



2024 Asian Rowing Championships

Samarkand, Uzbekistan

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INVITATION

Dear Sport Friends, on behalf of Uzbekistan "Rowing and Canoe" Federation, I would like to say "Welcome" to all the Asian Rowing Federation to participate in the 2024 Asian Rowing Championships to be held in Samarkand, 10 – 14 October 2024.

The competition will be held in the city of Samarkand, on the rowing venue, which currently is the only artificial in Central Asia.

We will try to create the best conditions for this competition. We have made all our efforts to hold this very important event in the finest way and try to create the best conditions for all participants to take part in these competitions. We believe that participation in these competitions will allow athletes to show their best results and the rich cultural and historical heritage of the "Pearl of the East" Samarkand city, leaving an indelible impression in the memory of every member of this global sports event.

See you in Samarkand!
Welcome to Uzbekistan!

Bobur Islamov
President of the Uzbekistan «Rowing & Canoe» Federation

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International Jury

The International Jury will be appointed by the Asian Rowing Federation.



1. General Introduction of Samarkand city, Uzbekistan:

Short Information about Uzbekistan

Today, Uzbekistan is a new independent state in Central Asia. After the collapse of the USSR, Uzbekistan chose a peace-loving democratic policy. It launched reforms to develop a market economy and enter the international economic society as a full member.

Formal name: The Republic of Uzbekistan

Geographic coordinates: 41 00 N, 64 00 E

Area: total 447,400 km²; land: 425,400 km²; water: 22,000 km²

Land boundaries: total 6,221 km

Border countries: Afghanistan 137 km; Kazakhstan 2,203 km;
Kyrgyzstan 1,099 km; Tajikistan 1,161 km;
Turkmenistan 1,621 km

Population: 36,197,781 million (April 2023)

Density of population: 50.1 per km²

Capital: Tashkent

Language: Official language -Uzbek,

widely used: Russian, Tajik, Kara kalpak, also English, which is getting popular among youth generation.

National currency: Sum. 1 sum=100 tiyin.

Structure: Sovereign Republic of Karakalpakstan, 12 provinces, 226 cities and districts.

Religion: Islam - 88%, Christian - 9%

Time: GMT + 05:00

Electric power: 220 V AC, 50 amp;

Standard two-pin plug socket Domain zone:.uz

International dialing code: +998

"Everything I have heard about Samarqand is true. Except that it's more beautiful than I ever imagined." Alexander the Great, 329 BC.

Among the cities of the world, one of the most ancient is Samarqand, whose history dates back 2,500 years. In its time, the city was conquered by the warriors of Alexander the Great, the Army of the Arab Caliphate, and the Mongol hordes of Genghis-khan.

Each time, after the bloody battles, devastation, and fire, it was reborn to become once again an important city and, at times, the capital of a major Central Asian state. Originally, Samarqand occupied part of Mount Afrasiab (Afrosiab), which rises to the north of modern Samarkand.

The city grew and expanded its borders, and by the ninth century, it occupied the entire hill. By the tenth century, its numerous suburbs to the south of the hill were built up with bazaars, caravanserais, baths, and mosques. This part of the city was well irrigated. In contrast, Afrasiab presented difficulties in water supply, and an intricate arrangement of lead water pipes along an aqueduct was required. When Samarkand was captured by the Mongols, the ancient water supply system was destroyed, and life on Afrasiab ended. Today it is a lifeless hill concealing priceless treasures from the artistic culture of the past. The Mongol invasion destroyed the buildings of the previous period. It took a whole century to recover from the after-effects of the Mongol invasion. Plundered and demolished Samarqand was rebuilt on the site of one of its former suburbs.



The restoration of the Shakh-i-Zindah necropolis, a religious relic, the supposed grave of Kusam ibn-Abbas, was begun on Afrasiab. The building of the necropolis reached its height during the last quarter of the fourteenth century, at a time when the mausoleums for the members of the Timur family, his military leaders and his courtiers, were being built. Some of the structures of the Shakh-i-Zindah ensemble date back to the second half of the fifteenth century, the Ulug Beg period.

They are: the unreservedly decorated portals (1434 -1435) by the foot of Mount Afrasiab, and the mausoleum higher up the slope, with two elevated turquoise domes, presumably over the grave of the astronomer Kazy-zade-Rumi, Ulug Beg's teacher. The narrow passage beyond the mausoleum is lined on either side with the mausoleums of the Timur period. They form a fantastic spectacle of majolica revetment and tile mosaics. The mausoleum of Shadi-Mulk-aka (1372) and her mother Tour-kan-aka, Timur's sister, are better preserved than others. The facing of the portals is done with blocks of superbly carved glazed terracotta in combination with majolica.

