



World Para
Ice Hockey

Invitation

Astana 2023 World Para Ice Hockey

World Championships B-Pool

6 October-11 October 2023

1 Introduction

NPC Kazakhstan and World Para Ice Hockey are pleased to invite you to the Astana 2023 World Para Ice Hockey World Championships B-Pool. The tournament will be held from 6 October to 11 October 2023 at the Tarlan Arena in Astana, Kazakhstan .

2 Organisation and Administration

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3 Dates of Competition

3 October	Arrival
4 October	Training, classification, equipment verification
5 October	Training, team pictures, classification, and directorate meeting
6 October	Opening ceremony
6-11 October.	Competitions
12 October	Departure

4 Venue

The tournament will be held at the following venue:

Tarlan Arena
Turan Ave 5/1, Astana 020000
Kazakhstan

Information about ice arena:

- Rink size: length - 66,72 m, width 37,12 m.
- Construction date: 2013, remodified for para ice hockey on 2019

5 Event Schedule

Teams	
Ranking	
1. SVK	4. FIN
2. SWE	5. GBR
3. JPN	6. KAZ

Tentative Competition Schedule:

3 October	Arrival
4 October	Training, classification and equipment check
5 October	Training, team pictures, classification, and Directorate #1
6 October	Opening Ceremony and Game Day
7 October	Game Day, Directorate #2
8 October	Game day
9 October	Rest Day
10 October	Game Day, directorate #3
11 October	Game day and Closing Ceremony
12 October	Departures

Match ups will be determined later. Changes can be made by WPIH as needed.

6 Rules and Regulations

The competition will be conducted under World Para Ice Hockey Regulations 2023-2024, World Para Ice Hockey Rulebook 2018-2022 and World Para Ice Hockey

Classification Rules and Regulations ver. 2017. If you require further information, please visit <https://www.paralympic.org/ice-hockey/rules>.

7 Maximum Entry per NPC

NPCs are allowed to enter a maximum of **seventeen (17) athletes** (15 players and 2 goalkeepers) unless their squad of players (including goalkeepers) includes at least one female, in which case the team may consist of a maximum of eighteen (18) athletes.

Each NPC is entitled to register up to **six (6) team officials**.

An NPC may request to bring additional team officials but this will be subject to prior approval of the WPIH. The NPC will be required to pay a correspondingly higher entry fee reflecting the cost of additional team officials.

8 International classification

Those athletes who have never been classified („New“) or have a designated sport class status of „R“ (Review) will be required to go through International Classification prior to the start of the tournament.

A detailed classification schedule will follow after the revision of the final entries by World Para Ice Hockey. All athletes informed that they require classification must arrive at a time prior to their allocated appointment time. NPCs are advised to contact info@WorldParaIceHockey.org to arrange for the classification schedules.

Athletes due for classification must ensure a copy of the [IPC Medical Diagnostics Form](#) is completed and uploaded by the NPC to SDMS at least six (4) weeks before the event.

9 Anti-Doping

The IPC is the responsible authority for the anti-doping programme at the Astana 2023 World Para Ice Hockey World Championships B-Pool and the [IPC Anti-Doping](#)

[Code](#) (effective 1 July 2020) applies to this event. Doping control samples may be collected both in-competition and out-of-competition. The samples will be urine and/or blood and can be collected anytime, anywhere.

All athletes that require the use of a prohibited substance for a medically justified reason must ensure that they have a valid Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) prior to the event. Athletes should bring a copy of their TUE approval form to the event. In the case of an emergency TUE application during the event period, athletes must apply to the IPC Medical Committee. All anti-doping and TUE questions can be sent to antidoping@paralympic.org.

For further information regarding the rules, please click on: <http://www.paralympic.org/the-ipc/anti-doping/documents>.

10 Entries and Registration

All athletes entered in the event must be licensed for the 2023-2024 winter season by the time of the final entries deadline. Athletes' entries not meeting this criterion will be rejected by World Para Ice Hockey.

All athletes must be entered by their respective NPCs or organisations authorised by the NPC and accepted by World Para Ice Hockey.

