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THE WORLD GAMES 2022

Birmingham, AL (USA)
10 – 17 July 2022



The World Games
2022 BIRMINGHAM, USA

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Aerobic Gymnastics
Parkour
Rhythmic Gymnastics
Trampoline Gymnastics

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Dear President,

We are happy to confirm your qualification as per the enclosed list of qualified countries/athletes (appendix 1) and to give you the directives / invitation for The World Games 2022 which will be held in Birmingham, AL (USA). We kindly ask you to carefully study this document and pay special attention to the deadlines. Thank you for your cooperation.

1. General Information about The World Games

The World Games 2022 will take place from 10th July to 17th July 2022 in Birmingham, AL (USA). The World Games take place every 4 years in the year following the summer Olympic Games. They are governed by the International World Games Association (IWGA), recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) who support The World Games.

The FIG participation:

Rhythmic Gymnastics (RG)	Individual: Hoop, Ball, Clubs and Ribbon
Trampoline Gymnastics (TUM) (DMT)	Tumbling Men and Women Double Mini-Trampoline Men and Women
Acrobatic Gymnastics (ACRO)	Mixed Pairs, Men's Pairs, Women's Pairs Women's Group and Men's Group
Aerobic Gymnastics (AER)	Mixed Pairs, Trios, Groups, Aerobic Dance
Parkour (PK)	Freestyle and Speed

Similar to the Olympic Games, the participation is limited by a quota (number of athletes per discipline) and therefore, qualifying events and criteria are necessary.

The FIG quotas confirmed by the IWGA for The World Games 2022, have slightly changed from the previous edition. The details are as follows:

RG - Rhythmic Gymnastics:	24
TRA - Trampoline Gymnastics (TUM/DMT):	40
ACRO - Acrobatic Gymnastics:	78
AER - Aerobics Gymnastics:	81
PK - Parkour:	24

2. Qualifying events

The qualifying events for The World Games 2022 were:

- 37th FIG Rhythmic Gymnastics World Championships, 2019
- 34th FIG Trampoline, Tumbling and Double Mini-Trampoline World Championships, 2019
- 27th FIG Acrobatic Gymnastics World Championships, 2021
- 16th FIG Aerobic Gymnastics World Championships, 2021
- *PK - to be confirmed at the FIG executive Committee Meeting (Feb. 2022)*

3. Birmingham Organising Committee (BOC)

The World Games 2022
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Suite 600
Birmingham, Alabama 35203 USA

Tel. +1 (205) 846-25000
Email: info@twg2022.com
website: <https://twg2022.com>

4. Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique (FIG)

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Website: <https://www.gymnastics.sport>

5. Venue

All FIG competitions, including training, podium training and warm-up will take place in the following venues:

RG, TRA, ACRO and AER

Birmingham Jefferson Civic Complex – Legagy Arena
2100 Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd N
Birmingham AL 35203-1102

PK

Sloss Furnaces
20 32nd Street North
Birmingham AL 35222

6. Competition formats

6.1 Rhythmic Gymnastics (RG)

Quota: Total of 24 athletes

Apparatus: Hoop, Ball, Clubs, Ribbon

Programme: Qualifications

- 1 exercise per athlete per apparatus
- All 24 athletes participate, maximum two (2) per NF.
- The top 8 athletes per apparatus qualify for the Apparatus Finals.

Finals

- 1 exercise per athlete per apparatus
- The finals start from zero.

6.2 Aerobic Gymnastics (AER)

Quota: Total of 81 athletes

Categories: Mixed Pair: 6 units
Trio: 6 units
Group: 6 units
Aerobic Dance: 6 units

Programme: Qualifications

- 1 exercise
- All 6 units per category, maximum one (1) per NF.
- The top 4 units per category qualify for the Finals.

Finals

- 1 exercise
- The finals start from zero.

6.3 Trampoline (TUM / DMT)

Quota: Total 40 athletes

Disciplines: Double Mini-Trampoline 20 (10 men and 10 women)
Tumbling 20 (10 men and 10 women).

Events: Tumbling Men
Tumbling Women
Double Mini-Trampoline Men
Double Mini-Trampoline Women.

Programme: Qualifications

- 2 routines per discipline
- All athletes (4 x 10), maximum one (1) per NF.
- The top 8 athletes per event qualify for the Finals.

