



REGULATION

International Kurash Association
XV World Kurash Seniors Championships

WSP RANKING EVENT
XXII IKA Ordinary Congress
IKA DC Meeting
IKA Anti-Doping Seminar
IKA Referring Seminar
IKA 2-3 Star International Exam
IKI-Coaching Seminar and Exam



Astana, Kazakhstan
4–9 November 2026



Welcome to the XV World Kurash Championships!

Dear Members of the World Kurash Family,

It is my great pleasure and honour to sincerely invite you to participate in the XV World Kurash Championships among Seniors and the XXII Ordinary Congress of the International Kurash Association (IKA), which will take place in the beautiful and modern city of Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan.

From 4 to 9 November 2026, the world's leading Kurash athletes, together with coaches, referees, presidents and representatives of national federations, and other sports professionals, will gather in Astana for this prestigious international occasion.

The XV World Kurash Championships will be an important opportunity to demonstrate the continued growth and development of our sport, the outstanding skills and determination of our athletes, and the increasing international recognition of Kurash. At the same time, it will bring together the Kurash family from around the world in an atmosphere of friendship, respect, solidarity, and sporting excellence.

As part of the Championships, the XXII Ordinary Congress of the International Kurash Association, as well as a meeting of the Directing Committee, will also be held. These important meetings will provide an opportunity to discuss the further development and promotion of Kurash worldwide, strengthen cooperation among our members, review the priorities of the Association, and establish our common objectives for the future.

The Republic of Kazakhstan has extensive experience in hosting major international Kurash competitions and has consistently demonstrated its ability to organize events to a high professional standard. I am confident that Astana will provide an excellent setting for this important gathering and that the Championships will be conducted in a spirit of fair competition, friendship, mutual respect, and unity.

As we prepare to come together in Astana, I call upon all members of our World Kurash Family to unite around our common commitment to developing Kurash, strengthening its position and international recognition, and building a stronger future for our sport and for the generations to come.

I sincerely look forward to welcoming you all to Astana and sharing this important moment together.

We look forward to seeing you in Astana!

Sincerely,

Ziyoviddin KHODJINIYAZOV
Acting President
International Kurash Association (IKA)



It is my great pleasure to welcome you and invite you to take part in the 15th Kurash World Championships, which will be held on November 6–8, 2026, in Astana, the capital of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

This is a very special event for our country. For the first time in history, Kazakhstan will host the Kurash World Championships, and it is a great honour for us to welcome the world's strongest athletes, coaches, referees, and representatives of national federations to our country.

We will make every effort to ensure that the Championships is held at the highest organizational and sporting level, and that every participant and every guest leaves Kazakhstan with the warmest and most positive impressions.

Kazakhstan has always been known for its hospitality, respect for guests, and strong sporting traditions. I am confident that the upcoming Championships will become not only a major sporting event, but also a true celebration of Kurash, bringing together representatives of different countries through our shared passion for this sport.

We will be truly delighted to welcome each and every one of you to Astana and will do our utmost to make your stay in Kazakhstan comfortable, memorable, and enjoyable.

Welcome to Kazakhstan!

Welcome to Astana!

See you at the 15th Kurash World Championship!

