



**EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP
25, 50, 300M, SHOTGUN, RT
BAKU, AZE
21 JUL – 4 AUG 2017**

GENERAL INFORMATION

All information is available on the following website:

www.esc-shooting.org

www.issf-sports.org

All Preliminary and Final Entries for Athletes and Officials can be done directly online:

<http://entry.issf-sports.info>

1. Invitation

The Invitation is attached to this General Information.

2. Dates and Schedule

Official Arrival	21 JUL 2017
Official / Pre-Event Training	22 JUL 2017
Technical Meeting	22 JUL 2017
Competitions	23 JUL – 3 AUG 2017
Official Departure	4 AUG 2017

The Preliminary Competition Schedule of the European Championship and YOG European Qualification Tournament is attached to this General Information. The Final Competition Schedule (including Training Schedule) will be distributed after the Final Entry Deadline (30 days before the Official Arrival day). The latest Schedule updates will be provided at the Technical Meeting.

3. Rules and Regulations

European Championship and YOG European Qualification Tournament will be conducted according to the ISSF Rules and Regulations "Edition 2017 (First Print, 01/2017).

Detailed information about rules of non ISSF events is available on the ESC website www.esc-shooting.org.

Jury members (Jury of Appeal, Competition Jury, RTS Jury, and Equipment Control Jury) will be designated by the ESC to supervise the European Championship and YOG European Qualification Tournament. Qualified Range Officers / Referees holding applicable ISSF licenses will conduct the competitions.

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Rifle / Pistol Equipment

Equipment Control will be conducted according to ISSF Rules using approved, calibrated instruments. Pre-competition testing is not mandatory, however, athletes are responsible for competing with legal equipment and clothing. All athletes are urged to submit any doubtful equipment and clothing to Equipment Control for checking before the competition. All athletes are subject to being selected for random post-competition testing and will be disqualified if their equipment or clothing is not legal according to ISSF Rules.

Rifle Clothing

All rifle athletes must have ISSF seals with serial numbers on their jackets and trousers. Any rifle jackets or trousers that do not have ISSF seals must be submitted to Equipment Control for inspection and the affixing of a seal before the athlete's first competition. Jackets and trousers that were previously inspected and have an ISSF seal continue to be valid except that athletes with more than one jacket or trousers must report to Equipment Control before their first competition to confirm which jacket and which trousers they will use. All other seal numbers for that athlete will be cancelled. Athletes that wish to replace a registered jacket or trousers with a new clothing item must bring that item to Equipment Control for inspection and a new seal. Previous seals will then be cancelled. Rifle athletes can have only one active jacket and trousers at any time.

Rifle Clothing Post-Competition Testing

If one panel of a rifle jacket or trousers tests 2.9 or lower, the stiffness device must be recalibrated and the panel must be retested. If it fails again, but all other panels pass, the athlete will not be disqualified, but a written warning must be given to the athlete and the ISSF seal must be cut off. The athlete can continue using this clothing for that day in that event. If two or more panels fail, the athlete must be disqualified.

Air or CO2 Cylinders

It is the athlete's responsibility to ensure that any air or CO2 cylinder is still within its validity date. This may be checked by Equipment Control.

Shotgun Equipment

All skeet athletes must have ISSF seals with serial on their marker tapes. Any shooting vests that do not have ISSF seals on the marker tapes must be submitted to Equipment Control for inspection and the affixing of a seal before the competition.

Equipment Control will be conducted according to ISSF Rules using approved, calibrated instruments. Pre-competition testing is not mandatory, however, athletes are responsible for competing with legal equipment and clothing. All athletes are urged to submit any doubtful equipment and clothing to Equipment Control or the Shotgun Jury for checking before the competition. All athletes are subject to being selected for random testing during the competition. Athletes found to be in violation of the rules for guns or skeet marker tapes will be disqualified.

Cartridge Controls

During Qualification, athletes whose cartridges are to be tested are selected by a computer draw. Between 10% and 18% of the athletes participating in an event will be selected for cartridge testing. Two (2) plus four (4) cartridges will be selected from each athlete and placed in separate labeled envelopes. The two (2) cartridges must be tested, first. If both cartridges weigh 24.50 g and below, no further action will be taken. If one (1) or both cartridges weigh more than 24.50, then the four (4) cartridges in the second envelope must be tested. If the average of the six (6) cartridges weigh more than 24.50 g, then the athlete must be disqualified (DSQ).