The passage between the mausoleums gives way to a charming shady courtyard enclosed by the mausoleum of Tournan-aka (early 15th century), and the mausoleums built before the time of Timur - those of Khoja Akhmad, and of an unknown person. A door with the date 6 1404-1405, which is decorated with carvings and originally had an ivory inlay, leads from a courtyard to a fifteenth century mosque and the earliest and principal mausoleum, that of Kusam ibn-Abbas. The colored enameled revetment of Shakhi- Zindah is unique. The stone masons who followed one another over a century were able to unite individual buildings into a single architectural ensemble with great artistic gracefulness. Towards the end of the fourteenth century, Samarqand became the capital of the huge Empire of Timur. The Bibi-khanum mosque was built in great haste in the years 1399-1404. The walls of the mosque are faced with polished brick, which serve as a backdrop for the blue enameled bricks used for a large geometrical decorative pattern. Such monumental ornamentation is characteristic of the buildings constructed for Timur. One of the last of Timur's structures in Samarqand was the mausoleum of Gur-Emir (1403-1404), which served as the tomb for his sons, his grandson Ulug Beg, and for himself. The mausoleum was added to the existing complex of two buildings, that of the madrasah and khana-gah, forming as it did the third side of a courtyard. The fourth side was formed by entrance portals decorated with glazed tile mosaics. In the fifteenth century, during the time of Ulug Beg, structures were less grandiose but were distinguished by nobility of form and a great harmony of colored enameled revetment: the entry portals, the mausoleums of Kazy-zade-Rumi, the octagonal Shakhi-Zindah, and the madrasah in Reghistan, the large square in the busiest part of the city (1420). Ulug Beg's observatory outside Samarqand was a unique structure. After Ulug Beg was murdered it was abandoned and by the sixteenth century it was in ruins.

Alongside the monumental fifteenth century buildings, smaller architectural ensembles were erected. Such is the ensemble Khoja Abdi-Darun. When Bukhara once again became the capital in the sixteenth century, there was less construction in Samarkand, and many structures suffered neglect. In the seventeenth century the Madrasah Shir-Dor (1619-1636) was built, where once stood now the now nonexistent khana-gah of Ulug Beg. The building stands on the same axis as the Ulug Beg Madrasah and repeats its facade not only in size but also in its overall composition. The third side of Reghistan Square was occupied with Tillah-kari Madrasah (1646- 1660).

As Timur's Bibi-khanum mosque was in ruins by that time, a Friday mosque was added to the complex of structures comprising the Tillah-kari Madrasah. After the seventeenth century, the situation in the country changed. Never did architecture in Samarqand reach such heights again. But the ancient city continued to exist, and now it is once more a thriving, developing city, one of the industrial and cultural centers of Uzbekistan.

2. Competition Information

2.1 Competition Date:

The 2024 Asian Rowing Championships will be held on 10– 14 October 2024.

2.2 Competition Venue:

Samarkand Rowing Channel



Coordinates: 39°39'26"N 67°3'40"E

2.3 Events:

Senior Man	Events: M1x, M2x, M4x, M2-, M4-, M8+ Events: LM1x, LM2x, LM4-,
Senior Woman	Events: W1x, W2x, W4x, W2-, W4-, W8+ Events: LW1x, LW2x, LW4x

Event Groupings:

The events will be divided into two Groups, A and B for scheduling purposes. If the two Groups are run on the same day, they would be held as separate sessions, e.g. Group A in the morning; Group B in the afternoon.

Please note that crews/athletes who enter events in the same group do so **AT THEIR OWN RISK**. No changes to the competition schedule will be entertained in order to accommodate doubling-up in the same group.

The Groups are as follows:

Group A	Group B
M1x	M4x
M2x	M2-
M4-	M8+
LM1x	W8+
LM2x	LM4-
W1x	W4x
W2x	W4-
W2-	LW4x
LW1x	
LW2x	

2.4 Provisional Schedule

Date (October)	7.10 Mon	8.10 Tue	9.10 Wed	10.10 Thu	11.10 Fri	12.10 Sat	13.10 Sun	14.10 Mon	15.10 Tue
Arrival & Check-in									
Boat Rental and Draw									
Course Open									
Team Manager									
Jury Meeting									
Opening Ceremony									
Heats									
Repechages									
Semi-finals									
Finals									
Departure									

Note: Based on the number of Final Entry, this schedule subject to change.

Daily Training Schedules 07:00 hrs to 30 Mins before the first start.
Training sessions resume different time every racing day until 17:30 hrs;
No Racing days Course Open from 08:00.

