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FIG ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS  
WORLD CHALLENGE CUP

Varna, Bulgaria  
May 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022



**WORK PLAN**

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# STAY COVID SAFE



IF YOU BECOME SICK  
SEEK MEDICAL CARE  
IMMEDIATELY



WASH YOUR HAND  
AT LEAST 20 SECONDS



WEAR A MASK



USE HAND  
SANITIZER



AVOID  
CROWDED PLACES



COVER YOUR SNEEZE  
AND COUGH



KEEP 1,5 METERS  
DISTANCE



AVOID TOUCHING EYES,  
NOSE AND MOUTH WITH  
UNWASHED HAND



AVOID  
CLOSE CONTACT

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

The fundamental principle during the VARNA FIG ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS World Challenge Cup' 22 during the Covid-19 pandemic is to Protect and Be Protected by wearing a mask, sanitizing, distancing, and respecting the recommendations of "FIG Official Medical Guidelines" as well as the requirements of the Bulgarian Health Ministry.

It is the responsibility of the National Federations (NF) to verify the up-to-date travel information before departure to Bulgaria on: <https://www.mfa.bg/en/>

It is the responsibility of the NF to ensure that in addition to their normal insurance they have sufficient insurance in place to cover any COVID-19-related costs for all their delegations' members. The LOC of the event accepts no liability for any claims relating to the cancellation of the event due to COVID-19 or medical costs for any COVID-19 related illness that may affect a NF delegation member during the event.

In case your team members need PCR tests made in Bulgaria to enter your country, a request needs to be made during the accreditation. The cost of 1 PCR test is 70 EUR or 30 EUR QUICK TEST, to be borne by each NF concerned.

In addition to this, please note that no separate transportation will be arranged. In case your country wants transport only for their team, they should contact the LOC to check this possibility and the respective additional payment.

For those of you, who have received invitations from the Bulgarian Ministry of Youth and Sports, please also remember to bring a copy of the invitation for the Border control.

## 1. General Informatin

This competition will be organized under the following FIG rules, as valid in the year of the competition, except for any deviation mentioned in these World Challenge Cup for Artistic Gymnastics:

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

*and subsequent decisions of the FIG Executive Committee*

FIG Men’s Artistic Gymnastics Technical Delegate – Alvaro Sousa – MAG Expert

FIG Women’s Artistic Gymnastics Technical Delegate – Vesna Stare Crnjac – WAG Expert

## 2. Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique (FIG)

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## 3. Organising Committee

<p>LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE</p>	<p>Bulgarian Gymnastics Federation 75, Vasil Levski, Blvd 1040 Sofia, Bulgaria Contact persons: Mr. Krasimir Dunev Tel. +359 2 930 06 14 Fax +359 2 980 06 26 E-mail MAG&amp;WAG: <a href="mailto:gymnasticsevents@gmail.com">gymnasticsevents@gmail.com</a> Event website: <a href="http://www.gymnastics.bg">http://www.gymnastics.bg</a></p>
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#### 4. Responsible Persons

LOC President	Iordan Iovtchev
President BGF/ Event Manager	Krasimir Dunev
Competition manager MAG	Iliya Yanev
Competition manager WAG	Tzvetana Dobрева
Communication manager	Sandra Velcheva Hunt
Accreditations & Info Desk	Sandra Velcheva Hunt
Accreditation	Grigor Dudulov
Marketing, Branding & Merchandizing Manager	Grigor Dudulov
Accommodation /Transportation	Iliya Zapryanov
Ceremonies	Desislava Paneva
Medical Service	Medical Center for Rehabilitation and Sports Medicine of Varna
Venue Manager	Todor Todorov, Radoslav Emilov
Event Media Officer	Krastina Ivanova
Volunteers, VIP Guests	Desislava Paneva

#### 5. Competition Venue



<b>VENUE</b>	<p>Palace of Culture and Sports – Varna (PCS)                  115, Knyaz Boris I Blvd.                  Varna 9000                  Tel: (+359) 52 645 133                  Fax. (+359) 52 647 785                  E-mail: <a href="mailto:office@palaceofvarna.com">office@palaceofvarna.com</a>                  Website: <a href="http://www.palaceofvarna.com">www.palaceofvarna.com</a></p> <p>The multifunctional “Palace of Culture and Sports” disposes with separate Competition Hall and Training Halls, and all other necessary sports facilities for big sports events.</p>
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**6. General Programme**

