

NUR-SULTAN KAZAKHSTAN



WORLD CUBE ASSOCIATION
ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2020

REQUEST



WCA Board of Directors
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July 31, 2019

Dear Board

Kazakhstan Speedcubing Federation expresses its interest in holding the “WCA ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2020” in Nur-Sultan (Astana), Kazakhstan.

Three groups represent the organizing committee of the championship:

- Local Organizing Committee
- International Organizing Committee:
- Team of cubers-organizers of Kazakhstan:

With the support of the Government of the city of Nur-Sultan.

The capital of Kazakhstan, the city of Nur-Sultan, is ideal for the holding Asian Championship:

- This is a new, modern, futuristic city interesting for tourists;
- Convenient geographical location;
- Visa-free entry for citizens of 60 countries of the world;
- Direct flights from 28 airports in the world;
- Availability of modern infrastructure for large-scale international events that meet international standards (congress centers, exhibition centers, business centers)
- A large number of expensive hotels with a worldwide reputation and low-cost local hotels, apartments and hostels;
- Restaurants and cafes will satisfy the needs for every taste;
- Convenient tourist routes around the city and to other cities of Kazakhstan.

Willingness of KSF and speedcubing community of Kazakhstan to conduct a major international championship on speedcubing:

- in Kazakhstan, since October 2017, 17 WCA championships have been organized, our championships, thanks to teamwork, are distinguished by high quality of organization;
- the number of cubers in 1.5 years increased from 16 to 970 people;
- KSF clubs equipped with STACK MAT equipment and operating according to a specially created system function throughout the country, the purpose of which is practical training for novice Cubers for WCA competitions and training for WCA rules. We have already prepared more than 70 trained judges, scramblers and runners for the Asian Championship, by 2020 there will be 120 trained staff;
- Weekly competitions “weekend championship” are held for practice. There are informal competitions in which the players of all KSF clubs, regardless of location, compete with each other at the same time, among which the winners of Kazakhstan can be determined.
- our technical equipment: 60 STACK MAT displays, 100 timers and 100 mats;

In case of choosing the city of Nur-Sultan for the “WCA ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2020”, the Organizing Committee will assist in providing participants with additional discounts on hotel accommodations, food in cafes and restaurants, and tourist trips through Kazakhstan.

It is our mission to organise Asian Championship in a way that offers optimal conditions for the competitors, high quality of the competition and a wonderful experience for all.

Sincerely, Organizing Committee!

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Semantic message of the logo:

1. Blue and yellow mean "sky" and "sun", as on the flag Of Kazakhstan. Symbolizing friendship and unity of nations under one sky and one sun
2. 2020 is located in the symbolic the 6 stickers of the cube;
3. Tulpar - a high-spirited horse, symbolizing "speed"

Championship symbol (working layout)

"Tulpar" pictured with multiplication effect gives lightness to the official event.



BASIC INFORMATION

KEY INFORMATION: "WCA ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2020"

DATE OF APPLICATION:

July 31, 2019

HOST CITY:

Nur-Sultan (Astana), Kazakhstan

LIMIT OF PARTICIPANTS:

1000 people

EXPECTED VENUE:

CONGRESS CENTER ASTANA EXPO 2017

ESTIMATED DATES:

07/02/2020 - 07/05/2020 (this period is the week of the celebration of the CAPITAL DAY, which is accompanied by many festive events throughout the city)
or 07/09/2020 - 07/12/2020

CONTACTS



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Kazakhstan, leader
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The information in this presentation is for WCA board only and is confidential until a decision is made. The personal information of the organizing committee and the budget are strictly confidential information.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE



The Kazakhstan Federation of Speedcubing is a regional organization founded in 2017.

MISSION of KSF: the creation of favorable conditions for the development and popularization of speedcubing in Kazakhstan.

Members: Arman Mashimov - KSF President, Alisher Bekenov - Assistant to the President of KSF, IT- specialist, Farid Khalitov - Marketing designer KSF, Maryam Zhurikbayeva - Assistant to the President of KSF

Since its inception, KSF has been promoting WCA ideas in Kazakhstan and has been actively cooperating with Cubers from Russia, Belarus, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan.

