILLAGE 1

### ERZURUM – 4,200 BEDS

Located downtown of Erzurum on the University campus. It is proposed to use the existing student accommodation with a current capacity of 3,200 beds which was built for the 2011 Winter Universiade. 2 additional existing housing blocks planned with 500 beds. An additional 500 rooms are available 500m from the Olympic Village.

*Why Erzurum?*  
BECAUSE ERZURUM IS THE CAPITAL OF WINTER SPORTS



INTERNATIONAL BROADCAST CENTRE

### IBC

#### RECEP TAYYIP ERDOGAN EXHIBITION CENTRE

STATUS	Existing
CONSTRUCTION (LAST MAJOR RENOVATION)	2017
FUTURE WORKS	Temporary expansion needed (+ approximately 20,000m <sup>2</sup> temporary structure)
TOTAL INDOOR FLOOR AREA	19,500 m <sup>2</sup> permanent
SITE AREA	25,000 m <sup>2</sup>
OWNER	Municipality of Erzurum
OPERATOR	tbc



MAIN PRESS CENTRE

### MPC

#### ATATÜRK UNIVERSITY

STATUS	Existing
CONSTRUCTION (LAST MAJOR RENOVATION)	2017
FUTURE WORKS	Potential temporary expansion (detailed study required)
TOTAL FLOOR AREA	tbc
SITE AREA	tbc
OWNER	Atatürk University (public university)
OPERATOR	Atatürk University (public university)

# TRANSPORTATION

## TRANSPORT CONCEPT

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### DISTANCES AND TRAVEL TIMES

- All venues in the Erzurum region are located within 45 mins of Erzurum Olympic Village (bus travel time).
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### GENERAL STRATEGY

- Compact concept in Erzurum with a focus on road transport due to limited public transport infrastructure.
  - Main Gateway airport would be Istanbul with air connection via 3 neighbouring airports (Erzurum, Trabzon and Kars), taking advantage of planned high-speed rail.
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### INFRASTRUCTURE

- Extension of "Ankara – Sivas" high speed railway towards Erzincan, Erzurum and Kars (completion planned by 2023).
- Upgrade of highway connection Erzurum – Trabzon / Rize including 4 tunnels (planned for 2019) would reduce current travel time of 3-4 hours to 1h40.





# Management

International School Sport Federation (ISF)

Office - [admin@isfsports.org](mailto:admin@isfsports.org)

Sport department - [sport@isfsports.org](mailto:sport@isfsports.org)

Local Organising Committee

Organisation - Turkish School Sports Federation

[isf@tosf.gov.tr](mailto:isf@tosf.gov.tr)

## PORTS OF ENTRY

The followings are the official ports of entry:

- Erzurum International Airport

## TRAVELLING

Travel to the official ports of entry is to be arranged and financed by each participating delegation.

Delegations are to arrive on 11th February 2023 and depart on 18th February, 2023 after breakfast. The organisation of an extended stay for the delegation (before or after the event) is a matter of the delegation concerned. It shall not be the responsibility of the Local Organising Committee.

When the distance between the host city and the capital of a participating delegation on another continent exceeds 5000km, the delegation may extend its stay by arriving one day earlier (10th February 2023) and/or leaving one day later (19th February 2023) at the standard daily fee.

## VISA

Each participating delegation is required to check whether a visa is needed to enter Turkey. Please contact the related Embassy or Consulate to consult visa application procedure.

## INSURANCE

Each participating delegation is required to provide insurance for each member of its delegation. At a minimum the insurance is to cover civil liability, material damage and medical costs.

## MEASURES RELATED TO COVID-19

The Local Organising Committee will carry out relevant work against COVID-19 in accordance with the joint prevention and control policies of the National Health Commission.

# Sports Programme

- Alpine Skiing
- Biathlon
- Cross-Country Skiing
- Curling
- Figure skating
- Hockey
- Ski Orienteering
- Snowboarding

# Age Category

Students born in **2005**, **2006**, and **2007** can participate



## ALPINE SKIING

### Boys/Girls

- Slalom
- Giant slalom
- **Super G**

### Mixed

- Parallel Team Event



## BIATHLON

### Boys/Girls

- Sprint (B:7,5km; G:6km)

### Mixed

- Team Relay



## CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

### Boys/Girls

- Sprint
- Classic (B:10km; G:5km)
- Relay



## CURLING

### Mixed

- Mixed Doubles
- Mixed Team



## FIGURE SKATING

### Boys/Girls

- Single

### Mixed

- Ice dance



## HOCKEY

### Boys/Girls

- Teams



## SKI ORIENTEERING

### Boys/Girls

- Sprint

### Mixed

- Mixed relay



## SNOW BOARDING

### Boys/Girls

- Halfpipe
- Slopestyle
- Snowboard Cross



# ERAS REGISTRATION

## ISF members

Please note that this section of this bulletin is relevant only for ISF members.