Finals

- 2 routines per discipline (F1 + F2)
- The finals start from zero.

6.4 Acrobatic Gymnastics (ACRO)

Quota: Total 28 athletes:

Categories: Women's Pairs: 6 units
Mixed Pairs: 6 units
Men's Pairs: 6 units
Women's Group: 6 units
Men's Group: 6 units

Programme: Qualifications

- 2 exercises: 1 Dynamic and 1 Balance
- All 6 units per category, maximum one (1) per NF.
- The top 4 units per category qualify for the Finals.

Finals

- 1 exercise: Combined
- The finals start from zero.

6.5 Parkour (PK)

Quota: Total 24 athletes:

Disciplines: Freestyle
Speed

Events: Freestyle Men
Freestyle Women
Speed Men
Speed Women

Programme: Qualifications

- 1 or 2 passes per event
- All athletes (2 x 12), maximum one (1) per NF.
- In Freestyle, the top 8 athletes per event qualify for the Finals.
- In Speed, the top 6 athletes per event qualify for the Finals.

Finals

- 1 pass per event.
- The finals start from zero.

7. Programme (provisional) - detailed programme will be sent with the Workplan

Date	Description
Thursday, 07.07.2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Arrival PK delegations who fly from outside of USA ➤ Arrival PK Technical Delegate ➤ TWG Opening Ceremony
Friday, 08.07.2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Arrival PK delegations from USA ➤ Arrival RG delegations who fly from outside of USA ➤ Arrival RG Technical Delegate
Saturday, 09.07.2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Arrival AER Technical Delegate ➤ Arrival RG delegations from USA ➤ Arrival AER delegations who fly from outside of USA ➤ PK Training and Podium Training ➤ PK Orientation Meeting ➤ PK Judges' Meeting
Sunday, 10.07.2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Arrival AER delegations from USA ➤ RG Training and Podium Training ➤ <u>PK Qualifications and Finals:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speed Men and Freestyle Women
Monday, 11.07.2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ RG Orientation Meeting ➤ RG Judges' Meeting ➤ RG Training and Podium Training ➤ AER Orientation Meeting ➤ AER Judges' Meeting ➤ AER Training and Podium Training ➤ <u>PK Qualifications and Finals:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freestyle Men and Speed Women
Tuesday, 12.07.2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Arrival TUM, DMT and ACRO Technical Delegate ➤ Arrival TUM, DMT and ACRO delegations from outside of USA ➤ AER Training (<i>for non competing athletes</i>) ➤ <u>RG and AER Qualifications and Finals</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RG – Hoop and Ball • AER – Mixed Pairs and Dance ➤ TWG Athletes' Night ➤ Departure PK
Wednesday, 13.07.2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Arrival TUM, DMT and ACRO delegations from USA ➤ <u>RG and AER Qualifications and Finals</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RG – Clubs and Ribbon • AER – Group and Trios
Thursday, 14.07.2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ TUM, DMT and ACRO Orientation Meeting ➤ TUM, DMT and ACRO Judges' Meetings ➤ TUM, DMT and ACRO Training and Podium Training ➤ Departure RG ➤ Departure AER
Friday, 15.07.2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ TUM, DMT ACRO Training (<i>for non competing athletes</i>) ➤ <u>DMT and ACRO Qualifications and Finals</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DMT – Men • ACRO – Women's Pairs and Mixed Pairs
Saturday, 16.07.2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ TUM, DMT ACRO Training (<i>for non competing athletes</i>) ➤ <u>TUM and ACRO Qualifications and Finals</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TUM – Women • ACRO – Men's Pairs and Women's Groups

Sunday, 17.07.2022	➤ <u>TUM, DMT and ACRO Qualifications and Finals</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TUM – Men • DMT - Women • ACRO – Men's Groups
	➤ TWG 2022 Closing Ceremony
Monday, 18.07.2022	➤ Departure TUM, DMT and ACRO delegations

8. Maximum size of delegations

Athletes and officials from FIG affiliated federations in good standing and with the correct age (senior) may take part in The World Games. The maximum size of each delegation is as follows:

PK

	PK
HD	1
Athletes	Qualified
Coaches	1
Add Coach	0
Medical Doctor Paramedical Staff	1
Add Paramedical Staff	0
Judges	1