The first WCA championship in Kazakhstan was organized by KSF in 2017. Thanks to the active joint work of the community of the Cubers of Kazakhstan and delegates from the Netherlands, Russia, Belarus, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, the number of Cubers in Kazakhstan in 21 months increased from 16 to 970 people.

The series of KSF CITY championships and the weekly weekend championship contribute to the growth of the professional level of Kazakhstan's cubers. For the Asian Championship, we plan to bring the level of the Cubers of Kazakhstan to the competitive level of Asia;

KSF clubs, operating throughout the country, contribute to the quality training of cubers. In clubs, anyone can learn how to solve a cube, as well as be acquainted with the rules of WCA.

To date, we have trained more than 70 judges, scramblers and runners throughout the country. Moreover, by July 2020 we will prepare 120 people who will be involved in the Asian Championship.

KSF has 60 STACK MAT displays, 100 timers and 100 mats, the number of which can be increased if necessary.

THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE



The International Organizing Committee is represented by active personalities of the world community of Cubers, each of whom has experience in organizing major championships, including world championships and continental championships. Among them are Ron van Bruchem - the Netherlands, WCA delegate; Clément Cherblanc - France, WCAT; Andrei Kristeshashvili, Russia (chairman of the Federation of Speedcubing of Russia); Ilya Tsareshka - Belarus, WCA delegate; Sergei Koksharov - Ukraine, WCA delegate.

THE TEAM OF CUBERS-ORGANIZERS OF KAZAKHSTAN:

The team of cubers-organizers of Kazakhstan: Ilyas Arystanbekov, Sultanbibarys Omar, Alikhan Yertursyn. Each of them has experience in organizing 12 WCA championships





VENUE

CONGRESS CENTER ASTANA EXPO 2017

CONGRESS CENTER ASTANA EXPO 2017 is a multifunctional cultural and entertainment facility, with wide opportunities for holding international events of various levels and orientation.

TOTAL AREA

43 220 sq.m.

Consists of several rooms and a large lobby.

GRAND HALL

3000 sq.m.

2 282 places

CONFERENCE HALL

**700 sq.m.
2 000 places**

(4 rooms), each divided into 1/2 part

LOBBY

2305 sq.m.

Located next door:

- pavilions of the EXPO-2017 exhibition complex.
- Mega Silk Way, the largest mall in the city, various cheap food possibilities.
- Hilton Hotel
- EXPO BOULEVARD and EXPO RESIDENCE, modern residential areas, with plenty of available apartments and restaurants.
- Nazarbayev University, is a national brand of higher education in Kazakhstan, with more than 4,000 students from across the country.

The main tourist center of the capital "Nurzhol Boulevard" is located just 10 minutes away by taxi. The length of the pedestrian alley is 2.2 km from Ak Orda (residence of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan) to Khan-Shatyr shopping and entertainment center (The building with a height of 150 meters is recognized as the highest tent in the world and entered the Guinness Book of Records. The main highlight of Khan Shatyr is the beach resort with a tropical climate, plants and temperatures of +35 degrees all year round. Sandy beaches of the resort are equipped with a heating system that creates the feeling of a real beach, and sand brought from the Maldives.



PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

"WCA ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2020" our Organizing Committee proposes to hold in the format of the festival of intellectual games.

The festival will consist of several blocks located in various rooms of the **CONGRESS CENTER**:

Central event: "WCAASIAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2020"

GRAND HALL - basic disciplines

Designed for 2282 places. At the same time telescopic seats 1610 seats, allow you to change the space. We will reduce the spectator area and increase the competition area. We will remove 494 seats in mobile seats, and more conveniently place 50 tables in the competition area, waiting areas and scramblers. It will also be convenient to place the scenery.

CONFERENCE HALL № 1 / 1 - blind disciplines designed for 1000 mobile seats and equipped with furniture (tables, steel), sound equipment, LPD projector.

BLOCK 1 - competition premises

LOBBY - the room in which will be placed:

BLOCK 2 - National Games of Kazakhstan

BLOCK 3 - Asian Countries National Games

BLOCK 4 - Contests and games from the participants of the "WCA ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2020"

BLOCK 5 - Contests related to cubing and other puzzles (portraits, tricks, etc.)