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During Final, all six (6) finalists must be tested using the same procedure. The Finalists or their Coaches/Officials must bring, as early as possible, but not later than 30 minutes before the scheduled start of the Final (Reporting Time), all the cartridges that will be used during the Finals and place them in separate Cartridge Control Boxes on the Finals field of play. The Finalists must report at least 15 minutes before the start of the Final. The Equipment Control Jury will take the necessary samples from the boxes. The boxes must be left under the supervision of a Shotgun Jury Member. Once ammunition is placed in the box, only the Equipment Control Jury or the Finalist can remove ammunition from the box. If additional cartridges are brought to a Finalist during Finals, samples from those cartridges must also be selected for testing. All cartridge controls must be completed before the start of the Presentation of the Finalists. Any disqualified (DSQ) athlete will not be allowed to participate in the Finals (There will be no elimination for 6th place; the first elimination will be for 5th place).

4. Participation

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ESC Member Federations may enter a maximum of three (3) athletes per European Championship event and up to two (2) additional athletes per events to shoot “out-of-competition” (called MQS Extra in the ISSF Online Registration Service).

The additional “out-of-competition” athletes will be listed separately according to their results, but without ranking – these results cannot be recognized as World Records.

YOG EUROPEAN QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT

The program of the 2018 YOG includes four individual events - 10m Air Rifle and 10m Air Pistol Men and Women - as well as two 10m Mixed International Team events - one in Pistol and another in Rifle. Athletes born between 1st January 2000 and 31st December 2003 are eligible to participate in the 2018 YOG.

Europe is granted 6 Quota Places in each of the four individual events and ESC Presidium took a decision to give to the European athletes two chances to win a Quota Place for his/her NOC. According to this decision 3 Quota Places in each of the four (4) individual events will be distributed during **2018 YOG European Qualification Tournament** which will be held parallel to the European Championships Baku 2017.

ESC Member Federations may enter a maximum of (5) five athletes per **2018 YOG European Qualification Tournament**. Three (3) of them will compete for the Quota Places and two (2) will be given a chance to obtain the MQS.

The Official list of the events and the maximum number of starts per event of the European Championship Baku 2017 and 2018 YOG European Qualification Tournament are attached to this General Information.

If the maximum number of starts is reached during the Final Entry process, a “waiting list” for that event(s) will be established. If cancellations are subsequently received, entries from the waiting list will be entered on a first come, first served basis. ESC Headquarters and the Organizing Committee will cooperate to determine if additional entries from the waiting list can be accommodated.

Three (3) participants represent the team size in all events and in all categories of the European Championships Baku 2017.

Juniors may participate in the men’s and women’s competitions, but in one category only (either in the junior’s or in the senior’s events) at the same championships (place and period).

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Exchange of an athlete competing for individual and/or team results with a “out-of-competition” athlete is not permitted. “out-of-competition” athlete may replace a withdrawn team athlete. The withdrawn athlete may not shoot for “out-of-competition”.

Replacements may only be made in the teams of three (3) registered for team events, but only from those (including “out-of-competition” athletes) already registered for this Championship.

Mixed Team Events (Trap & Skeet)

ESC Member Federations may enter a maximum of two (2) teams per mixed team event, consisting of one (1) man and one (1) woman (junior or senior), which are entered for the Championship in the individual events including the “out-of-competition” (MQS) athletes.

New Team Event in the Women's category (Trap & Skeet)

The top eight (8) teams (3 members each team) in the Women's category (after the qualification stage) will compete on day 3 of the shotgun schedule of Trap and Skeet, in a Final stage with Quarter Final, Semi Final and 2 Medal Matches, to decide the top 3 teams.

ISSF ID Number

All athletes must sign an "Athlete's Declaration" and have an official ISSF ID number issued before participation in the European Championships and 2018 YOG European Qualification Tournament.

Athletes without ISSF ID number will not be allowed to participate. ISSF ID numbers can be obtained from the ISSF Headquarters by using the official application form.

Results obtained during European Championships Baku 2017 and 2018 YOG European Qualification Tournament will NOT be recognized as MQS for 2020 Olympic Games Tokyo (JPN).

Results obtained during 2018 YOG European Qualification Tournament will be recognized as MQS for 2018 Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires (ARG).

Athlete biographies will be distributed and photos will be taken.

5. Entry Process

Please complete the attached Registration Forms (Annex 1 – 9) and return them by the established deadlines.

Preliminary and Final Entries for Athletes and Officials must be returned to the ISSF Headquarters.