2.5 Entries

Preliminary Entry must be received **30 July 2024**. The Preliminary Entry must include the events to be entered, the total number of athletes in the team, and the number of officials accompanying the team.

Final Entry is due by **30 August 2024**. The completed Final Entry must include all necessary information for each crew, including name with date of birth of each athlete, all team members and substitutes and officials.

Entry Forms for Preliminary and Final Entries are attached to this Bulletin. They should be completed and forwarded to the Organizing Committee and to the ARF office, by the stipulated date.

Late Entry: Will not be entertained. Please note that late entries will NOT be accepted after the final entry lists have been published, or at the Team Manager's meetings.

3. Rental Boats:

All boats and other equipment must comply with FISA Rules of Racing.

single scull (1x)	60 USD \$ per boat/per day
double scull/ pair (2x/2-)	70 USD \$ per boat/per day
quadruple scull/four (4x/4-)	80 USD \$ per boat/per day
eight (8+)	100 USD \$ per boat/per day

The OC will provide boats for rent. Requests for hiring boats should be submitted to "rcfu_rowing@mail.ru, rowinguzbekistan@gmail.com" using the **attached Boat Rental Form on or before 25 August 2024** .

After this date there is no guarantee of boat availability.

Please note that all the boat rental must have deposit \$ 200/boat.

If you need to rent oars and sculls the rate is \$100/pair of scull, \$120/pair of sweep, for the event.

Shipping Agent:

If MFs want to bring their own boats by container, please contact:

Company Name: Advance international transport inc

City: Tashkent

Country/Territory: Uzbekistan

Email: dildora@advance-international.com

Telephone: +998 71 132-26-25

4. Accommodation and Meals:

Accommodation:
\$110 single room per person/ with 3 times meal
\$90 double room per person/ with 3 times meal
Low cost hotel:
\$90 single room per person/ with 3 times meal
\$70 double room per person/ with 3 times meal

For hotel reservation, please contact the OC : rcfu_rowing@mail.ru,
rowinguzbekistan@gmail.com



5. Local Transportation:

5.1 Transportation cost from “Samarkand International Airport” to hotel/venue and round trip: **\$ 80 – per person**

5.2 Transportation cost from “Tashkent International Airport”

Tashkent-Samarkand-Tashkent by train

- The return ticket fare for electric "Afrosiyob" train (2.5 hour)

Economy class: 100 USD

Business class: 120 USD VIP – class 150 USD

- The return ticket fare for electric "Sharq" train (3.5 hour)

Economy class: 70 USD

Business class: 80 USDVIP – class 100 USD

Transportation fee by bus, mini van- \$60 one way per person

6. Weather:

The average daily temperature during this period is +18 +20°C, at night +11°C. During daylight hours, the temperature ranges from +9°C to +28°C (from the beginning to the end of March). At night - from +8°C to +19°C. In March, 47 mm of precipitation falls, usually in the form of light torrential rain.

Average daily maximum air temperature (°C)	20-25 (°C)
Average daily minimum air temperature (°C)	15 - 20 (°C)
Average relative humidity (%)	15 – 40 (%)
Average monthly rainfall (mm)	0.5 (mm)
Predominant wind direction	South
Average wind speed	3m/s
Maximum wind speed	6m/s

7. Medical and Rescue Support

(1) Medical Support

During the event, an ambulance and professional emergency medical staff will be dispatched to the venue to provide medical support.

(2) Rescue Support

The OC will cooperate with a local professional safety rescue team to ensure that rescue operations during the event are effectively implemented.

8. Insurance

Each participating team is responsible for arranging insurance coverage for their equipment and personnel. The OC strongly recommends this precaution.

9. Accreditation

All Individuals (Jury, Team Officials & Participants) are requested to email a passport photograph with Entry Forms by name.



10. Visa

VISA OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

In accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Uzbekistan, foreign citizens and stateless persons can enter Uzbekistan and transit through its territory only if they have entry visas, with the exception of countries for whose citizens a **visa-free regime** is established in Uzbekistan according to bilateral International Treaties and Decrees of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan (the list of such countries and the visa-free period is given below).

Foreign citizens and stateless persons who intend to arrive in Uzbekistan from a country where there is no diplomatic mission or consular office of Uzbekistan can obtain visas on arrival at the **Visa sector of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan at Tashkent International Airport** named after Islam Karimov.

To this end:

- a. The inviting legal entity or individual in Uzbekistan must apply in advance in accordance with the established procedure to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan, obtain the appropriate confirmation (stamp) of the Visa department of the Consular and Legal Department and send it to the invited person.
- b. This confirmation is presented by the invited person when purchasing an air ticket, passing through passport control in the host country and on its basis a visa is issued to him upon arrival in the Visa sector of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan at Tashkent international airport named after Islam Karimov.