RG / AER

	RG	AER	Mixed (max)
HD	1	1	1
Athletes	Qualified	Qualified	Qualified
Coaches	1	1	2
Add Coach	0	1 (a)	1
Medical Doctor Paramedical Staff	1	1	2
Add Paramedical Staff	0	1 (b)	1
Judges	1	1	2

TUM / DMT / ACRO

	TUM	DMT	ACRO	Mixed (max)
HD	1	1	1	1
Athletes	Qualified	Qualified	Qualified	Qualified
Coaches	1	1	1	3
Add Coach	0	0	1 (a)	1
Medical Doctor Paramedical Staff	1		1	2
Judges	1	1	1	3

a) In AER and ACRO, 1 additional coach is allowed if there are three or more participating units

b) In AER, 1 additional Paramedical Staff is allowed if there are three or more participating units

9. Entry procedures / Entry Forms / Entry Fees

Definitive Entry

With the revision of the Qualifiers (please see attached), please fill in the enclosed Definitive Entry Form (appendix 2) and return it to the FIG – Rui Vinagre: rvinagre@fig-gymnastics.org, as soon as possible, but no later than **March 14, 2022** (23:59 Swiss time).

National Federations with reserve gymnasts must also send the form with the relevant information.

For Parkour (PK), the qualifiers will be informed in due time, and the registration process will start at that time. New information will be provided whenever available.

In case the National Federation already sent the form to FIG, we kindly ask you to re-send the form attached.



Late entries will not be accepted and will result in the FIG automatically inviting the 1st reserve qualified NF.

Entry fees (based on the Definitive Entry):

- RG/ACRO/AER/TUM/DMT/PK: CHF 150 per competitor

The FIG will issue an invoice for the entry fees after the Definitive Entry. These fees must be paid within 30 days after the invoice's date.

Each participating member Federation is kindly requested to clearly state payment's purpose as follows:

	Invoice no.	NF	Event ID	Event
Example:	69300	SUI	16282	The World Games 2022

Failing to do so will lead to an unidentified fund transfer and may cause your federation to appear not to have met its financial obligations.

The participating federation is responsible for covering all bank fees in connection with the bank transfers.

The payment must be made in CHF only. Total amount of the FIG entry fees to be paid to:

Bank transfer:

Beneficiary	Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique Av. de la Gare 12 A - CH-1003 Lausanne/Switzerland
Bank Account / IBAN	CH40 0027 2272 5630 1649 0
IBAN	UBS Switzerland SA, Place St-François 16, CH-1002 Lausanne/Switzerland
SWIFT/BIC	UBSWCHZH80A

Credit card

Should you wish to pay by credit card, please contact the FIG Finance Department (finance@fig-gymnastics.org) and provide the following information:

	Invoice no.	NF	Event ID	Event
Example:	69300	SUI	16282	World Games 2022 USA

- **Amount and currency**

- **e-mail address** to be used for receiving the link which will allow you to directly enter the credit card details.

Nominative Registrations – “Long List”:

After receiving the Definitive Entry Form (appendix 2) mentioned above, FIG will send to the participating federations a link allowing them to register in the Nominative Long List of participants (athletes and officials).

The deadline to complete the Nominative Long List is **March 18, 2022**.

10. Accommodation and Payments

The BOC will pay for accommodation in twin room and catering for all **qualified athletes**, as follows:

- PK - 8th to 12th July = 4 nights (+1 night for athletes who fly from outside of USA)
- RG - 9th to 14th July = 5 nights (+1 night for athletes who fly from outside of USA)
- AER - 10th to 14th July = 4 nights (+1 night for athletes who fly from outside of USA)
- TUM, DMT and ACRO – 13th to 18th July = 5 nights (+1 night for athletes who fly from outside of USA)

Accommodation for all other members of the delegation is at the charge of your federation. The costs are as follows and include accommodation in single and/or twin room, full board, transportation, airport pick up and BOC administration fee and city taxes:

- Single room: USD 200 per person / per night
- Twin room: USD 150 per person / per night

The number of single rooms is limited; therefore BOC and FIG cannot guarantee this type of accommodation for all requests.

Accommodation Reservation Form:

After receiving the Definitive Entry Form (appendix 2) mentioned above, FIG will send to the participating federations a link allowing them to register in the Accommodation Registration Form. The deadline to complete the Accommodation Registration Form. is **March 18, 2022**.