All other Registration Forms must be returned to the Organizing Committee (see also: “Summary of Deadlines”).

Preliminary Entries

ESC Member Federations entering the European Championships must submit the Preliminary Entries not later than **17 MAR 2017**.

Please use the ISSF Online Registration Service <http://entry.issf-sports.info>, or exceptionally complete the Preliminary Entry Form (Annex 1) and return it by email or fax to the ISSF Headquarters.

Final Entries

ESC Member Federations must forward their Final Entries directly to the ISSF HQ. The Final Entry Deadline (30 days before the Official Arrival day) is **21 JUN 2017**.

Please use the ISSF Online Registration Service <http://entry.issf-sports.info>, or exceptionally complete the Final Entry Forms (Annex 3) and return them by email or fax to the ISSF Headquarters.

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Late Entries

If maximum number of athlete entries have not been reached, late Entries will only be accepted until the Late Entry Deadline (3 days before the Official Arrival day) which is **17 JUL 2017**.

Any additional entries received after the Late Entry Deadline, from **18 JUL 2017** onwards, may not participate

Entry Changes after the Late Entry Deadline

From **18 JUL 2017** onwards, only the following changes in the Final Entries are permitted:

- a) Replacement of a registered athlete by another already registered athlete in another event can be made only before 12:00h on the day before the Pre-Event Training for that event.
- b) Change of Status in an event: an "out-of-competition" athlete can replace a withdrawn "European Championships" athlete. The withdrawn "European Championships" athlete may not shoot "out-of-competition". The exchange of athletes within an event is not permitted.

Entry Confirmation upon arrival

All Team Leaders of ESC Member Federation Delegations must report to the OC Entries Official and confirm their Final Entries. The confirmation must be completed before 12:00h on the day before the Pre-Event Training.

Cancellation

Any ESC Member Federation reduces the number of entered athletes after the Final Entry Deadline (**21 JUN 2017**) is obligated to pay all applicable fees and costs including entry fees according to the number of starts on the Final Entry Forms originally received. If the applicable fees and costs are not paid no member of that federation may participate.

Entry Fee

The entry fees include all charges for registration, local transportation between shooting range and official hotels and doping control.

The Entry Fees DO NOT include the cost of the Pre-Event and Unofficial Trainings for Shotgun.

European Championships

Fee	Description
EUR 170.00	Final Entry Fee per athlete / per event
EUR 135.00	Final Entry Fee per Mixed Team / per event
EUR 50.00	Final Entry Fee per official
EUR 50.00	Additional Late Entry Fee per athlete / per event
EUR 170.00	Cancellation Fee per athlete / per event
EUR 8.00	Pre-Event and Unofficial Training Fee per round Trap / Skeet (25 targets)
EUR 10.00	Pre-Event and Unofficial Training Fee per round Double Trap (30 targets)

2018 YOG European Qualification Tournament

Fee	Description
EUR 135.00	Final Entry Fee per athlete / per event
EUR 50.00	Final Entry Fee per official
EUR 50.00	Additional Late Entry Fee per athlete / per event
EUR 135.00	Cancellation Fee per athlete / per event

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Payment of Entry Fees

All Entry Fee payments must be done only to the Organizing Committee, preferably in cash.

Upon request federations may receive invoice according which they will be able to make bank transfer. We kindly ask ESC Member Federations (which will prefer to send money through bank transfer) to make all payments not later than **1 JUL 2017**. All amounts must be paid in EUR and must include any transfer fees or similar fees that the bank may charge. Take care that all necessary data is transferred, so that the Organizing Committee can assign payments to the correct federation. Please give a copy of the bank transfer voucher to your Team Leader to bring with him / her to the Entry Confirmation.

All payments which will be done upon arrival to the Organizing Committee must be paid only in cash in EUR (no travel checks or credit cards will be accepted).

Accreditation Process

All persons involved in the European Championships Baku 2017 and 2018 YOG European Qualification Tournament (Athletes, Team Officials, ISSF Officials, OC Officials, Media Persons) must have accreditations that clearly identify the accreditation holder (with photograph, family name and first name, nation and function) in order to use the local transportation and to enter controlled areas on the shooting range.

Accreditations (for persons registered before the Final Entry Deadline and with photograph in the ISSF database) will be prepared by the ISSF Headquarters and Organizing Committee. All other accreditations will be prepared by the Accreditation Office of the European Championships and YOG European Qualification Tournament.