VISA REGIME OF UZBEKISTAN WITH INDIVIDUAL STATES

List of countries for whose citizens a **visa-free** regime is established in the Republic of Uzbekistan

- a. Up to 60 days: 1. Kyrgyz Republic
- b. Up to 30 days: 1. Republic of Tajikistan 2. State of Brunei Darussalam 3. Canada 4. Malaysia 5. Mongolia 6. United Arab Emirates 7. Republic of Indonesia 8. Republic of Korea 9. Singapore 10. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland 11. Republic of Turkey 12. Federal Republic of Germany 13. French Republic 14. Japan
- c. Up to 10 days: 1. Kingdom of Bahrain 2. State of Qatar 3. State of Kuwait 4. Sultanate of Oman 5. People's Republic of China, including the Hong Kong and Macao Special Administrative Regions of the People's Republic of China



Note: Based on bilateral international agreements and parity, a bilateral visa-free regime has been established with the Republic of Azerbaijan, Georgia, the Republic of Armenia, the Republic of Belarus, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation, Ukraine, the Kyrgyz Republic (up to 60 days) and the Republic of Tajikistan (up to 30 days).

The visa-free regime applies to citizens of the above countries, holders of all categories of passports (diplomatic, official and civil), planning to visit the Republic of Uzbekistan, regardless of the purpose of their trip.

To enter the country, a person must have **a valid national passport or other substitute document** used when traveling to foreign countries, the **validity of which must be at least 6 months** before entering the republic. The visa-free regime does not apply to stateless persons permanently residing in the territories of these countries. The 30-day and 60-day visa-free regime begins to operate from the moment of crossing the state border of the Republic of Uzbekistan and as it expires, a foreign citizen must leave the republic. If it is necessary to stay in the Republic of Uzbekistan for more than 30 or 60 days, a foreign citizen must submit the necessary documents for obtaining one of the categories of entry visas of the Republic of Uzbekistan.



Visa-free entry to the Republic of Uzbekistan of foreign citizens under the age of 16, accompanied by legal representatives and having a biometric travel document, is established for the duration of the visa of the accompanying person, but not more than ninety days from the date of entry into the country. For citizens of Bahrain, Qatar, Kuwait, Oman and China a 10-day visa-free regime is established if they have an air ticket to their own or a third country.

For citizens of China (as part of tourist groups), the United States and Vietnam who have reached the age of 55, a visa-free regime has been established for entering the Republic of Uzbekistan for tourism purposes for a period not exceeding 30 days.

A system for issuing electronic entry visas (e-visa.gov.uz) for foreign citizens has been introduced and a list of countries whose citizens have the opportunity to obtain electronic entry visas to the Republic of Uzbekistan has been approved (Appendix 1);

Uzbekistan and Japan issue visas on a reciprocal basis without charging consular fees.

List of countries whose citizens have the opportunity to obtain an **electronic entry visa** (e-visa.gov.uz) or issue tourist visas in the consular offices of Uzbekistan in a simplified manner

1. Arab Republic of Egypt
2. State of Qatar
3. State of Kuwait
4. Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
5. Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
6. Islamic Republic of Iran
7. People's Republic of China (including Hong Kong)
8. Democratic People's Republic of Korea
9. Kingdom of Bahrain
10. Kingdom of Bhutan
11. Kingdom of Cambodia
12. Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
13. Kingdom of Thailand
14. Lao People's Democratic Republic
15. Lebanese Republic
16. People's Republic of Bangladesh
17. Republic of India
18. Republic of the Philippines
19. Socialist Republic of Vietnam
20. Sultanate of Oman
21. Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal

Note: if necessary, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan has the right to set a limit on obtaining an electronic entry visa for citizens of certain countries for up to 30 days.

Annex Form

1	<i>Preliminary Entry Form</i>	<i>Deadline: 30 July 2024</i>
2	<i>Hotel Reservation</i>	<i>Deadline: 30 July 2024</i>
3	<i>Final Entry by Name and Boat</i>	<i>Deadline: 30 August 2024</i>
4	<i>Final Entry Boat and Oar rental</i>	<i>Deadline: 25 August 2024</i>
5	<i>Arrival & Departure Form</i>	<i>Deadline: 25 August 2024</i>
6	<i>Visa application Form</i>	<i>Deadline: 25 August 2024</i>
7	<i>Accreditation Form – Officials</i>	<i>Deadline: 25 August 2024</i>
8	<i>Accreditation Form – Athletes</i>	<i>Deadline: 25 August 2024</i>



Welcome to Samarkand, Uzbekistan!