<b>Monday, May 23</b> All day	Arrival of Delegations	PCS (Palace of Culture and Sports)
<b>Tuesday, May 24</b> All day 9:00 – 12:00 14:00 – 18:30	Arrival of Delegations Free Training Free Training	PCS
<b>Wednesday, May 25</b> All day 15:00 – 16:30 20:00 – 21:30	Training and Podium Training Judges Instruction (Scoring System) Orientation meeting	PCS PCS Hotel Apollo
<b>Thursday, May 26</b> 11:00 – 12:30 11:00 – 12:30 14:00 – 17:40	Judges Meeting MAG (Instruction and Draw for Qualifications) Judges Meeting WAG (Instruction and Draw for Qualifications) MAG – Qualifications: FX, PH, SR and WAG - Qualifications: VT, UB	PCS
<b>Friday, May 27</b> 12:00 – 12:30 12:00 – 12:30 14:00 – 17:40	Judges Meeting MAG (Roll Call) Judges Meeting WAG (Roll Call) MAG – Qualifications: VT, PB, HB and WAG - Qualifications: BB, FX	PCS
<b>Saturday, May 28</b> 11:30 – 13:00 11:30 – 13:00 13:30 – 14:05 14:05 – 14:12 14:12 – 14:50 14:50 – 14:57 14:57 – 15:32 15:32 – 15:39 15:39 – 16:17 16:17 – 16:24 16:24 – 16:59 16:59 – 17:06	Judges Meeting WAG Judges Meeting MAG MAG – Final: FX Award Ceremony MAG – FX WAG – Final: VT Award Ceremony WAG – VT MAG – Final: PH Award Ceremony MAG – PH WAG – Final: UB Award Ceremony WAG – UB MAG – Final: SR Award Ceremony MAG – SR	PCS
<b>Sunday, May 29</b> 12:30 – 13:00 12:30 – 13:00 13:30 – 14:08 14:08 – 14:15 14:15 – 14:50 14:50 – 14:57 14:57 – 15:35 15:35 – 15:42 15:42 – 16:17 16:17 – 16:24 16:24 – 16:59 16:59 – 17:06	Judges Meeting WAG Judges Meeting MAG MAG – Final: VT Award Ceremony MAG – VT WAG – Final: BB Award Ceremony WAG – BB MAG – Final: PB Award Ceremony MAG – PB WAG – Final: FX Award Ceremony WAG – FX MAG – Final: HB Award Ceremony MAG - HB	PCS

Monday, May 30 All day	Departure of Delegations	from Hotels
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### 7. Organizing Committee office

The main LOC office will be in operation from half an hour before the start of all training, warm-up, and competition times until half an hour after the last training session and one hour after the competition.

### 8. Information Desk

Information desk will be set up at the Palace of Culture and Sports. Dates and times of operation are also listed below:

Dates: May 24 – May 29, 2022

Opening Time: 30 minutes prior to the start of training, warm-up, or competition.

Closing Time: 30 minutes after the last training session and competition.

### 9. Delegation Boxes

All participants must strictly respect the access of the areas that are allowed to them.

INFORMATION DESK – NO BOXES – All the information will be send on email and on WhatsApp.

### 10. Competition Format and Participation

The Apparatus World Challenge Cup competitions consist of:

- Qualifications
- Apparatus Finals

#### Qualifications:

- Participation is limited to 2 gymnasts per NF on each apparatus.
- FIG Apparatus Finals rules will be applied for vault.
- In case of a tie at any place, the tie-breaking rules as set up in the Technical Regulations, Section 2 be applied.

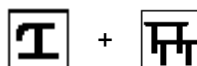
#### **1<sup>st</sup> day: Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, MAG & WAG Qualifications Day I**

Maximum 2 gymnasts per NF on each apparatus

#### MAG



#### WAG



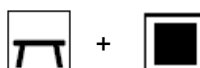
#### **2<sup>nd</sup> day: Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, MAG & WAG Qualifications Day II**

Maximum 2 gymnasts per NF on each apparatus

#### MAG



#### WAG





Finals:

- The best eight gymnasts per apparatus from the qualifications qualify for the Finals
- Participation is limited to 2 gymnasts per NF and each apparatus.
- In addition to the 8 finalists, if the Organizing Member Federation is not represented in the Finals (men or women), it has the right of maximum 2 wild cards as follows (1 man and 1 woman gymnast only at one apparatus each) These “Wild Card Gymnasts” must have participated at the respective apparatus in the qualification. “Wild Card Gymnasts” will receive medals prize money
- FIG Apparatus Finals rules will be applied for vault.
- In case of a tie at any place, the tie-breaking rules as set up in the Technical Regulations, Section 2, shall be applied.

