

Fact File 1**THE UFA WRESTLING PALACE**

The Ufa Wrestling Palace does not look like a stadium or a traditional sports complex. It is really a palace - with columns, architectural elements, sculptural compositions. Its concept is somewhat reminiscent of ancient history - there are even bas-reliefs depicting ancient Greek wrestlers. It's a reference to the sport's formative history - wrestling was the first non-running event to be added to the Olympic Games in 708 BC.

Local wrestling athletes finally have their own big house for sporting activities. It is equipped and licensed by international federations, so it will be able to host international, federal and regional level competitions in wrestling, freestyle wrestling, sambo, judo, national wrestling Kuresh, and oriental martial arts. This autumn, the XII International Forum 'Russia is a Sports Power' and the Council for the Development of Physical Culture and Sports under the President of Russia have already been held.

The five-storey palace with the area of 28 thousand square metres can host any competitions and cultural and mass events, because it has:

- A universal sports and concert hall 32x62 m and an amphitheatre of tribunes on different levels for 3400 seats, here you can hold both sports competitions and various concerts;
- A large training hall for martial arts;
- A medical centre for support, rehabilitation and doping control of athletes;
- Two gyms;

- Two general physical training halls;
- A 25-metre swimming pool with 7 lanes;
- Hotel with 150 beds;
- Restaurant;
- A sports bar.

The most important thing is that this Palace is not for the elite and professionals. It was built for all sportsmen, including ordinary boys and girls who want to do sports in comfortable conditions. It was the dream of the Head of the Republic Radey Khabirov to build such a modern centre.

Wrestling is a popular sport, so there are specialised sports complexes in many regions. The uniqueness of the Ufa Palace is that it has combined their best qualities: impeccable architecture, multifunctionality, accessibility, capacity and compliance with high world standards.

From the city centre the Palace can be reached either by public transport (30 minutes from the city centre), taxi or private vehicle, promising that the large car park can accommodate all comers.