BLOCK 6 - Video Blogging Area

CONFERENCE HALL №1/2
designed for 1000 mobile seats

UNIT 7 - training zone



JUDGES, SCRAMBLERS AND RUNNERS

Staff for judging, scrambling and running will be selected following the example of other similar major competitions. Registration of candidates will be held on the site. After completing the registration of candidates, the organizing committee will select the most prepared for these positions. We will select WCA delegates as team leaders. Staff will have some benefits, such as staff t-shirts, free drinks and snacks.

DISCIPLINES

All official disciplines of WCA will be held. For more spectacular and high-quality performance, there will be qualification limits for all events, except 3x3 Cube, 2x2 Cube, Pyraminx and Skewb.

REGISTRATION

Registration will take place on the WCA website. Payment of registration will take place through the website of the organizers.

Pre-registration cost for the Asian Championship 2020 will be a basic fee of \$ 25 and \$ 5 for each discipline. This fee must be paid when registering online. Closer to the event, the cost of the fee will be higher. Guests will pay a small admission fee for online registration or on-site daily.

PRIZES

The winners will receive special medals of the Asian Championship 2020, and cash prizes. The amount of cash prizes will be determined after the formation of the final budget.

PRESENTS

Participants will receive an interesting memorable set with souvenirs specially prepared for the 2020 Asian Championships. Guests will receive souvenirs too.

REGISTRATION OF RESULTS

To register these results, we will use Cubecomps. We will work together with the Cubecomps team to ensure the accuracy of the results for registration and viewing.

VIDEO BROADCAST

During the championship will be kept videotape, which will be broadcast on screens at the venue. There will also be live video streams on the Internet, so that cubing audience around the world can watch what is happening over the Internet. We also organize the opportunity for experts to comment on the championship live.

COMMUNICATION

The championship website will become our primary way of communicating with participants and audiences. In addition, we will use social networks to create a championship atmosphere with frequent updates. Participants will receive a limited number of emails with important information.

We will focus on attracting media attention (television, radio, newspapers, magazines).



LIST OF COUNTRIES WITH VISA-FREE ENTRY TO THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

ASIAN AND AFRICAN COUNTRIES

Hong Kong	14 days
Israel	30 days
Korea	30 days
Malaysia	30 days
Mongolia	90 days
UAE	30 days
Singapore	30 days
Turkey	30 days
Japan	30 days

CIS COUNTRIES

Azerbaijan	30 days
Armenia	90 days
Belarus	90 days
Georgia	90 days
Kyrgyzstan	90 days
Moldova	90 days
Russia	90 days
Tajikistan	30 days
Uzbekistan	30 days
Ukraine	90 days

EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN COUNTRIES

Austria	30 days	Mexico	30 days
Argentina	30 days	Monaco	30 days
Belgium	30 days	Netherlands	30 days
Bulgaria	30 days	Norway	30 days
Brazil	30 days	Poland	30 days
Great Britain	30 days	Portugal	30 days
Hungary	30 days	Romania	30 days
Germany	30 days	Serbia	30 days
Greece	30 days	Slovakia	30 days
Denmark	30 days	Slovenia	30 days
Ireland	30 days	USA	30 days
Iceland	30 days	Finland	30 days
Spain	30 days	France	30 days
Italy	30 days	Croatia	30 days
Canada	30 days	Czech	30 days
Cyprus	30 days	Chile	30 days
Latvia	30 days	Switzerland	30 days
Lithuania	30 days	Sweden	30 days
Luxembourg	30 days	Estoni	30 days
Malta	30 days		



DIRECT AIRLINE FLIGHTS TO NUR-SULTAN:

Airline	Destinations
Air Astana	Baku, Bishkek, Dubai, Delhi, Yekaterinburg, Kiev, London, Moscow, Novosibirsk, Beijing, St. Petersburg, Seoul, Istanbul (Ataturk), Tashkent, Tbilisi, Tyumen, Urumqi, Frankfurt am Main
Air china	Beijing
Atlasglobal	Antalya
Belavia	Minsk
China Southern Airlines	Urumqi
Etihad airways	Abu Dhabi
Flydubai	Dubai
LOT	Warsaw
Lufthansa	Frankfurt am Main
SCAT	Yerevan, Kazan, Krasnodar, Mineral water, Sochi,
Turkish Airlines	Istanbul
UIA	Kiev (Borispol)
Uzbekistan Airways	Tashkent
Wizz air	Budapest

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO GET FROM THE AIRPORT OF NUR-SULTAN TO THE CITY?



