

## Competition Invitation

# Almaty 2025 IBSA Open Asian Bench Press Championship and IBSA Powerlifting & Bench Press World Cup

The International Blind Sports Federation and Powerlifting Sub-Committee has the pleasure to invite all IBSA Members to the following competition.

<b>Host Federation</b>	Kazakhstan Para Powerlifting Federation / Kazakhstan Association of Blind Sports												
<b>Location</b>	Almaty, KAZ												
<b>Dates</b>	May 24-31, 2025												
<b>Venue</b>	<p><b>Competition:</b> Sports and Cultural Complex named after Baluan Sholak 44 Abai Ave., corner Baitursynuly St., Алматы 050000, Kazakhstan</p> <p><b>Accommodation:</b> Grand Aiser Hotel, st. Pozharsky 1, Almaty 050013 Kazakhstan</p>												
<b>Key Contacts</b>	<p><b>Championships Director:</b> Artur Tomitsskiy (<a href="mailto:lbsaevent.kaz@gmail.com">lbsaevent.kaz@gmail.com</a>)</p> <p><b>IBSA PO Championships Technical Secretary:</b> Natalya Tskhay (<a href="mailto:lbsaevent.kaz@gmail.com">lbsaevent.kaz@gmail.com</a>)</p> <p><b>IBSA PO Championships Secretary:</b> Olga Prokopishina (<a href="mailto:lbsaevent.kaz@gmail.com">lbsaevent.kaz@gmail.com</a>)</p>												
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<p><b>Day 5-6</b> May 28-29</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Competition in the disciplines of Squat and Deadlift among men and women will be counted in the Competition of Almaty 2025 IBSA Powerlifting and Bench Press World Cup (all age cats: Open, Sub-Junior, Junior &amp; Masters).</li> <li>• Training</li> </ul>
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<p><b>Day 8</b> May 31</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Departure of Delegations</li> </ul>

<b>Participation Conditions</b>	<p>Only IBSA Members in good standing can register to participate in the Competition.</p> <p>According to the IBSA PO Technical Rules and Regulations, there is no maximum number of entries per Gender, Bodyweight Category and/or Age Group per Member Federation.</p> <p>In order to register to compete, each Athlete must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be registered and licensed in ISAS for the year of the Competition</li> <li>• Be a minimum of 14 years of age by 31 December of the year of the Competition</li> <li>• Not under a disciplinary or anti-doping rule violation suspension</li> <li>• Have a Sport Class Status of New, Review, Review with a fixed date, or confirmed. Athletes with a sport class status of new, review, and review with a date of 2025 or before will have to undergo classification prior to the competition. The Classification process is outlined below:</li> </ul> <p>Classification will be done according to the IBSA Classification rules, <a href="#">182-1-IBSA-Classification-rules-2018 (1).pdf</a></p> <p><b>The Classification Process is as follows:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The first step in the classification process is to establish that the athlete has an Underlying Health Condition (UHC) that leads to an eligible vision impairment. This is done by classifiers who review the athlete's Medical Documentation Form (MDF) and supporting medical documents. This review takes place before the athlete is assigned a classification evaluation appointment. If the information is not complete, or there is not sufficient evidence of an UHC leading to an eligible vision impairment, the athlete will not be scheduled for a classification appointment.</li> <li>2. Once a UHC is established, the athlete can be scheduled for a classification evaluation appointment.</li> <li>3. At the classification evaluation appointment, the classification</li> </ol>
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panel will

- a. confirm (or not) the UHC,
- b. if the UHC is confirmed, the classification panel will proceed with a vision assessment to determine
  - i. if the athlete meets the minimum impairment criteria,
  - ii. assign a sport class and sport class status to the athlete

Only athletes competing in this event can be classified.

All athletes must be licensed for the current year.