Accreditations and BIB Numbers will be distributed by the Organizing Committee after payment of the entry fees.

6. Shooting Range

The European Championships Baku 2017 and 2018 YOG European Qualification Tournament will take place at the Baku Olympic Shooting Range.

The Range is situated at a 15 minutes driving distance from the city centre and 30 km from the Baku "Heydar Aliyev" International Airport (GYD).

Address:

Baku Olympic Shooting Range
Sumqayit highway 3D,
AZ1000 Baku, Azerbaijan

Rifle/Pistol

The shooting range is equipped as follows:

Range	Description
50m range	80 firing points, electronic targets, SIUS AG
50m Running target	2 firing points, EST
25m range	50 firing points (10 groups); electronic targets, SIUS AG
300m range	40 firing points, electronic targets, SIUS AG
10m hall	80 firing points, electronic targets, SIUS AG
Finals hall	10 firing points, electronic targets, SIUS AG

The firing direction of the 50m and 25m range is north.

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Shotgun

The shooting range has 5 combined ranges for Trap/Double Trap/Skeet.

The shooting range is equipped with Matarelli machines and Elettronica Progetti acoustic release system. The Skeet ranges operate with acoustic release system.

All ranges are equipped with Elettronica Progetti electronic scoreboards.

The firing direction of the shooting range is north.

The standard orange targets will be used for the Qualification and flash orange targets for the Finals of the European Championships Baku 2017.

7. Immigration and Customs Requirements

Visa

We strongly advise all federations to verify well in advance whether they need a visa for entry into Azerbaijan. All federations which require entry VISAS to Azerbaijan Republic can obtain it from the Embassy or Consulate of Azerbaijan Republic abroad before arrival to Azerbaijan. Participants who will issue visas through Embassy or Consulate of Azerbaijan Republic abroad and need visa support letter are kindly requested to complete appropriate Visa Support Form (Annex 7) and return it to the Organizing Committee not later than 21 JUN 2017.

All participants can also apply themselves for E-visa through Electronic Visa Portal – www.evisa.gov.az

The advantages of the E-visa are:

- Foreigners or stateless persons can apply for the single entry visa valid for 30 days directly through the portal without visa support letter from Organizing Committee;
- You can get E-Visa in 3 steps (apply, make payment and download electron visa form) by means of the portal;
- E-Visa is sent to an applicant in PDF format by e-mail. Applicant just need to print and present it before getting into the plane and upon arrival in Azerbaijan;
- E-Visa fee is 23 USD. This fee is for visa review and isn't refunded.

Note: Organizing Committee does not carry any responsibility for delay and rejection of the Visa or E-Visa with regard to the work/decision of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Gun License

All athletes must declare all the firearms and ammunition to be brought into Azerbaijan and return to the Organizing Committee the Firearm and Ammunition Form (Annex 8) no later than 21 JUN 2017.

Assistance of customs formalities will be provided by the Organizing Committee upon arrival. The custom authorities will allow all participating athletes to import with them all the necessary ammunition that will be used for the competition, however for the convenience of the shotgun athletes, different types of well known brands will be available for sale at the shooting range at approximately EUR 8.00 – 12.00 per box.

8. Accommodation

Official Hotels

List of official hotels are found bellow. Any of the participants who are interested to book accommodation in the official hotels, are kindly requested to complete appropriate Final Hotel Reservation Form (Annex 5) and return it to the Organizing Committee no later than 21 JUN 2017. The reservation will be managed

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on a “first come – first serve” basis. The Organizing Committee will send a confirmation invoice to each federation with the name of the hotel they will stay at. **All payments must be done directly to the hotel** and upon request federations may receive standard invoice from the hotel according which they will be able to make bank transfer. We kindly ask federations (which will prefer to send money through bank transfer) to make all payments not later than **1 JUL 2017**. All amounts must be paid in EUR and must include any transfer fees or similar fees that the bank may charge. Take care that all necessary data is transferred, so that Hotels can assign payments to the correct federation. Please give a copy of the bank transfer voucher to your Team Leader to bring with him / her.

In case of cancellation after 1 JUL 2017 and/or a no-show Hotels and the Organizing Committee will charge a cancellation fee of 100% of the costs for all nights and rooms you have booked.