Buses 10 and 12 pass through the city center. The trip will cost 0.47 cents.



Taxi to the center of Nur-Sultan will cost an average of 6-7 dollars



NUR-SULTAN

- cost of living index



TAXI

\$ 3-4
ONE RIDE



FOOD

\$ 3-5
BREAKFAST

\$ 8-10
LUNCH

\$ 8-10
DINNER



STAY

\$ 5,5 - 42
HOSTELS

\$ 13 - 261
HOTELS



EXCURSIONS ON THE TOUR BUS

\$ 7,83
ADULT TICKET

\$ 5,22
DISCOUNT TICKET FOR
CHILDREN, STUDENTS
AND SENIOR CITIZENS,

FREE
CHILDREN UP
TO 5 YEARS



TRAVEL BY BUS

\$ 0,47
ONE RIDE

The cost of living index in the city of Nur-Sultan is 31.84%, which makes it one of the most affordable cities in the world to travel. Despite the low cost of living, Nur-Sultan is one of the most developed and beautiful cities in the world.



FOR AN ADULT:



\$26,08/3 days

FOR A CHILD:
up to 15 years



\$23,47 /3 days

Tourist card Nur-Sultan Pass

Tourist card provides many benefits for visiting attractions and other services, allowing the tourist to save significant money and time. The Nur-Sultan Pass package includes a guide in 4 languages (Kazakh, Russian, English, Chinese) with a description of all objects, a Beeline SIM card with a favorable “Welcome” tariff plan and a city map with the location of objects and useful information. With the help of a smart card, a city tour is available for 72 hours on double-decker buses, free entry to the National Museum of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Astana-Baiterek, Oceanarium, and Ferris Wheel Monuments.





NURZHOL BOULEVARD

It meets strolling people with magnificent multicolored flowerbeds, emerald lawns, noble alleys with benches and original works of small architecture. Also, here some small galleries are located.

The fountains of Nurzhol Boulevard are especially impressive. Experts have created several gushing objects that were used for this modern technology. In the center of the fountain complex, it looks like a cone with six sources. It has a decent environment in the form of different level stair transitions and winter gardeners.

The water-green boulevard is decorated with many sculptures for which recognizable Turkic images were chosen. They are called "Nomads". The authors J. Bayaliev and R. Nurgaziyev created the statues of a sage and a guard, a dancer and a shaman, etc. In this modern carved figure in bronze, they look more like ancient sculptures.

Boulevard Nurzhol is counted among the tourist attractions of the Kazakh capital. Each element of the architectural artery, 2.2 km long, has its own image due to the use of special technical solutions.



WHAT TO SEE AT THE EXPO?

Nur Alem is completely unique, it is the only building in the world in the form of a sphere with a diameter of 80 meters, with photovoltaic panels and two silent wind generators providing electricity to the building. Therefore, the sphere itself is an example of a reasonable and careful use of energy. Each floor of the eight-level sphere of the sphere "Nur Alem" has its own concept.

The uppermost, 8th floor is "Future Astana". He acquaints with projects for the introduction in the capital of clean energy, obtained through the elements of nature - wind, sun and water.

The seventh floor is dedicated to the "Energy of the cosmos". Here the guests will get acquainted with the panorama of the endless space and the tunnel of space research. The statements of the great explorers of space and its discoverers, amazing facts and huge diagrams, literally "dipping" into the infinite interstellar space.



The sixth floor is entirely dedicated to the "Energy of the Sun". Visitors can literally enter the sun globe. Inside, a 3D film is continuously shown telling the story of life on Earth, moreover, the viewer is like a participant in what is happening. Here "grows" "Solar tree", a simulator of thermonuclear reactions, which introduces the processes inside the star.

