



NEOM
BEACH
GAMES

NEOM IFSC MASTERS GUIDE 2024

BOULDER - SPEED

NEOM, SAUDI ARABIA
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NEOM BEACH GAMES OVERVIEW



The third edition of NEOM Beach Games will host over 1000 athletes, coaches, and game officials from around the world for six international sports events, taking place between November 3-23, 2024. NEOM Beach Games aims to build and promote a high-performance culture in NEOM that attracts, inspires, and enables talent through pioneering ideas, unbridled imagination, and the inspiration of NEOM's spectacular landscape.

The series of leading global sports events will feature six dynamic sports:

- supertri NEOM
- FIBA 3x3 World Tour NEOM 2024
- NEOM IFSC Masters
- NEOM Beach Soccer Cup
- NEOM TITAN DESERT
- World Aquatics Open Water Swimming World Cup NEOM

Organizer website

www.neom.com/en-us/our-business/sectors/sport/neom-beach-games-2024

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IFSC Officials	
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PARTICIPATION AND REGISTRATION

The NEOM IFSC Masters is an invitational event based on the following criteria:

Quota places

- Women Boulder: 25
- Men Boulder: 25
- Women Speed: 25
- Men Speed: 25

Quota place country, per discipline

- Women: 3
- Men: 3

Entries for Men's Speed are CLOSED. Women's Speed and both genders in the Boulder competitions will be open to more than 3 athletes per country.

Athlete eligibility: as per IFSC Rules

Pathway 1	15 st ranked at the IFSC World Ranking (Boulder, Speed) on Monday, July 1, 2024
Pathway 2	10 st ranked at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games (Boulder & Lead, Speed), not already qualified from pathway 1)

*Invited athletes will receive a communication from the IFSC, with a schedule for the athlete to respond. If necessary, invitations will be reallocated until the quota places are filled in each discipline.

Registration through the IFSC platform.

Team Officials

Up to two Team Officials per country can participate to the Neom IFSC Masters, Team Officials shall have a valid IFSC Team Official license.

NEOM will cover flights, accommodation, and full catering on site for one Team Official, and accommodation and full catering for the second team official.

1. PRE-EVENT REGULATIONS

Medical/Health Insurance Advisory

It is imperative that individuals verify the international coverage scope of their health insurance policies prior to travel. Be advised that healthcare facilities within the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia do not recognize any form of international health insurance. Consequently, individuals will be obligated to remit full payment for all medical services rendered by local hospitals and physician consultations. Most healthcare providers in the Kingdom accept remuneration in the form of cash or credit card transactions. It is highly advisable to procure supplemental insurance that encompasses medical evacuation costs.

For those insured under Saudi Arabian policies, it is essential to thoroughly review and comprehend all policy stipulations, as local insurances may incorporate exclusions not typically found in US policies. Notably, most Saudi Arabian insurance plans may exclude coverage for incidents occurring during participation in high-risk activities or adventure sports—activities which are frequently pursued by expatriates, such as operating all-terrain quad vehicles in desert environments. For athletes participating in sports or activities that entail a higher level of risk of injury due to the nature of such sport or activity, it is prudent to supplement their health insurance through a personal accident insurance.

2. CONFIRMATION OF ATTENDANCE

Confirmation of Attendance

Confirmation shall happen through the registration process and ultimately through the arrangement of flights from NEOM.

Delayed Arrival

In case of late arrival, please get in touch with the Competition Manager, Jérôme Meyer, as soon as possible.
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3. VISA AND TRAVEL

Visa

All non-GCC passport holders require a visitor visa to enter the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. NEOM Sport will facilitate the visa application process via the Ministry of Sport. Once you have confirmed your attendance for the event, you will be sent the application form and instructions to apply for your visa.