Andrei Borgens – President of KKF



International Kurash Association XV World Kurash Seniors Championships

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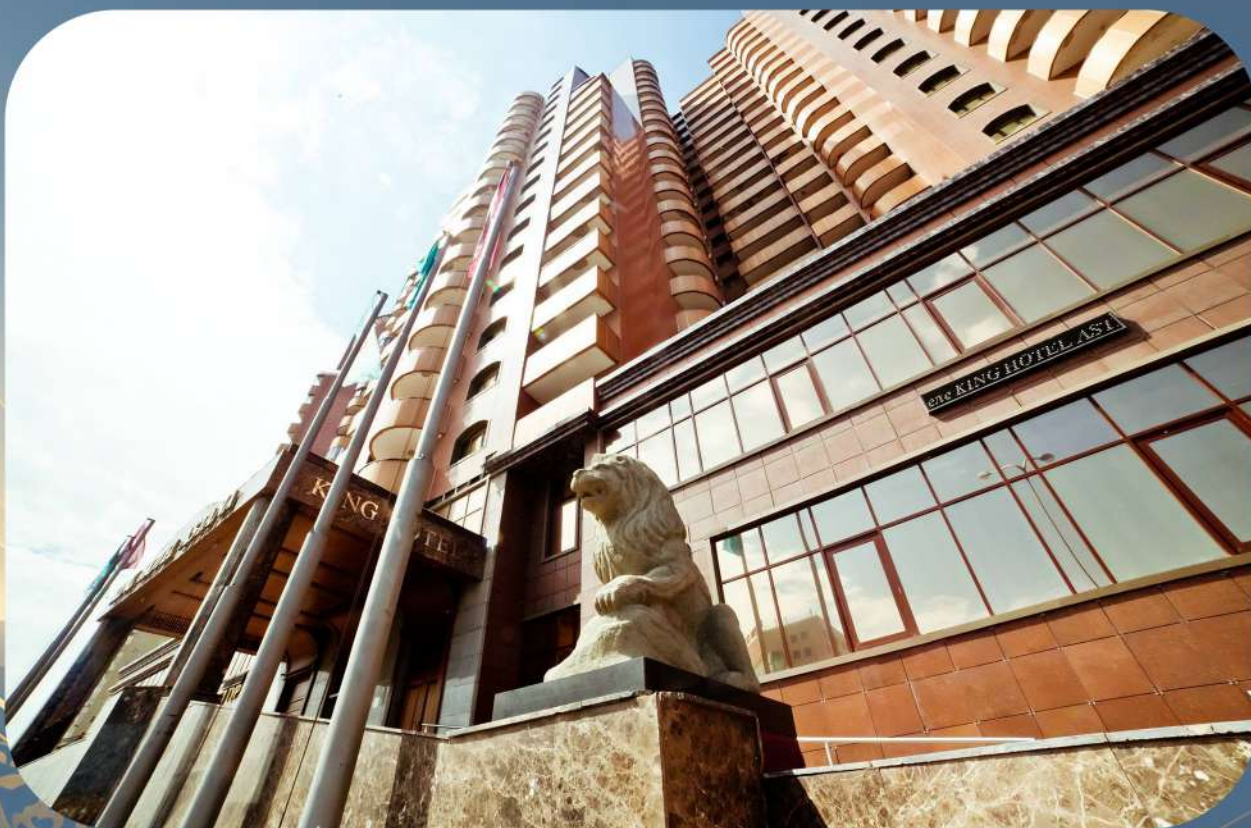
Zhaksylyk Ushkempirov Martial Arts Palace



WELCOME TO **ASTANA**



King Hotel, 7 Valihanov st, Astana



Eligibility of Athletes, Weight and Age Categories

Seniors Age limit: Minimum Age above 17 years

Categories of Men: -60kg, -66kg, -73kg, -81kg, -90kg, -100kg, -120kg +120kg

Categories of Women: -48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, -70kg, -78kg, -87kg, +87kg.

Men: 4 minutes | Women: 3 minutes

Each Nation can enter maximum 1 player in each weight category. (Unless Pre-qualifier needed)

All players must be citizens of the country they represent in order to compete.

The players representing only National Kurash Federations – Official members of the IKA can compete at World championship.

Each nation can enter maximum 2 Referees with International 3 star

Competition System

Elimination system (knock out), if 5 or fewer players in one weight category

Round Robin system will apply.

Competition Rules & Referees

The championships will be governed by the International Kurash Association rules (E.O.R). The English language version of the rules is available at the IKA official site www.kurash-ika.org

Please note under new rules approved in 2017 any player without standard Yakhtak will be automatically disqualified once on the Gilam.

Referee Exam: The Referee exams quota MAX 4 candidates Per Country for 2 candidates in 2 star and 2 candidates in 3-star, MAX 4 candidates per country (Host country may enter total of 6 examinees). English Language Needed! After online registration and checking the candidate's experience, IKA TD will send a confirmation.

Exam costs: USD 250 (USD) for 2 star and USD 400 (USD) for 3 stars.

Referee exams are taken during the championship.

Please Register at:

kurash-ika.org/2022/06/30/documents-ika/

ALL EXPENSES REGARDING THE REFEREE EXAMINES ARE COVERED BY REFEREES THEMSELVES.

Registration

A) Athletes

IKA affiliated National Federations can send 1 athlete in each weight category who is already registered in the IKA system.

B) Congress Delegates

Congress Delegates shall register through the IKA Online Registration System, completing the required forms. (Maximum two delegates can attend the IKA congress)

Requirements & Athletes' Uniform

Requirements

All athletes must bring to the official Weigh-In the following documents:

Passport or
Accreditation Card with valid photo.

Athletes' Uniform

All players must bring and use their IKA-approved and standard Kurash uniform – Yakhtak (blue and green). Please note under new rules approved in 2017 any player without standard Yakhtak will be automatically disqualified once on the Gilam.

Transportation & Accommodation

Transportation

Airport Reception:

All participants should arrive at Astana International Airport (NQZ). There will be a welcome desk to guide all teams at the points of arrival and departure.

The LOC will provide local transportation between the Hotel, Competition Venue and Training Venue(s) during the Championships Period.

The LOC will also provide pick up and drop off at the airport.

Accommodation for Team Delegations

HOTELS

VIP HOTEL- King Hotel

ITO HOTEL- King Hotel

ATHLETES- King Hotel

A) Room Rates for Team Delegations are as follows including three times meals and local transport:

Single : \$100

Double: \$75 USD Per Person

Triple: \$ 65 USD Per Person

B) The IKA and the OC will cover accommodation, 3-time meals, local transport FREE for 2 representatives per delegation double occupancy.