**3<sup>rd</sup> day: Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> MAG & WAG Apparatus Finals Day I**

8 gymnasts competing on each apparatus, maximum 2 gymnasts per national federation



**4<sup>th</sup> day: Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> MAG & WAG Apparatus Finals Day II**

8 gymnasts competing on each apparatus, maximum 2 gymnasts per national federation



- The starting order for the MAG & WAG finals will take place during the orientation meeting.

**11. Apparatus supplier**

The apparatus supplier of this edition of World Challenge Cup in Artistic Gymnastics is SPIETH.

**12. Training Schedule**

The official training schedules for the events are attached for your consideration

*Please note: No podium training is available on May 24<sup>th</sup>.*

The training schedules have been structured as follows:

- Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>: 9:00 - 12:00 and 14:00 – 18:30
- Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>: 9:00 - 18:00
- Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>: 9:00 - 13:00 and 14:00 – 18:00
- Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>: 8:30 – 13:00 and 13:30 – 18:00
- Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>: 8:30 - 10:30 and 11:00 – 17:00
- Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>: 8:30 - 10:30 and 11:00 – 17:00

**13. Official Podium Training:**

- For MAG & WAG on Thursday, May 25th from 9:00 to 13:00 Session I and from 14:00 to 18:00 Session II

## **14. Competition Schedule**

The detailed time schedules for the competition are enclosed

The competition schedules have been structured as follows:

- Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> 14:00 – 17:13 MAG – Qualifications: FX, PH, SR and WAG - Qualifications: VT, BB
- Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>: 14:00 – 17:13 MAG – Qualifications: VT, PB, HB and WAG - Qualifications: UB, FX
- Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>: 13:30 – 17:06 Apparatus Finals Day I
- Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>: 13:30 – 17:06 Apparatus Finals Day II

## **15. Accreditations**

The accreditation is personal, non transferable and compulsory to control access to training, competition hall, functions and official transport. It identifies individuals participating in the World Challenge Cup and ensures controlled access to each area. All participants and officials are required at all times, to wear Accreditation Cards and respect those personnel responsible for monitoring entry.

Accreditation will take place upon arrival at Palace of Culture and Sports

Heads of Delegations are requested to bring:

- Passports of all members of the delegation
- Insurances of all members of the delegation
- National anthem and national flag confirmation
- Competitor's music WAG (CD or USB 1copy)
- Proof for full payment of the costs due to the LOC
- Transport – Departure
- License of the gymnast
- Individual declaration of honor on the absence of symptoms for at least 14 days per delegate.

The FIG Accreditation Rules will be strictly applied, notably as far as the number of accreditations per federations is concerned. Any additional person is considered as a spectator. Accreditations will not be delivered unless all financial and insurance obligations have been met.

Copies of the delegation member's valid passport will be made by the OC. Please refer to the FIG license rules for further information.

In case of lost or stolen accreditation, the Organising Committee must be informed immediately to block the accreditation. Lost or stolen accreditations may be replaced at the charge of the card holder (€ 50).

The FIG Accreditation rules have to be strictly respected. This accreditation may not be transferred during an event.

## **16. Insurance**

The Host Federation, the Organizing Committee and the FIG will not be held responsible for any liabilities in case of accidents, illness, 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 for repatriation for all the members of their Delegation. The LOC will subsequently offer insurance at the Federations own charge as follows: 10 EUR per person/day.

## **17. Competition Numbers**

The competition numbers will be provided to the head of delegations by the O.C. at the Orientation meeting. The numbers are to be firmly attached to the competition attire during the whole competition.

## **18. Music - WAG**

The following information must be written on the CD:

- The name of the gymnast
- The 3 capitalized letters used by FIG for the country code
- The name of the composer and
- The name of the title of the music
- The CD/USB must be timed

## **19. Orientation Meeting**

The Orientation Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 30th from 20:00 to 21:30 at Apollo Hotel. The presence of the participating NF to the orientation meeting is mandatory. Delegations have to attend this meeting with a maximum of 2 accredited members per delegation. Please note that judges may not represent their Federation at the Orientation Meeting.