A **Request for Classification Form** must be submitted to [classification@ibsasport.org](mailto:classification@ibsasport.org)

#### **Submission Deadlines**

- The First Deadline for Submission of a Request for Classification Form (by email to [classification@ibsasport.org](mailto:classification@ibsasport.org) ) and for uploading athlete MDFs and supporting medical tests in ISAS is **March 10, 2025**. Submissions received by this deadline, will be given first priority for allocation of a classification assessment slot at the competition. **Athletes will be assigned a classification appointment only after the MDF and supporting medical documents have been approved by the classifiers as establishing an UHC.**
  
- Second Deadline: Submissions received after the first deadline (and **by April 13**) will be allocated a classification slot if available, on a first come first served basis. **Athletes will be assigned a classification appointment (if available) only after the MDF and supporting medical documents have been approved by the classifiers as establishing an UHC.**

**Submissions received after April 13, will not be reviewed by classifiers or considered for this competition.**

**Only Athletes with a sport class status of Confirmed, Review or Review Fixed Date after international classification at the Competition will be eligible to compete.**

Participating Delegations are invited to bring up to three (3) Technical Officials as Members to support the Competition.

Technical Officials can be currently certified or participate in a Course ahead of the Competition.

Participating Delegations are responsible for all costs associated with Technical Officials as Members of their Delegation.

<b>IBSA Capitation Fees</b>	<p>Each Delegation IBSA Capitation Fee for IBSA World Cup = €50 per athlete and €25 per team member  IBSA Capitation Fee for IBSA Open Asian Championship = €100 per athlete and €50 per team member.</p> <p>This payment should be made to the LOC.</p>
<b>Accommodations and Meals – Entry Fee</b>	<p>All Participation Delegations and their Members must stay in the official accommodations during the Competition with reservations made through the LOC.</p> <p>The official accommodations for the Competitions are: Grand Aiser Hotel, 1 Pozharskiy street, Almaty 050013 Kazakhstan</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Single Room: 160 EUR/per person per night  Double Room: 130 EUR/per person per night</p> <p>Accommodations include breakfast, lunch and dinner on a communicated schedule.</p> <p>Any extra charges and/or fees that may apply to accommodations (e.g., early/late check-in/out, laundry, room service, long-distance calls, minibar, etc.) are each Delegation's responsibility. Any damages to the accommodation's fixtures, fittings and furnishings are the responsibility of the Delegation and will be charged accordingly.</p> <p>All Delegations that require accommodations must complete the excel file <a href="#">Accommodation Ibsa Form Almaty-2025</a> to the LOC (<a href="mailto:parapowerliftingkz@mail.ru">parapowerliftingkz@mail.ru</a>) by the required deadline; all changes and updates must be communicated afterwards as soon as possible.</p> <p>This payment is made to the LOC upon issuing of an invoice.</p> <p>Cancellation policy of accommodations are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to 30 days before arrival: 100%</li> <li>• From 29 before arrival: 0%</li> </ul> <p>Illness, injuries or visa problems are not valid reasons for the cancellation outside the above policy.</p>
<b>Transportation</b>	<p>Participating Delegations must pay for the international travel costs of their team members.</p> <p>The LOC will provide local transportation to and from the official international airport to the Competition official accommodations on official arrival and departure days as well as to and from the official accommodations to the Competition venue and training hall on a communicated schedule.</p> <p>The nearest international airport is: Astana International Airport</p> <p>All Delegations that require transportation must <u>provide information about transfer</u> to the LOC (<a href="mailto:lbsaevent.kaz@gmail.com">lbsaevent.kaz@gmail.com</a>) by the required deadline; all changes and updates to travel must be communicated afterwards as soon as possible.</p> <p>Deviations from the above may incur costs for the Delegation.</p>
<b>Visa</b>	<p>Delegations should check immediately if they require a visa for their members to enter the host country.</p> <p>All Delegations that require a visa must complete the excel file <a href="#">Visa travel IBSA Form - ALMATY 2025</a> and provide a copy of each Member's passport to the LOC (<a href="mailto:parapowerliftingkz@mail.ru">parapowerliftingkz@mail.ru</a>) by the required deadline.</p> <p>The LOC will provide you with an invitation letter with the list of your Delegation to support your visa application. Please note that visa approvals or rejections are done by the government authorities and the LOC has no control over this and cannot be held responsible for any rejections.</p>
<b>Accreditation and Media Consent</b>	<p>All Delegations must provide all information of participants, Officials, Athletes and an electronic colour photo of each Member who request accreditations to the LOC to</p>