The Accommodation costs must be paid within 30 days after the invoice's date. The participating federation is responsible for covering all bank fees in connection with the bank transfers.

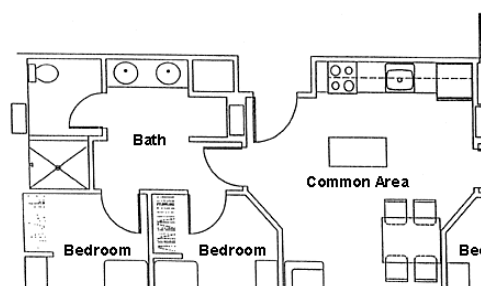
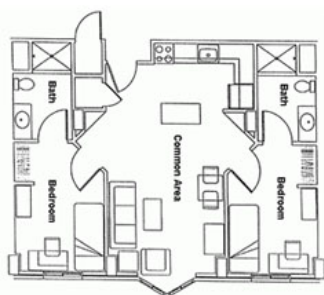
Bank details (Beneficiary name, Bank name and address, Account number, IBAN and BIC) to be used, will be stated on the FIG invoice.

Booking and payment of additional nights (earlier arrival or later departure) are at the responsibility of your relevant National Federation.

Accommodation Type

All participants (athletes and officials) will stay in the Athlete Village at UAB – University of Alabama.

The types of accommodation are as follow:



11. Transport / Flights

All travel costs to/from Birmingham, AL (USA) are at the charge of the respective National Federation.

BOC provides transportation service from 7th to 18th July 2022.

Airport Shuttle for pick up and drop off service for the delegation members will be provided to and from Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport (code BHM) based on the flight details given during the accreditation application process.

Local transportation (shuttle buses) will be provided between the accommodations and the venues.

FIG will send to all participating NFs an "excel form" as soon as we receive the detailed information from BOC.

12. Accreditation Cards

Accreditation will only be given by BOC through the FIG. The FIG will, based on the information received at the time of the Definitive and Nominative Entries, request accreditation for all delegation members. Access to the various zones will be given as agreed between the IWGA, the FIG and BOC.

13. Licences

No athletes will be accepted without a valid FIG License at the deadline of the Nominative Registration (Final list of athletes).

14. Judges

Every delegation is obliged to send one judge for each discipline in which it participates (please refer to # 8 of this document). Judges must have a valid FIG brevet of the respective discipline for the Cycle 2022 – 2024. Priority must be given to the judges with category 1 and 2. Federations who don't have a judge category 1 or 2 may send a judge category 3.

Failure to enter the minimum number of judges as requested above by **March 18, 2022** will result in the FIG charging the respective member federation with Swiss Francs (CHF) 2'000.-. This amount will be used to cover the costs of an invited neutral judge. The same amount will be charged, should an announced judge not be present in due time at The World Games.

15. Music rights / Music forms

The rules of the IWGA and the FIG require that all participating federations must clear the music rights. For all federations who have qualified competitors performing with music, it is therefore compulsory to make sure that the music used at The World Games is fully cleared with regard to commercial rights for broadcasting images and sound.

By signing the Nominative Entry, you accept the above and confirm that you have cleared the music rights.

The Music Form will be sent to all concerned NFs in due time.

16. COVID and Visa

The Birmingham Organizing Committee (BOC) continues to monitor the developing of the COVID-19 pandemic situation worldwide to make plans accordingly. It is imperative that federations stay up to date on the latest news while the BOC provides further direction at the Competition Managers and NOC Meetings later this year.

Obtaining a visa will be pertinent for many of the attendees of The World Games 2022. The key is starting the process well in advance of the travel date. Below are some steps and information pertaining to a US Visa to attend the The World Games 2022.