### HOW TO REGISTER

The only registrations accepted are the one made through ERAS - the ISF registration platform.

- Each ISF member country is entitled to have the credential to access ERAS.
- To access ERAS, Please use your ERAS credentials at: [ISF ERAS | ERAS \(isf-eras.org\)](https://isf-eras.org)
- If you forgot your password, you can reset it at: [Password Recovery | ISF ERAS \(isf-eras.org\)](#)
- If you encounter any other problems, please contact the ISF secretariat at [admin@isfsports.org](mailto:admin@isfsports.org) or the sport department at [sport@isfsports.org](mailto:sport@isfsports.org).

The registration process for ISF members is divided in 3 phases:

#### Phase 1

20/06/2022 - 30/9/2022/ \*deposit payment

During registration phase 1 participating delegations shall enter their sport selection.

#### Phase 2

01/10/2022 - 30/10/2022

Registration phase 2 will only be opened after the \*deposit has been paid. In registration phase 2 participating delegations shall enter the exact number of athletes (boys/girls), team officials, field of play officials, and additional adults per selected sport.

#### Phase 3

31/10/2022 - 30/11/2023

During registration phase 3, participating delegations are expected to enter the exact detailed information for each participant (name, date of birth, gender, photo, dietary requirements), and the events per sport in which they wish to participate. In addition, submitting the expected date of arrival and departure as well as the type of transport will be required.

\*see more information on the deposit in the "deposit" section below

### Registration Deadlines Summary

June 20, 2022 (23:59 CET)	Opening of registration phase 1/ intention of participation
September 30, 2022 (23:59 CET)	Closing of registration phase 1/ intention of participation
After deposit payment	Opening of registration phase 2
October 30, 2022 (23:59 CET)	Closing of registration phase 2
October 31, 2022 (23:59 CET)	Opening of registration phase 3
November 30, 2023 (23:59 CET)	Closing of registration phase 3

# Financial Conditions

Please note that this section of this bulletin is relevant only for ISF members.

To participate, each ISF member is required to make two (2) payments:

1. Deposit payment
2. Balance fee payment



## 1. Deposit payment

Along with the entry and in order to have access to registration phase 2, participating ISF members will need to pay a deposit of 1200 € per delegation entered in Phase 1.

Please note that the participation to the event is granted only by the deposit payment (deadline of deposit payment: [30/09/2022](#)).

- The sum will be deducted from the total participation cost.
- The deposit must be sent as a single payment for the whole delegation by the organisation responsible for school sport (federation, trust, ministry...).
- The deposit is non-refundable in the event of non-participation. Waivers to the payment of the deposit, for whatever reasons, are to be discussed with the ISF office and to be agreed upon before the deposit payment deadlines.

The deposit for the registered teams per category shall be paid by [30/09/2022](#).

Deposit shall be paid by bank transfer to the ISF to the following account (all bank charges are to be met by the participating country):

*Name of the Bank: BNP PARIBAS FORTIS*

*Address of the bank: Rond-point Robert Schuman 10, 1040 Bruxelles, Belgium*

*BIC/Swift Code: GEBABEBB*

*IBAN: BE 03 0015 2130 7984*

*Payee/holder: International School Sport Federation, 59 Rue Archimede, 1000 Brussels, Belgium*

*Reference: ISF Winter Gymnasiade 2023 – Deposit – [name of the country]*

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## Deposit Deadlines Summary

30/09/2022





## 2. Balance fee payment

The balance fee payment is the participation fee minus the deposit already paid.

The participation fee covers full board accommodation for the duration of the event plus competition, cultural programme activities and all local transport from the arrival to the official port of entry to the departure of the team.

The participation fee is composed of:

- Rates by night: minimum 50€/night/delegation member
- ISF levy: 50€ per delegation member

The table below shows an overview of the minimum participation fee per participant.

No. Nights		Rate by night		ISF levy	Total (minimum/participant)
7	x	50€	+	50€	= 400€

More information on the balance fee payment will be provided in Bulletin 1.





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