	<p>TBC by the required deadline.</p> <p>Athletes' names, ages and nationality may be verified upon arrival at accreditation and/or the Technical Meeting.</p> <p>The accreditation card remains the property of IBSA and can be withdrawn, with immediate effect, at the IBSA's sole discretion. The accreditation card is valid for the duration of the competition and is the personal identity document of the delegate for all security and access controls. This card contains: last (family) name, first (given) name, country, a picture and for athletes their competition category.</p> <p>Delegates inscribed by their National Federations for the Competition consent to the IBSA and its media partners to use content of them, including data, live results, photographs and/or video recordings (hereafter referred to as Media). This media may be obtained from National Federations and IBSA.</p> <p>It will also be acquired by IBSA and its media partners from in and around all Competition venues. Media could be used in print and digital media formats including print publications, websites, e-marketing, posters banners, advertising, film, broadcast, social media, education purposes and other purposes. The National Federation must ensure that they have the permission of each delegate or in the case of a minor the permission of the parent/guardian. If a delegate does not give consent for use of data, photography, videos and filming then the National Federation must inform IBSA by writing to <a href="mailto:powerliftingbenchpres@ibsasport.org">powerliftingbenchpres@ibsasport.org</a></p>
<p><b>Insurance and Indemnity</b></p>	<p>Each Delegation must ensure that all Members of their Delegation are appropriately insured, including coverage for medical/health, travel, liability, accidents and repatriation. All Delegation Members must have appropriate accident and health insurance accepted in order to compete.</p> <p>All participating Delegations and its members agree to indemnity and not hold the LOC accountable for and against any claims for personal injury, financial loss, death or property damage, in any form, arising out of or in any way resulting from the participation in, postponement or cancellation of the said Competition.</p>
<p><b>Medical Services</b></p>	<p>The LOC will ensure the implementation of all necessary and appropriate on-site medical, emergency ambulance and first aid services throughout the Competition.</p> <p>For medical treatment, no medical insurance will be provided to any participant during the Competition.</p> <p>IBSA and the LOC will follow the COVID-19 regulations put in place by the government and health ministry of the host country, region and city. All Delegation Members must follow these; failure to do so will cause removal of accreditation and disqualification of the Competition. Any costs associated with testing and/or quarantine are the responsibility of the Delegation.</p>
<p><b>Doping Control</b></p>	<p>Doping Control will be carried out by the Sample Collection Authority appointed by LOC in accordance with IBSA the Anti-Doping Rules and management.</p> <p>Participating Delegation Members are encouraged to complete online learning on anti-doping; <a href="#">link to WADA's ADEL system</a></p>
<p><b>Technical Notes</b></p>	<p>The Competition will be run in accordance with the current Technical Rules and Regulations.</p> <p>The Challenge Fee is set as 50 EUR and accepted only in case:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When a Challenge is submitted by the Athlete and/or their Coach against their decision.</li> <li>• When the Referees' decision is "Good Lift" or "No Split" is split (e.g., two [2] to one [1] and there is a serious mistake in the decision.</li> </ul> <p>Scales will be available at the accommodations and Competition/training venue during the Competition on a communication schedule.</p> <p>The number of platforms/sets available for training and warm-up is TBC.</p>

