



INVITATION

**The President/Secretary General
Members of the International Shooting Sports Federation
Shooters/Coaches/Team Leaders**

Dear Friends,

The Kazakhstan Sport Shooting Federation and the Organizing Committee are pleased to invite you to participate in the

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CUP & GRAND-PRIX OF ASTANA

which will take place from 17th to 27th September 2018 at the Target Shooting Club in Astana, Kazakhstan.

Enclosed herewith please find the General Information, Preliminary Competition Schedule and Registration Forms.

All participating federations are asked to complete the registration forms and return them by the set deadlines.

We welcome all ISSF Member Federations to the International Youth Cup & Grand-prix of Astana 2018 in Astana for a successful competition.

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Grand-Prix of Astana
Astana, Kazakhstan
17th to 27th September 2018



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Official / Pre-Event Training	18 SEP 2018
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Airport pick up – Transportation to the Official Hotels (and back for departure)

Name/contact of person in charge: MS. Oxana Sereda / Mobile number +77012237391

E-mails: kfss_88@mail.ru, Anastassiya Davydova Mobile: +77017702761

Email: shevkent@mail.ru

Service duration: From the airport it would take about 20/30 minutes to the hotels.

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Note: 10 % of the prize-money is deducted from each resident medalist as a personal income tax

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21. Annexes

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Note: 10 % of the prize-money is deducted from each resident medalist as a personal income tax

20 % of the prize-money is deducted from each non- resident medalist as a personal income tax

21. Annexes

All necessary Registration Forms are attached to this General Information.

22. Summary of Deadlines

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