**All prices are per room / per night including breakfast and all taxes.
Payment must be done directly to the hotel.**

SHOOTING RANGE HOTEL	
Distance to shooting range – on the venue	
SINGLE / TWIN ROOM	100 EUR
JUNIOR SUITE	150 EUR

QAFQAZ BAKU CITY HOTEL ****	
Distance to shooting range – 5 km / 10 min	
SINGLE ROOM	75 EUR
DOUBLE or TWIN ROOM	96 EUR
JUNIOR SUITE	156 EUR

HOLIDAY INN HOTEL ****	
Distance to shooting range – 14 km / 25 min	
SINGLE ROOM	105 EUR
DOUBLE or TWIN ROOM	125 EUR
SUITE - <i>single occupancy</i>	170 EUR
SUITE - <i>double occupancy</i>	190 EUR

WINTER PARK HOTEL ****	
Distance to shooting range – 10 km / 18 min	
SINGLE ROOM	95 EUR
DOUBLE or TWIN ROOM	115 EUR
SUITE - <i>single occupancy</i>	160 EUR
SUITE - <i>double occupancy</i>	180 EUR

PULLMAN BADAMDAR HOTEL *****	
Distance to shooting range – 8 km / 10 min	
SUPERIOR SINGLE ROOM	110 EUR
SUPERIOR DOUBLE or TWIN ROOM	135 EUR

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QAFQAZ POINT HOTEL ****	
Distance to shooting range – 9 km / 17 min	
SINGLE ROOM	89 EUR
DOUBLE or TWIN ROOM	103 EUR
JUNIOR SUITE	130 EUR

Food Service at the Shooting Range

There is restaurant on the shooting range which will offers regional cuisine and beverages during competition.

9. Travel and Transportation

Travel – Arrival

The official arrival and departure airport is **Baku (GYD) International Airport**.

Baku (GYD) International Airport has direct flight connections with most countries all over the world either through Azerbaijan Airlines or through other airlines like Lufthansa, Turkish Airlines, Qatar Airways, Air France, Czech Airlines and many others which hold regular flights to and from Azerbaijan.

Airport pick up – Transportation to the Official Hotels (and return for departure)

Round trip transportation Airport – Hotel – Airport will be arranged by the Organizing Committee free of charge.

The official pick up service from the Baku airport starts from 8AM on the 20 JUL 2017. Delegations that arrive earlier or leave after the Official Departure Day (4 AUG 2017) must make their own arrangements.

Local Transportation – Shuttle Service

The Organizing Committee will provide participants with free **Hotel / Shooting Range / Hotel** round trip transportation from 21 JUL to 3 AUG 2017. The delegations will find the schedules for local transportation in their pigeon holes and the hotel lobbies.

10. Competition Related Procedures at the Shooting Range

Technical Meeting

The Technical Meeting will take place on 22 JUL 2017, at 15:00h, at the Finals Hall.

Each participating ESC Member Federation should have at least one representative present at the Technical Meeting to receive updated information regarding Final Competition Schedule (including Training Schedule), draw procedures and other important issues related to the European Championships and YOG European Qualification Tournament.

Storage of Firearms and Ammunition

According to the Azerbaijan law all firearms and ammunition will be stored at the shooting range and athletes are not allowed to take any firearms and ammunition out of the range.

Ammunition

Different types of well known shotgun brands will be available for sale at the shooting range at approximately EUR 8.00 – 12.00 per box of 25.

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Doping Control Tests

The Organizing Committee will conduct Doping Controls Tests according to the ISSF Anti-Doping Rules and the ISSF Test Distribution Plan.

11. Ceremonies

Opening and Closing Ceremony

The Opening Ceremony will take place on 22 JUL 2017, at the Baku Olympic Shooting Range. The time of the Ceremony will be announced at a later stage.

There will be no Closing Ceremony.

Victory Ceremony

The Victory Ceremonies will take place at the shooting range immediately after the end of each Finals (see also: Final Competition Schedule).

During the ceremonies the athletes are required to present themselves in their official national uniform or national tracksuits (tops and bottoms).

Flags and Anthems

All participating teams are required to bring with them their national flag (minimum size: 1m x 1.5m approximately) and one (1) national anthem on standard CD or USB.

12. Weather Information

During the period of July the weather in Baku is normally pleasant. The average temperature is about 30 – 35°C during the day and 23 – 28°C during the night.

13. Media Relations

All Media representatives must register by using the Media Accreditation Form (Annex 9). On site, media facilities will be available for accredited media personnel. Local and national media will cover the European Championships.

14. Industry Service

Limited industry services / exhibitions will be present during the European Championships and YOG European Qualification Tournament.

15. Annexes

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