Payment & Check-In

C) Payment of Hotel Room Charges

All participants must stay at the official hotel in order to receive accreditation and transportation. All delegations must pay the full room charges at the time of registration in CASH (USD Currency) up on arrival, as the Organizing Committee will not be able to accept any other form of payment.

Delegations will not be allowed to receive accreditations and hotel room keys if they do not first clear the payment of full hotel room charges.

D. Check-In and Check-Out

The room rates provided for the Event only apply from 4th November (at 14:00) and 9th November (at 12.00 afternoon) check out.

The LOC has the right to change the hotel in case of over occupancy.

Insurance

All participants are requested to get their own travel and medical insurance.

Doping Control

Doping control shall be conducted under the IKA Anti-Doping Rules and following the World Anti-Doping Code under the supervision of the ITA International Testing Agency.

Medals and Awards

Gold, Silver and 2 (two) Bronze Medals will be awarded to the winners in each weight category, along with diplomas. As well as WSP Ranking Points.

Training Facility

The LOC will provide the required training facilities on November 6-8 (information will be provided upon arrival). Reservation required.

Registration Deadlines

A. The deadline for registration is 4- October 2026

B. The deadline to apply for visa (if needed) 4- October 2026

C. The deadline for arrival (fly ticket) is 15-October 2026

Visa

The OC will grant assistance to all delegations on Visa matters.

Registration Link

<https://registration.kurash.org/>

PROGRAMME OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

4-November (Wednesday)	14:00-24:00	The arrival of all teams/ Accreditation/Registration/	King Hotel
	14:00-21:00	Accreditation/Yakhtak Back number	King Hotel
5-November (Thursday)	14:00-24:00	The arrival of all teams/ Accreditation/Registration/	King Hotel
	06:00-21:00	Accreditation/Yakhtak Back number	King Hotel
	14:00-12:00	Anti-Doping Seminar	King Hotel
	12:00-13:00	Lunch	King Hotel
	14:00-18:00	Coaching /Refereeing Seminar Practical Seminar	King Hotel
	18:00-19:00	Dinner	King Hotel
6-November (Friday)	14:00-21:00	Accreditation/Yakhtak Back number	King Hotel
	09:00-12:00	Coaching /Refereeing Seminar Practical Seminar	King Hotel
	09:00-18:00	Training for teams (Reservation needed)	King Hotel
	12:00-13:00	Lunch	King Hotel
	14:00-15:00	IKA DC Meeting	TBA
	15:00-16:30	IKA Ordinary Congress	TBA
	16:30-17:00	IKA Press Conference	TBA
	17:00-18:00	IKA Technical Meeting	TBA
	18:00-19:00	Draw	TBA
	19:00-20:00	Dinner	King Hotel
7-November (Saturday)	06:00-07:30	Unofficial Weigh-in for Men: -60kg, -66kg, -73kg, -81kg, Unofficial Weigh-in for Women: -70kg, -78kg, -87kg, +87kg	King Hotel
	07:30-08:00	Official Weigh-in for Men: - 60kg, -66kg, -73kg, -81kg, Official Weigh-in for Women: -70kg, -78kg, -87kg, +87kg	King Hotel
	10:00-12:00	Preliminary Men: -60kg, - 66kg, -73kg, -81kg, Preliminary Women: -70kg, - 78kg, -87kg, +87kg	Zhaksylyk Ushkempirov Martial Arts Palace
	12:00-13:00	Opening Ceremony	Zhaksylyk Ushkempirov Martial Arts Palace
	13:00-14:00	Lunch	Zhaksylyk Ushkempirov Martial Arts Palace
	14:00-20:00	Semi Finals/Finals	Zhaksylyk Ushkempirov Martial Arts Palace
		Awarding Ceremony	Zhaksylyk Ushkempirov Martial Arts Palace
			King Hotel

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8-November (Sunday)	06:00-07:30	Unofficial Weigh-in for Women: 48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, Unofficial Weigh-in for Men -90kg, -100kg, -120kg, +120kg	
	07:30-08:00	Unofficial Weigh-in for Women: 48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, Unofficial Weigh-in for Men -90kg, -100kg, -120kg, +120kg	King Hotel
	10:00-13:00	Preliminary Women: 48kg, -52kg, -57kg, -63kg, Preliminary Men -90kg, -100kg, -120kg, +120kg	Zhaksylyk Ushkempirov Martial Arts Palace
	13:00-14:00	Lunch	Zhaksylyk Ushkempirov Martial Arts Palace
	14:00-20:00	Semi Finals/Finals	Zhaksylyk Ushkempirov Martial Arts Palace
		Awarding Ceremony	Zhaksylyk Ushkempirov Martial Arts Palace
9-November (Monday)	01:00-24:00	Departure	King Hotel