All NPCs must declare their entries within the given deadlines. No late entries are to be accepted.

Replacement entries may be accepted only due to injury or medical reason. The NPC must submit support documents to World Para Ice Hockey office for approval. The LOC must also approve if such late changes can be accommodated.

Registration deadlines

The Registration process and timeline shall be as follows:

1	Opening of SDMS online registration system for Entry (by Number).	01 Jul. 2023
2	Deadline for SDMS online Entry (by Number) (NPCs are invoiced based on the number provided in this entry).	01 Aug. 2023
3	Opening of SDMS online registration system for Entry (by Name)	01 Aug. 2023
4	Close of SDMS online Final Entry (by Name) system and deadline for payment of the entry fee and provision of: NOTE: <u>No</u> reimbursement for any team members withdrawn will be accepted after this date.	01 Sept. 2023
5	Opening of IPC Accreditation system	01 Aug. 2023
6	Deadlines for entries into IPC Accreditation system : 1. Team arrival and departure information (Transport) 2. Team accommodation information Team entries including photos	01 Sept. 2023

SDMS Online Entry Process

The SDMS online entry system can be accessed via the following:

www.paralympic.org/sdms

The log-in details are the same username and password used for **SDMS account**.

If you do not have access to the SDMS/Entries system, please **contact your NPC**.

The NPC will be able to make the online entry on your behalf.

Detailed **instructions for the online entry process** can be found [here](#).

IPC Accreditation System

The IPC Accreditation System will open in September and can be accessed via your SDMS account. Here you will be required to enter the team's transportation details, accommodation information, photos, team staff information. This substitutes the filling of forms that we did in the past. The information will be directly available to

the LOC. Athlete information such as athlete photos will be automatically generated from the SDMS.

The website to the accreditation system is: www.paralympic.org/accreditation

11 Entry Fee

The entry fee is charged at **565 EUR per participant** (incl. athletes and team officials).

NOTE: accommodation for the approved Team Contingent is not included. Additional rooms must be booked and paid separately (see section 15).

Payment

The Entry Fee of 565 EUR per participant must be paid by transfer to the IPC. Upon submission of the online Entry by Number, NPCs will be issued with a Participation Fee Invoice. This invoice should be paid direct to IPC (bank details below) by no later than 01 September 2023. Please ensure that the correct invoice number is referenced in the payment.

Account Name:	IPC, Adenauerallee 212-214, D-53113 Bonn, Germany
Bank:	Deutsche Bank AG, D-53113 Bonn, Germany
Bank code:	380 700 59
Branch No.:	414
SWIFT Address:	DEUT DE DK 380
IBAN:	DE75380700590029012200

12 Transportation

The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) will provide a transportation service from the Nursultan Nazarbayev International Airport (Astana city) to the Team Hotel (on official arrival/departure days or other days as agreed), and from the hotel to the arena for the duration of the Championships (4-12 October 2023).

The LOC Transportation Manager will help NPC's with flight organization in relation to transport to the Venue.

NPCs must submit their transportation information via the IPC Accreditation System.

13 Meals

The Host Organizing Committee is responsible for arranging all 3 meals + snack per day for every participants listed on the Entry by Names, excluding team members over the 23/24 limit. The meals are included in the rate for accommodation per person per day. Any additional persons and any changes made to the pre-set menu that exceed the negotiated rate are the responsibility of the team and will be charged directly to the respective team. The same applies to "Extras" at the hotel during the tournament - e.g. for the meals bottled water is available free of charge. All other drinks must be paid for.

Breakfasts, lunch and dinner will be served at the Accommodation. Snacks will be available at your dressing rooms. Please inform the LOC of any vegetarian/vegan need, halal, kosher or intolerance/allergies.

14 Extra Days

In case of early arrival or late departure, extra need for transportation and/or ice renting, all costs are to be covered 100% by the NPC/team itself. Please contact the LOC with a copy to info@WorldParaIceHockey.org for more information about extra days.

15 Accommodation

Teams will be lodged at the official hotel. All types of rooms are offered as full board including breakfast, lunch and dinner.