The fifth floor tells how to get energy from virtually nothing - from the air and wind. Here, visitors can learn a lot about the origin of amazing natural phenomena - for example, the northern lights and tornadoes



WHAT TO SEE AT THE EXPO?

The fourth floor of the pavilion greets visitors with bright greenery - it introduces them to the energy of biomass. It shows an interactive laboratory where you can conduct interesting experiments and learn a lot about biology.

The theme of the third floor of the museum is kinetic energy. Here are bicycle generators to generate electricity. Visitors are clearly shown how human movement and physical activity can be a source of energy.



The second floor - "Energy of Water" - is an excursion into the history of humankind. Here is shown the whole history of the interaction of humanity with the water element - water mills, aqueducts, fountains of ancient cities.

On the ground floor, there is a Kazakhstan pavilion with an area of 5 thousand square meters. In one part you can be acquainted with the history and culture of our country. The concept of another zone is "Creative Energy", where the latest developments in the field of eco-energy are presented. These are works of scientists and students.



NAZARBAYEV UNIVERSITY

Nazarbayev University is the official brand of higher education in Kazakhstan, which educates more than 4,000 students from across the country. Founded in 2010, Nazarbayev University is the leading university in Kazakhstan and one of the leading educational institutions in Asia. The mission of the university, founded by Nursultan Nazarbayev, the First President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, is the basis for the development of Nur-Sultan, as the central international innovation, research and knowledge. Nazarbayev University, with an extensive international network of partners, an attractive local community and world-class infrastructure, has held many international events since its creation



«MEGA SILK WAY»



The largest shopping and entertainment center of the city Nur-Sultan MEGA Silk Way opened its doors in March 2017. The total area of the mall - 140 thousand square meters. The basic concept of MEGA Silk Way is "city in the city". It has everything for useful leisure and profitable shopping. Residents and guests of the capital love the mall for large spaces with art objects, plenty of daylight, an exclusive building design, comfortable conditions for family holidays, a rich program of entertainment, developing playgrounds. Visitors can get all the necessary services without leaving the mall: there are banks, pharmacies, dry cleaning, car wash, atelier, beauty salons.





LAKE «BOROVOE»

The lake is located on the territory of the State National Natural Park "Burabay". The water is transparent, the bottom is clearly visible. All the shores of the lake are overgrown with coniferous forest, hence the name - Borovoe.

The historical name - Auliekol in translation means "Sacred Lake"



**THE ROAD TO BOROVOE
FROM THE CITY OF NUR-SULTAN**

Taxi

\$ 3-13 2 hours



**THE ROAD TO BOROVOE
FROM THE CITY OF NUR-SULTAN**

Electric train

\$ 3-5 3,5 hours



HOTELS IN BOROVOE

\$ 23-260





Almaty

The largest city and former capital of Kazakhstan, has a milder climate. It is the financial center of the country. The city annually attracts more than 1 million tourists. The main tourist centers: the mountain-ski resort Shymbulak, Big Almaty Lake, located at an altitude of 2511 meters above sea level, Ile-Alatau National Park and much more



FLIGHT ROUND TRIP

\$ 130-230



ACCOMMODATION IN ALMATY

\$ 5-250



EXCURSION COST

\$ 30-80

SEMIPALATINSK TEST SITE

The first and one of the largest nuclear test sites of the USSR. The first test of nuclear weapons in the Soviet Union was held on August 29, 1949. The power of the bomb was 22 kilotons. The last explosion at the site was carried out on October 19, 1989.



**FLIGHT COST
AND DURATION
NUR-SULTAN - SEMEY**
\$ 51 - 178 1 hour



**BUS RIDE
NUR-SULTAN - SEMEY**
\$ 15,58 12-15 hours



**TRAIN RIDE
NUR-SULTAN - SEMEY**
\$ 7,7-52 13-17 hours



**ACCOMMODATION IN
THE CITY SEMEY**
\$ 18-48



ҚАЗАҚСТАНҒА ҚОШ КЕЛДІҢІЗДЕР
WELCOME TO KAZAKHSTAN
ДОБРО ПОЖАЛОВАТЬ В КАЗАХСТАН

