

Road Cycling

at the Baku 2015 European Games



Competition venues: **Freedom Square and Bilgah Beach**

Competition starts: **18 June**

3 days of
competition

221
athletes

4 medal
events



Key personnel

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The Road Cycling competition

The Road Cycling competition at the Baku 2015 European Games will be held on the following dates:

- 18 June 2015 – Men's and Women's Time Trial
- 20 June 2015 – Women's Road Race
- 21 June 2015 – Men's Road Race



Medal events (4)	
Men (2)	Women (2)
Road Race	Road Race
Time Trial	Time Trial

A total of 221 athletes, including 146 men and 75 women, may take part in the Road Cycling competition.

The rules

The Road Cycling competition will be held in accordance with the editions of the following documents that are in force at the time of the Games:

- UCI Road Regulations
- UCI General Regulations

Clothing and equipment

Clothing and equipment used by athletes and other participants in the Road Cycling competition must comply with the following documents:

- UCI Road and General Regulations
- European Games Rules on Advertising, Demonstrations and Propaganda

Competition format

Time Trial – 18 June 2015

The women's race has a distance of 21km, while the men's race has a distance of 42km. Athletes will start in intervals of 90 seconds. The fastest rider over the course in each event will be declared the winner.

Road Race – 20 June -21 June 2015

The women's race will be approximately 121km and the men's race will be approximately 216km. The Road Race will be a mass start event, and the first rider in each event to cross the finish line will be declared the winner.

Competition schedule

A detailed competition schedule can be found on page 5 of this Factsheet.

Sport-specific events

Time	Event	Location	Notes
Wednesday 17 June 2015 – Time Trial preparations			
08:00-09:30	Distribution of race numbers and start lists; Licenses check	Athletes Village	Confirmation of starters
09:30	Team Managers' Meeting	Athletes Village	
14:30-16:30	Field of play familiarisation	Time Trial course	All teams depart in one convoy to the venue. Convoy escorted by police and cycling motorbike marshals.
Friday 19 June 2015 – Road Race preparations			
08:00-09:30	Distribution of race numbers and start lists; Licenses check	Athletes Village	Confirmation of starters
09:30	Team Managers' Meeting	Athletes Village	
14:30-16:30	Field of play familiarisation	Road Race course	All teams depart in one convoy to Freedom Square. Convoy escorted by police and cycling motorbike marshals.

The venues

Road Race Course

The Road Race for both women and men will be held around the city centre circuit of Baku, with Freedom Square featuring as the start and finish area. The course will feature a long route (13.9km long) and a short route (12.8km long), athletes will compete on both routes: men will complete six laps on the short route and 10 laps on the long route, women will complete four laps on the short route and five laps on the long route. The course will be partially hilly but mostly flat, and features cobblestone sections within the Old City.

Time Trial Course

The venue for the Time Trial event will be Bilgah Beach, which will also host the Triathlon competition. Details regarding the Time Trial course will be communicated at a later stage.

Facilities

Facilities at the start/finish areas of both the Road Race and the Time Trial events will include:

- Space for bicycle maintenance and repair services
- Team tent and preparation areas
- An athletes' lounge, which will include services such as an athlete refreshment station, the Sport Information Desk, television with an in-venue live sports feed and Wi-Fi
- A broadcast mixed zone and an I-Zone (the I-Zone replaces the press mixed zone and media conference room at a competition venue)
- A doping control station
- Medical facilities and services such as field-of-play response team, spectator response teams and ambulance staff. Each venue will have at least one medical person with Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support certification
- Physiotherapy services featuring internationally trained physiotherapists
- A Sport Information Desk, offering services including distribution of general sport information, results and other key competition information

Venue familiarisation

Venue familiarisation tours will take place on the day before each competition.

Transport

The preliminary travel time from the Athletes Village to Freedom Square is 15 minutes, and 26 minutes to Bilgah Beach. All travel times are subject to being refined in tandem with the Road Infrastructure delivery.

Weather

Due to its location on the southwest Absheron Peninsula, Baku is characterised by its warm temperatures and strong winds all year long, and summers are usually hot and dry. Based on statistics from recent years, the mean temperature is approximately 23°C (73°F) in June with around 15 hours of daylight. In June, the prevailing wind direction is from the north, with a mean wind speed of 6.5 m/s. The mean relative humidity is approximately 57 per cent.

Qualification and entry

All information on qualification and entries for Road Race and Time Trial events can be found in the Cycling qualification system, distributed by BEGOC. NOCs should check online for regular updates to these qualification criteria, which will be made available to all NOCs on the e-Qəzet.

Training

Training for Road Race and Time Trial events will take place at the Cycling Training Venue from 14 June until 20 June 2015. A 7km section of highway will be closed to traffic. All training equipment will be approved by UEC and will comply with the UCI Road and General Regulations. The Cycling Training Venue will also be available for Triathlon athletes.