To secure your choice of accommodation, make your reservation as soon as possible. Requests of accommodation are made directly to the organizer by email at: m.tlebaldy@paralympic.kz.

More information about the accommodation including pictures can also be found on the hotel website. Please note that accommodation reservations are binding and not refundable after the set deadline.

Accommodation prices for full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner are included) and transport, prices are shown per person per night:

Duman Hotel	Single room: 150 EUR per person/day, taxes included	Twin room: 200 EUR per room/day, (*room must be double occupancy) taxes included
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Booking

Bookings for the accommodation have to be made through the LOC. Submit the accommodation information directly to the LOC and please follow the deadlines listed below:

Deadline for reservation:	1 August 2023
Deadline for final payment:	15 August 2023

Bank Information

The Accommodation Fees should be transferred to the following bank account according to the terms of payment:

IBAN number	KZ096017111000023297 (EUR)
SWIFT / BIC	HSBKKZKX
Account Number	KZ096017111000023297 (EUR)
Name of Bank	JSC Halyk Bank
Organization	Public Association «National Paralympic Committee»

Please transfer the full invoice amount without any deductions to the following bank account as soon as possible and identify your payment by stating the invoice number in the reference field. Please note that the payer is to bear all bank charges to ensure that LOC receives the complete amount. The invoice will not be considered as settled if the LOC receives less than the complete amount. It is therefore important for the payer to bear all bank charges.

16 Host City

Location

Astana - The Capital of Kazakhstan

Astana is a modern city with a favourable environment attractive for tourists and comfortable for residents and guests of the Kazakh capital to live in.

Astana became the capital of new Kazakhstan in 1998 for a variety of reasons. By the end of the XX century, the country's former capital Almaty was facing a heap of difficulties hampering further development of the city: the problem of overpopulation

(over 1.500.000 inhabitants); traffic congestion; deteriorating environmental conditions. Moreover, compact planning of the “southern capital” in practice, restricted modern development of the city.

The choice was made in favor of Astana due to a number of decided advantages: vast urban area, favorable geographical location - close to the country's main economic centers, significant demographic potential, well-developed transport infrastructure and the relatively favorable environment.

From the history of Astana

The horizonless Akmola steppes have long been the place for various civilizations and cultures to meet and intertwine. The “Father of History” Herodotus, in his writings, mentioned the route, laid through the Great Steppe (later known as the Great Silk Road), caravans passed by through these places. Development of handicrafts and home industry, trade boom in the cities, formerly traditionally employed exclusively in animal husbandry and agriculture, were boosted by the caravan routes of the Great Steppe.

The medieval ancient settlement of Bozok, found five kilometers from modern Astana, can rightly be called a millennial predecessor of the Kazakh capital.

Almost two decades ago, in the 30-s of the XIX century, in these steppes, on the site of Akmola village was founded the city of Akmolinsk to serve as a military, commercial and economic center.

Due to virgin land reclamation in the 60-s of last century Akmolinsk was renamed Tselinograd (“tselina” means “virgin land”).

The historical name Akmola was returned to the city in 1992. When the city was granted the status of the Kazakh capital on May 6, 1998, it was named Astana, which means “a capital”. Thus, the ancient city of able craftsmen, skilled tradesmen and industrious farmers became the center of political, public, social and cultural life of new, democratic sovereign Kazakhstan.

Today Astana is not only a country's major administrative center, located at the intersection of major development networks of the country. It is the city-leader, setting the pace in the innovative development of Kazakhstan. The city, which acts as a locomotive of the reforms in Kazakhstan of the new millennium is also a tourist attraction in the steppes

Population

The population of Astana is about 1,200, 000 people

Climate

Astana has an extreme continental climate with warm summers (featuring occasional brief rain showers) and long, very cold, dry winters. Summer temperatures occasionally reach +35 °C (95 °F) while -30 to -35 °C (-22 to -31 °F) is not unusual between mid-December and early March.

July is the hottest month with an average temperature of +20.7 °C (69.3 °F).