Visa applications are processed by the Ministry of Sport and will be shared with you directly. There is typically no need to visit the Embassy of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Travel

NEOM Beach Games will offer economy class flights to the event as well as transportation arrangements within the Kingdom for attendees to access the event. Once you have confirmed your attendance for the event, you will be contacted by a member of the NEOM Beach Games travel team to book your return economy class flight tickets. You will be met by a NEOM Beach Games team member and directed to your transport services for the 60-minute journey to the Bajda Mountain Village.

4. ACCREDITATION

The NEOM Beach Games is a series of major sports events that have its own accreditation system. Once attendance at the event is confirmed, you will receive a link to complete your profile and provide a copy of your travel insurance policy.

5. ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation within the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is provided by NEOM Sport at the Bajda Mountain Village. The Village is a purpose-built camp at 1,100m elevation that sits within the towering sandstone columns of the Hisma Desert plateau, close to the Jebal Al Lawz (Mountain of Almonds) at 2,580m elevation.

The camp includes:

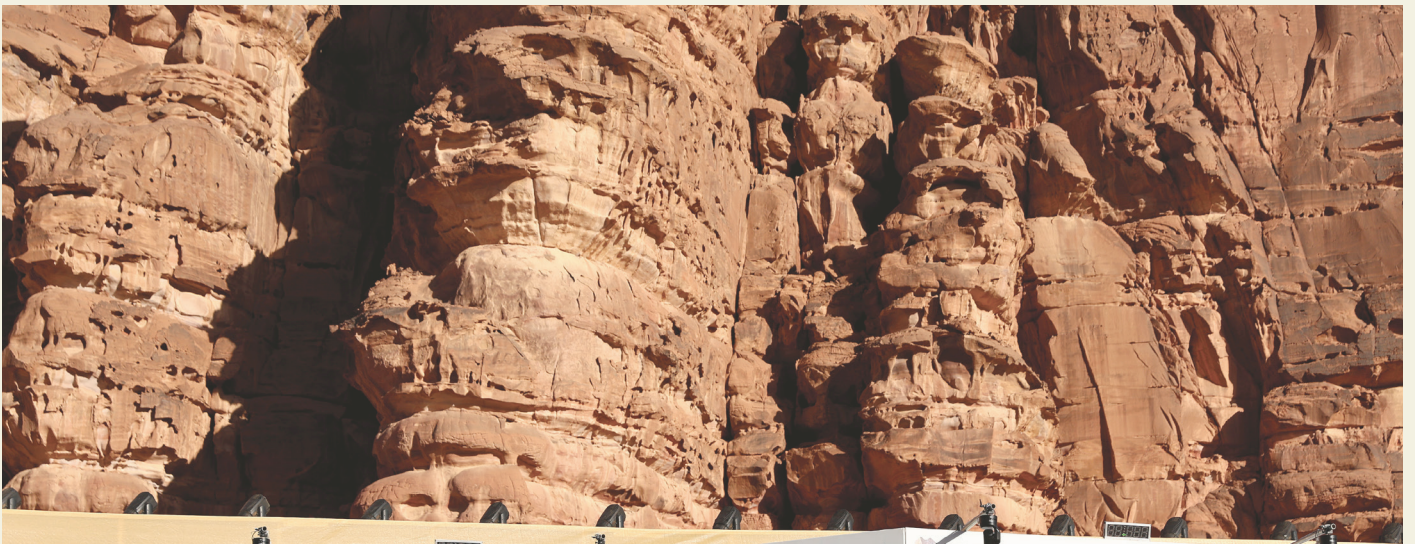
- Traditional Arabian- style (khaimas) tents that accommodate three beds
- Toilet and shower facilities
- Towels, linens, and housekeeping
- Relaxation and performance spaces with daily entertainment schedules
- Catering tent for buffet meals and 24-hour snacks / refreshments
- Security
- Medical and physiotherapy services

6. COMPETITION VENUE

The competition venue is located within the Mountain Village in Bajda, set below the sandstone walls of the Hisma Desert. Boulder will be held on the EP - TITAN wall of the same specifications as the Paris 2024 Summer Olympics. An official Speed wall and warm-up walls are also provided.