- Register through the The World Games 2022 Registration Portal. Letters of Invitation will be available to those approved registrants. They will be sent to the email on file, upon registration.
- Determine if you need a Visa to enter the United States. There are currently 38 countries that participate in the Visa Waiver Program. These countries are listed in the State Department Website found in the following link: [Visa Waiver Program \(state.gov\)](https://travel.state.gov/visas/visa-waivers/)
- If your country is not part of the Visa Waiver Program, contact the nearest US Embassy and Consulate regarding obtaining visas. A listing of US Embassies and Consulates can be found at the following link: [Official list of Embassies from the U.S. Department of State \(us embassy.gov\)](https://photos.state.gov/libraries/worldwide/). In addition, there are companies and agencies that will assist with obtaining visas for a fee. The type of visa that will be obtained for the majority of the attendees will be type B1 per the following site [Directory of Visa Categories \(state.gov\)](https://travel.state.gov/visas/visa-categories/). Best practices are to start the process as much in advance of the travel date as possible. Some National Governing Bodies have been known to obtain visas for those with a chance of qualification to start the process well in advance.
- If you have any visa questions or problems, please feel free to contact travel@twg2022.com

17. Insurance

The Host Federation, the LOC and the FIG will not be held responsible for any liabilities in case of accidents, illness (including COVID-19), repatriation and the like.

The FIG Technical Regulations foresee that all participating Federations are responsible for making their own arrangements to have the necessary valid insurance coverage against illness, accidents and repatriation for all the members of their Delegation during your travel and stay in Birmingham. It is compulsory that you check your insurance policies and make sure you are fully covered in USA.

According to the IWGA rules and regulations **each member of delegation** has to show a proof of their health insurance cover at the Accreditation Center in order to obtain an accreditation card with full rights of participation. Without that proof of health insurance coverage, no accreditation will be delivered.

Athletes without the required health insurance for the duration of The World Games 2022 in Birmingham will be requested to pay health insurance at the time of the accreditation. Further information will be given in due time.

Basic insurance (sickness, accident and repatriation) in your country of residence is compulsory in order to be able to benefit from coverage by FIG IMSSA subsidiary insurance. Please also refer to <https://www.gymnastics.sport/site/pages/medical-insurance.php> for additional information regarding the FIG IMSSA insurance for Athletes and Judges.

18. Doping Controls

BOC is responsible for executing the practices of the WADA Anti-Doping Rules. Doping controls will be made during The World Games as per WADA and FIG regulations.

19. Publicity and Advertising

For The World Games, the FIG Advertising and Publicity Rules apply, with the following exception: ALL advertising and publicity – size as per FIG Rules - must be approved by BOC. BOC will in principle allow all sponsors (products), which are not in conflict with a main sponsor of BOC. Federations who wish to place publicity on competition attire (incl. bags, track suits, t-shirts etc.) must make a **written request to FIG as soon as possible, but no later than May 4th, 2022**. This request must include the name of the sponsor and the product, the placement and size and which competitors will wear it. FIG will then seek approval from the BOC and inform the Federation concerned about the decision.

Federations which have not presented a request until April 30th, 2022, will not be allowed any publicity and advertisement on the competition attire.

20. Drawing of Lots

The drawing of lots for the starting order will take place in Lausanne – FIG Headquarters. Information about the date and time will follow in due time.

21. Work Plan

The Work Plan will be distributed at the latest, 6 weeks before the start of TWG 2022.

The following Statutes, Rules and Regulations will be applied for The World Games:

- Statutes
- Code of Ethics
- Code of Conduct
- Technical Regulations
- Code of Discipline
- License Rules
- Code of Points and relevant Newsletters
- General Judges' Rules
- Specific Judges' Rules
- Medical Organization of the FIG Competitions and Events
- Anti-Doping Rules
- FIG Framework for Safeguarding Athletes and other Participants from Harassment and abuse in Sports during Events
- Media Rules
- Apparatus Norms
- Rules for Advertising and Publicity
- Accreditation Rules
- Rules for Awards Ceremonies

and subsequent changes and/or decisions of the FIG Council, FIG Executive Committee and Technical Committees.

Should you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact Rui Vinagre / Eunice Lebre at the FIG Office in Lausanne, e-mail: rvinagre@fig-gymnastics.org / elebre@fig-gymnastics.org.

22. Touristic Information

Language:

English is primary language.

Weather in Birmingham in July:

Average minimum 20°C, average maximum 30°C

GMT:

During the event, Birmingham will be on Summer Time (GMT – 5 hours)

More information about Birmingham:

<https://www.birminghamal.org/visit/>

Lausanne, 7 March 2022

Kind regards,

FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE GYMNASTIQUE



Nicolas Buompane
Secretary General

Encl.

- Appendix 1: List of qualified Federations/Athletes
- Appendix 2: Definitive Registration Form (**deadline March 14, 2022**)