Language

The official language is Kazakh

Currency

KZT (1 USD = 450 KZT, 1 KZT = 0,0022 USD)

Time Zone

GMT +6

Power plug & outlet Type

In Kazakhstan the power plugs and sockets are of type C and F. The standard voltage is 220 V and the standard frequency is 50 Hz.

- Type C: also known as the standard "Euro" plug. This socket also works with plug E and plug F.
- Type F: also known as "Schuko". This socket also works with plug C and plug E.



Type F: This socket also works with plug C and E



Type C: This socket also works with plug E and F

Popular destinations

Bayterek

What should you start exploring Astana from? Surely, you should start from the Bayterek, the capital's symbol. The monument embodies the Kazakh people's idea of the universe. The tower construction symbolizes three universe bases - underground, earthly and heavenly worlds. At the depth of 4.5 meter, there is the lower level housing café, aquariums and mini-gallery "Bayterek".

Museum of the First President of Kazakhstan

You will certainly remember the Museum of the First President of Kazakhstan with its pieces of interior decoration and furniture, souvenirs and paintings, presented to President, arms and chattels personal, documents and graphic works, as well as items of decorative and applied arts, etc.

Duman

If you want to plunge into childhood, walk along a seabed, visit miniatures museum, know all resources of media-technologies in 3D cinema theater, then do not miss an opportunity to visit the entertainment center Duman on the Astana left bank area.

Khan Shatyr

The shopping and entertainment center "Khan Shatyr" was open in July 2010. It can be called one of the Astana latest landmarks, because its architect was famous

Norman Foster, who had designed many structures not only in Astana, but also in London and many other world's country.

Khasret Sultan Cathedral Mosque

One of the most modern attractions of Astana, the young Kazakhstan capital, is the Khasret Sultan Cathedral Mosque. The colossal building resembles an oriental palace, whose construction involved over 1,500 builders and masters, who with joint efforts created the most beautiful landmark of Astana.

Expo Heritage - museum of the future «Nur Alem»

The most significant tourist object of the EXPO-2017 after-exhibition heritage is the Nur Alem pavilion-museum. It is remarkable that this new symbol of our capital Astana was mostly referred to by international mass media. The Future Energy Museum became the same symbolic sign of Kazakhstan as the Eiffel Tower for Paris and the Crystal Castle for London, etc.

Presently, the Nur Alem is the mostly visited tourist's objects. The residents and guests of Astana get the possibility both to have fun and to enrich them with unique knowledge concerning the energy, its sources and ways it is used. We should also add that the Nur Alem complex was recognized as special guarded national architectural object in November 2017.

17 Immigration and Customs

All visitors must have a valid passport to enter Kazakhstan. Passports must be valid at least three (3) months after the expected departure date from Kazakhstan. For example, if the departure date is 11 October 2023, the passport must be valid until 11 January 2024. Individuals will be asked to have all documents in hand and ready for presentation at the primary inspection point prior to arriving at the Immigration & Customs booth.

18 Visitor Visa

If required, please forward a complete invitation list of each person travelling with your group to Kazakhstan via e-mail to LOC responsible person no later than 15 August 2023.

The list must include the following:

- Legal Given Name as it appears in the passports
- Passport issuing country
- Passport number
- Passport expiry date
- Date of birth
- Passport issuing date

19 Insurance

Each National Federation and/or National Paralympic Committee must ensure that all members of their delegation are appropriately insured, including coverage for accidents, health, travel, property and liability.

Each team will need to provide evidence of insurance cover at the first Directorate Meeting at the latest. Please send a copy to info@WorldParaIceHockey.org.

20 Medical Information

Treatment

No medical insurance for accidents will be provided to any of the participants. 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.

Medical services

The LOC will do its best to guarantee the safety of all participants and will provide emergency ambulance and first aid services for the teams during the entire duration of the tournament. Medical personnel will be present at all events at the tournament venue.

21 Accreditation

All accreditation details for athletes and team officials are dealt with in the IPC Accreditation online entry system. All accreditation cards will be handed out upon arrival to the Team Manager.

22 Contact details

Should you require further information please do not hesitate to contact us.

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