The competition venue will be attended by up to 60 invited Saudi enthusiast athletes from the Saudi Climbing and Hiking Federation (SCHF) and a number of invited NEOM staff members and residents. There will be entertainment, a live DJ, an announcer and light shows each evening to help supplement the live TV stream.

Joint climbing sessions with the Saudi athletes will be organised during the stay. Details will be released later.





7. HEALTHCARE SYSTEM INFORMATION

The organizers have comprehensive medical response personnel and resources onsite at the Bajda Mountain Camp. This includes:

- Field of Play Medical Centre
- Camp Medical Centre
- Two qualified medical doctors
- Four sport physiotherapists
- Two nurses
- Two ambulances with drivers and paramedics
- Medication and first-response medical supplies
- Tested transfer / extraction process to identified hospitals

All visitors to Saudi Arabia are expected to carry medical insurance to cover any COVID-19 hospitalization and other health issues that may occur. This coverage should include hospitalization, as well as other medical needs, COVID-19, and possible repatriation back to their home country. NEOM Beach Games 2024 and the NEOM IFSC Masters will not be responsible for any of these costs.

8. PRIZE MONEY

For this edition of the event, the prize money will be awarded and transferred to the top six athletes in each discipline and gender category, as per the outlined allocation below.

1st = USD \$6,000

2nd = USD \$5,000

3rd = USD \$4,000

4th = USD \$3,000

5th = USD \$2,000

6th = USD \$1,000

- The athlete will receive the net amount as set out above, directly into their designated account.
- Send fees, KSA taxes, and foreign exchange are taken care of by NEOM to ensure the bank receives the amounts set out above.
- Athletes are responsible for any receiving fees that their bank may charge.
- Athletes are responsible for the accurate reporting of income taxes in the country in which they reside.

9. CLIMBING COMPETITION FORMAT

SPEED

World Cup format:

- 2 Practice Runs
- 2 Qualification Runs
- 1/8 Finals
- 1/4 Finals
- Semi-Finals
- Finals

BOULDER

Semis – Flash will follow the World Cup format:

- 4 Boulders, 5 minutes of Climbing
 - o 15-second transitions
 - o 5 minutes of rest

Finals – Flash, format to be released

- 4 boulders

10. PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME (LOCAL TIME, UTC +3)

Saturday, November 9 – Arrivals	
All day	Pick up and transportation from the airport
Sunday, November 10 – Registration / training	
09:00 – 11:00	Boulder + Speed walls open for training
09:00 – 11:00	Confirmation of attendance / Registration
11:00 – 12:30	Technical Meeting
16:00 – 19:00	Boulder + Speed walls wall open for training
Monday, November 11 – Boulder Day 1	
09:00 – 11:00	Boulder + Speed walls open for training
12:30	Warm-up area Opens
14:30 – 17:00	Qualification – MEN
17:30 – 19:00	Warm-up area Opens
19:00 – 20:45	Final – MEN
Followed by	Award ceremony
Tuesday, November 12 – Boulder Day 2	
09:00 – 11:00	Boulder + Speed walls open for training
12:30	Warm-up area Opens
14:30 – 17:00	Qualification – WOMEN
17:30 – 19:00	Warm-up area Opens
19:00 – 20:45	Final – WOMEN
Followed by	Award ceremony
Wednesday, November 13 – Speed	
13:00 – 15:00	Boulder + Speed walls open for training
15:00 – 17:00	Speed Warm-up + Practice
17:00 – 18:45	Qualification MEN / WOMEN
19:30 – 20:39	Final – MEN / WOMEN
Followed by	Award ceremony
Thursday, November 14 – Activation day	
08:00 – 16:00	Workshop, Activation will be hosted by the Saudi Climbing and Hiking Federation (SCHF). Further details will be issued closer to the event.
Friday, November 15 – Departure day	
All day	



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