<p><b>Protocol</b></p>	<p>Each Delegation is responsible for bringing their own national flag (100x150 cm) and anthem (USB), providing them to the LOC during the Technical Meeting. The LOC and IBSA cannot be held responsible for errors relating to the flag and anthem.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The IBSA Bench Press Competition will be held on a separate day from the Squat and Deadlift. Trial Competition of "Bench Press" as Single lift among men and women will be held on separate day and the results will be counted as in the Competition of Almaty 2025 IBSA Powerlifting and Bench Press World Cup (all age cats: Open, Sub-Junior, Junior &amp; Masters)</li> <li>● The IBSA Powerlifting Squat and Deadlift competition will be held on the following days, and the TOTAL result will include the results of the previous Bench Press competition. Competition in the disciplines of Squat and Deadlift among men and women will be counted in Competition of Almaty 2025 IBSA Powerlifting and Bench Press World Cup (all age cats: Open, Sub-Junior, Junior &amp; Masters).</li> <li>● The Pilot Competition IBSA "Bench Press" as Single lift among men and women will be held on the paralympic bench on separate day in Almaty 2025 IBSA Open Asian Bench Press Championship (all age cats: Open, Sub-Junior, Junior &amp; Masters)</li> </ul> <p>Medals will be presented at the end of each Competition Session for 1st, 2nd and 3rd ranks by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Age Groups (Open, Sub-Junior, Junior and Master)</li> <li>● Event/Movement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Total (Almaty 2025 IBSA Powerlifting and Bench Press World Cup)</li> <li>○ Bench Press - Single Lift (Almaty 2025 IBSA Powerlifting and Bench Press World Cup)</li> <li>○ Squat (Almaty 2025 IBSA Powerlifting and Bench Press World Cup)</li> <li>○ Bench Press – Powerlifting (Almaty 2025 IBSA Powerlifting and Bench Press World Cup)</li> <li>○ Deadlift (Almaty 2025 IBSA Powerlifting and Bench Press World Cup)</li> <li>○ Pilot Bench Press - Single Lift on paralympic bench (Almaty 2025 IBSA Open Asian Bench Press Championship)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Trophies will be presented at the end of the last Competition Session for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Teams (Total, Open; Men and Women): 1st, 2nd and 3rd</li> </ul>
<p><b>Financial Obligations</b></p>	<p>All payments must be made in <b>EUR</b>, inclusive of any bank charges.</p> <p>No entries, accommodations or accreditations are guaranteed until payment has been received in full, respecting the outlined deadlines.</p> <p>None of the above will be offered to a Participating Delegation until the financial obligations have been received in full by the LOC and IBSA.</p> <p>No financial obligations will be accepted in cash unless explicitly communicated and confirmed with the LOC.</p> <p><b>Payment Information</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Beneficiary Name: The Federation of Paralympic Powerlifting of Qazagstan (FPPQZ)</li> <li>● Bank Name: JSC Bank CenterCredit</li> <li>● IBAN: KZ938562203232887832</li> <li>● BIC/SWIFT: KCJBKZKX</li> </ul>
<p><b>Deadlines</b></p>	<p>Participating Delegations must submit and complete the required Forms related to their participation by the outlined deadlines digitally to the LOC by e-mail: (<a href="mailto:lbsaevent.kaz@gmail.com">lbsaevent.kaz@gmail.com</a> )</p> <p><b>No registration, guarantees or reservations are made by IBSA PO or the LOC if deadlines are not met.</b></p>

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	<u>March 10 2025</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Deadline for Request for Classification Form submission</li> </ul>
	<u>March 24, 2025</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deadline Entry by Number on IBSA ISAS and to LOC</li> <li>• Visa Form</li> <li>• Accommodation Form</li> <li>• Travel Transportation information</li> <li>• Accreditation information</li> </ul>
	<u>April 13 2025</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final Deadline for uploading of MDFs for athletes requiring classification.</li> <li>• Deadline Entry by Name on IBSA ISAS and to LOC</li> </ul>
	<u>April 20, 2024</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Payment of Fees 100% (Entries, Accommodations)</li> </ul>
<b>Forms</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Visa form (attached)</li> <li>2. Travel Information Form (attached)</li> <li>3. Accommodation form (attached)</li> <li>4. Classification Request Form (attached)</li> </ol>	