

**BMX VELOPARK**  
Salyan Highway 10, Dostlug Park,  
AZ1023, Baku Sabail district, Azerbaijan  
OFFICIAL WEBSITE <http://bakubmx2018.com>

## **RIDERS FINAL FACTS FOR WORLDS!**

### **BMX AUSTRALIA MANAGEMENT TEAM**

The following BMXA Management team will be onsite throughout the World Championships to provide support to all riders.

- Neil Cameron – BMXA President
- Dale Percy - Team Manager
- Paul Connors – Team Manager/National Technical Director
- Luke Madill - National Coach
- Simon Anderson - National Coach & Team Mechanic
- Emily Maclver - Team Assistant

### **UPDATES AND CONTACT DETAILS**

- To ensure you are fully updated with news, changes and information, news and communication for riders and their families attending Baku will be posted on the Team AUS - BMX World Championships (TeamAUSBmx) Facebook page as they occur - <https://www.facebook.com/TeamAUSBmx/>
- Please ensure you also follow the 2018 UCI World Championships official Facebook page for important updates and information - <https://www.facebook.com/bakubmx2018/>
- For all emergencies in Baku, please contact Emily Maclver on [events@bmxaustralia.com.au](mailto:events@bmxaustralia.com.au) or phone/text +61 489 943 340.
- For all enquiries or questions (prior to 31<sup>st</sup> May), please contact BMX Australia on 02 9008 1300 or email [events@bmxaustralia.com.au](mailto:events@bmxaustralia.com.au)

### **#TEAMAUSBMX**

All riders travelling to the 2018 UCI BMX World Championships in Baku, Azerbaijan are encouraged to grab as many photos and videos as possible and upload them to social media with the hashtag #TeamAUSBMX

If you would like to send any photos, videos, quotes or pieces of interesting information to the BMX Australia media team (who will not be onsite in Baku), please email them directly to [news@bmxaustralia.com.au](mailto:news@bmxaustralia.com.au)

We will also be sending out DAILY editions of The Dirt - Baku Edition - so the more information and images we have on email, the more we can include great information about our Aussie riders.

### **OFFICIAL UCI PRACTICE & RACING SCHEDULE**

The official UCI practice and racing schedule will be available shortly. BMXA will post the schedule on the Facebook page as soon as it becomes available.

## COMPETITION GUIDE

If you haven't already done so, please ensure you familiarise yourself with the Competition Guide available at the following link [BMX World Championship - Competition Guide](#).

## WEATHER

In June, weather conditions in Azerbaijan are pleasant. The average temperatures are between 21.0°C and 29.0°C, with exceptional peaks as low as 10°C and high as 40°C. Baku however can get very windy and is known as the 'City of Winds' with gale force winds from the North (cold) and Southern Winds (warm) typical in all seasons. Temperatures of an evening can also be cool (approx. 15 °C) so it is recommended you pack a jacket when going to the track. Although rainfall is low in June (10mm) a spray jacket is also recommended.

## CURRENCY

The currency of Azerbaijan is the Azerbaijani Manat (AZN). Azerbaijan is a cash-based economy, and most goods and services require payment in the local currency. US dollars and the Euro are widely used and are easily exchanged for local currency, provided notes are in good condition.

Credit cards are becoming more prevalent in major cities, but may not be accepted in smaller restaurants and stores. Traveller's cheques are not widely accepted, except in major hotels, some restaurants and banks. ATMs are available in major cities.

The exchange rate is 1 AUD =1.28 AZN (as at 14/5/18)

## TRAVEL ADVICE

It is recommended you visit the Smartraveller Website <http://smartraveller.gov.au/Countries/europe/eastern/Pages/azerbaijan.aspx> for detailed travel advice on Azerbaijan. This includes information on safety and security, local travel (taxis, road travel and driving), and local laws and customs including Ramadan which will be taking place during the BMX World Championships (<http://smartraveller.gov.au/bulletins/pages/ramadan.aspx>).

It is also recommended you register your travel on Smartraveller to stay up-to-date with the latest travel advice and in case of an emergency.

## BMX AUSTRALIA TEAM MECHANIC

BMX Australia will have an Australian Team Mechanic on hand. Please note this is for emergencies only and we request that each rider brings adequate supplies for their racing including:

- 2 x spare tubes to suit the wheels on your bike. Please put them in a zip lock bag with your name and what pressure you run the front and rear tyres to.
- Any unique tools for your bike

The Mechanic will be utilised specifically in emergency/last minute situations only. There will be no full bike services. This is the responsibility of the rider/parent prior to racing.

## FOOD AND DRINK AT THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Please ensure you bring food and drink each day to the World Championships. All 5-12-Year-old riders will not be allowed outside of the Australian Staging Area. We strongly encourage riders to take a foldable cooler bag to Baku for food and drinks (please ensure this is clearly labelled with the rider name).

### **AUSTRALIAN REGISTRATION ZONE**

BMX Australia will set up an Australian Registration Zone located at the Panorama Villa Lux located 850 metres from the track. The address is *Salyan Highway, AZ1023 Baku, Azerbaijan*. The exact location of the registration zone will be confirmed upon BMXA's arrival in Baku on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June. This will be posted on the Facebook page

Here you will be able to pick up your Registration plate, wristbands and any outstanding uniform items. The Australian Registration Zone will be open at the following times:

- Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June: 5:00pm – 7:00pm
- Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June: 7:00am – 8:30am

Please note: if you arrive in Baku after these times, please contact [events@bmxaustralia.com.au](mailto:events@bmxaustralia.com.au) to make alternative arrangements.

### **ADDITIONAL MERCHANDISE**

The opportunity to purchase BMX Australia merchandise and Racing Jerseys has now closed. Should you wish to purchase additional items, there will be limited stock available at the registration zone.

- BMX Australia Jersey - \$70 AUD / 90 AZN / \$54 USD
- BMX Australia T-Shirt - \$40 AUD / 51 AZN / \$30 USD
- BMX Australia Hat - \$25 AUD / 33 AZN / \$20 USD

Please note that Credit card and Cash will be available. Should you wish to pay in cash, BMX Australia will accept Australia, AZN and US currency. Credit cards will incur a 2.2% transaction fee.

### **PARENTS IN STAGING AREA**

Parents will not have access to the Staging Area throughout racing. There will be a parent zone, where parents can see their children on the way to pre-staging and on the way back after riders have finished. This will be accessible from the spectator area.

### **TICKETS**

Challenge riders with wrist bands will have access only to the Challenge grandstands.

Spectators can purchase tickets from the following link - <https://iticket.az/en/events/2018-uci-bmx-world-championships-baku> There will be A and B spectator areas (both with access to parents zone). A zone is close to the Parents zone and B zone is close to the start gate of Challenge riders.

Please note, riders will need to purchase tickets to Championship days.

***Safe travels everyone and see you in Baku!***