Additional information

Training facilities available at the Cycling Training Venue will include the following:

- **An athletes' lounge, which will include an athlete refreshment station**
- **Medical facilities featuring services including internationally trained physiotherapist**
- **Team mechanic spaces**
- **Tent structures for athletes' warm-up and changing**

Competition schedule

18 June 2015 - Day 6, Freedom Square/Road Route		
10:00 - 16:15	CR01	Women's Individual Time Trial
		Women's Individual Time Trial Medal Ceremony
		Men's Individual Time Trial
		Men's Individual Time Trial Medal Ceremony
19 June 2015 - Day 7, Freedom Square/Road Route		
12:00 - 16:00	CR02	Women's Road Race
		Women's Road Race Medal Ceremony
20 June 2015 - Day 8, Freedom Square/Road Route		
10:00 - 16:00	CR03	Men's Road Race
		Men's Road Race Medal Ceremony



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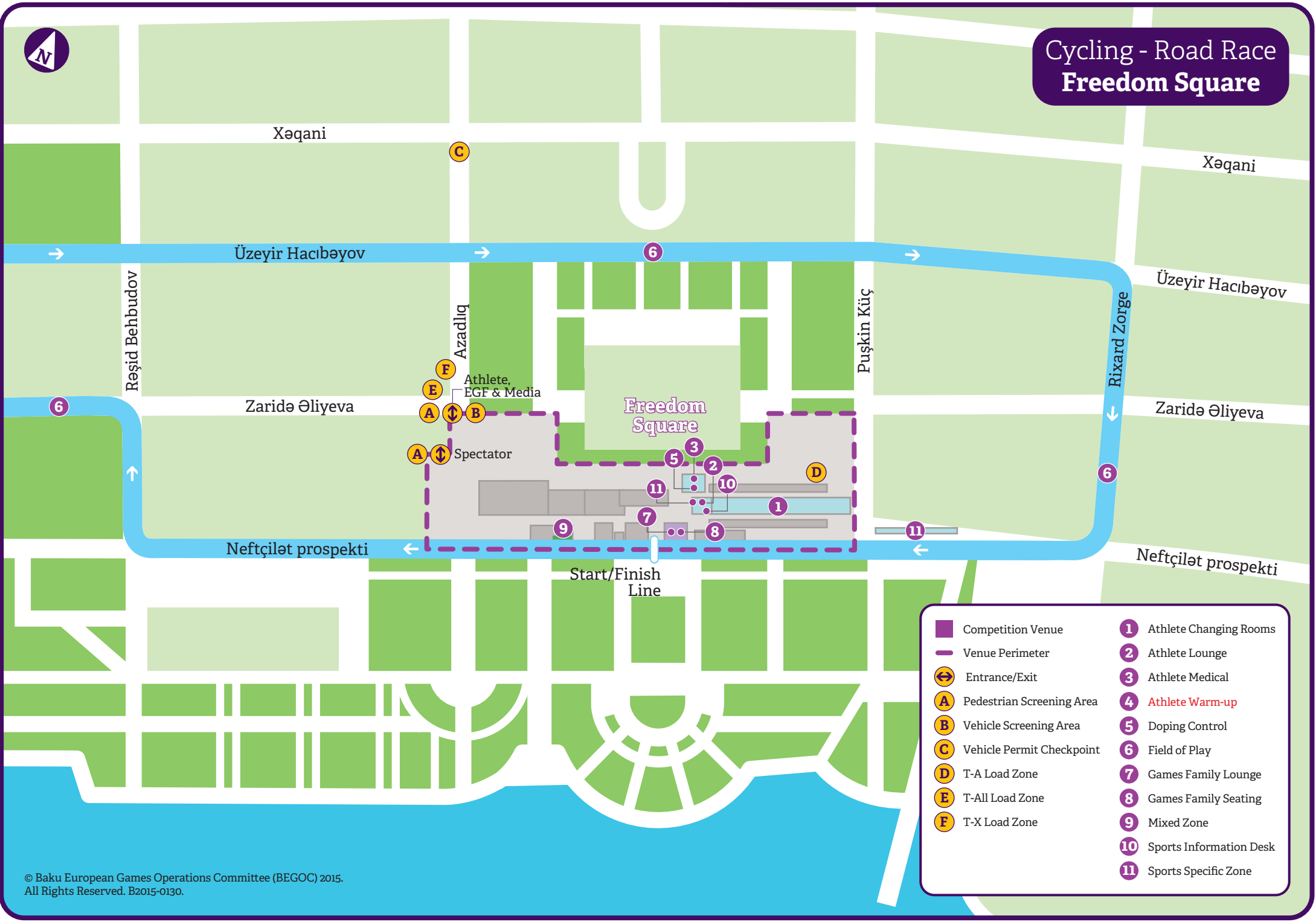
All information contained within this Competition Factsheet may be subject to change between now and the Games. NOCs are advised to check the e-Qəzet for important updates on topics such as the qualification system and the competition schedule.

Detailed Games-time Sport Guides will be distributed to NOCs in May 2015.





Cycling - Road Race Freedom Square



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| | Competition Venue | | Athlete Changing Rooms |
| | Venue Perimeter | | Athlete Lounge |
| | Entrance/Exit | | Athlete Medical |
| | Pedestrian Screening Area | | Athlete Warm-up |
| | Vehicle Screening Area | | Doping Control |
| | Vehicle Permit Checkpoint | | Field of Play |
| | T-A Load Zone | | Games Family Lounge |
| | T-All Load Zone | | Games Family Seating |
| | T-X Load Zone | | Mixed Zone |
| | | | Sports Information Desk |
| | | | Sports Specific Zone |

Road Cycling Route

- Competition Venue
- Cycle Route & Direction
- Railway Station
- Metro Station