## **20. Judges' Meetings and draw of lots**

### **For MAG Competition:**

Judges' instruction (Scoring System) – on Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 15:00  
Judges' instruction and draw of lots for Qualifications, Day I – on Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:00  
Judges' instruction for Qualifications, Day II - on Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 12:00  
Judges' instruction and draw of lots for Apparatus Finals - on Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:30  
Judges' instruction for Apparatus Finals - on Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 12:30

### **For WAG Competition:**

Judges' instruction (Scoring System) – on Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 15:00  
Judges' instruction and draw of lots for Qualifications, Day I – on Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:00  
Judges' instruction for Qualifications, Day II - on Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 12:00  
Judges' instruction and draw of lots for Apparatus Finals - on Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:30  
Judges' instruction for Apparatus Finals - on Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 12:30  
All participating federations must provide at least one judge with a valid FIG Brevet. Failure to do so will result in a fine of Swiss Francs 2 000,00.  
The Judges Meetings will take place in the Palace of Culture and Sports (Judges room)

## **21. New elements for Artistic Gymnastics**

Please submit the new elements as follows:

- For the MAG – 24 hours before the podium training to the FIG Technical Delegate – Alvaro Sousa
- For the WAG – 24 hours before the podium training to the Technical Delegate - Vesna Stare Crnjac

## **22. Inquiries procedure**

The inquiries procedure refers to FIG/TR 2022

Inquiries for the Difficulty score are allowed, provided that they are made verbally immediately after the publication of the score or at the very latest before the score of the following gymnast or group is shown. For the last gymnast or group of a rotation, this limit is one minute after the score is shown on the scoreboard. The person designated to receive the verbal inquiry has to note the time of receiving it and this starts the procedure. Only the accredited coaches in the competition area (Artistic Gymnastics) are entitled to submit an inquiry. Late verbal inquiries will be rejected. A NF is not allowed to complain against a gymnast from another federation.

The inquiry will must be confirmed as soon as possible in writing, but within 4 minutes at the latest after the verbal inquiry and will require an agreement of payment of **CHF 300** - for the first complaint, **CHF 500** - for the second complaint and **CHF 1'000** - for the third and subsequent complaint lodged by the NF throughout the event (and not starting from "1" again at each competition phase).. Should the inquiry not be confirmed in writing within 4 minutes, then the procedure will become obsolete.

The inquiries must be examined by the Superior Jury and a final decision (which may not be appealed), must be taken at the very latest:

- At the end of the rotation for the Qualifications, the Team Final and the All-Around Final .
- Before the score of the following gymnast of the same panel is shown for the finals. The detailed procedure is laid down in the respective MAG and WAG Code of Points.

After review of the routine the score is either changed (risen or lowered) or unchanged.

After review of the inquiry, should the final score be higher, this sum will not be invoiced by FIG to the Federation. However, should the final score remain unchanged or be lowered, the sum will be invoiced and transferred to the FIG Foundation for Solidarity.

## **23. Transportation**

Accredited team delegations that will stay at one of the official hotels, book their accommodation through the Organizing Committee, will be provided with local transport from Varna Airport to the official hotels and back. This airport - hotel service will be guaranteed by the Organizing Committee only for delegation who booked their accommodations through the OC.

A shuttle service from the official hotels to the training, and competition venues as well as meals and any other planned activities and back as needed will be available for the local transport of all accredited persons who booked accommodations through the OC.

Shuttle buses will leave the Competition Venue and the Hotels according to the schedule they will follow strictly. **Please be on time!!!**

## **24. Meals**

Breakfast and dinner are included in the price of each of the hotels.

Breakfast will be available from 07:30 to 10:00 each day.

The OC will offer a lunch at the competition venue each day from 11:30 to 15:00. Price per lunch/ per person/ per day: 20 euro. This lunch is not compulsory and delegations are free to make alternative arrangement their cost. Credentials and meal tickets must be displayed to access the meals.

Dinner meals will be served between 18:00 and 21:00.

## **25. Medical Services**

The Organizing Committee will provide medical services. A special room is marked with “Medical Room”.

## **26. Doping controls**

Doping control will be organized by the Organizing Committee during this World Challenge Cup in accordance with the valid FIG-WADA Doping Control Regulations. The doping controls may take place at any time during the training, podium training or competition times.

## **27. Opening Ceremony**

The Opening Ceremony will take place on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> from 13:00. All delegation members are invited to present at the Opening Ceremony.

Minimum one gymnasts from each Delegation may be requested to march in. Further detailed information will be given during the Accreditation.

## **28. Medal Award Ceremony**

According to the FIG TR (Section 1, Art. 9.3.3), all the gymnasts have to wear their national tracksuits..

Only the medal winners are invited to participate.

The award ceremonies will take place as follow:

For MAG:

- For FX Apparatus Final – on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> of May, at 14:05
- For PH Apparatus Final – on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> of May, at 15:32
- For SR Apparatus Final – on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> of May, at 16:59
- For VT Apparatus Final – on Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> of May, at 14:08
- For PB Apparatus Final – on Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> of May, at 15:35
- For HB Apparatus Final – on Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> of May, at 16:59

For WAG:

- For VT Apparatus Final – on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> of May, at 14:50
- For UB Apparatus Final – on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> of May, at 16:17
- For BB Apparatus Final – on Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> of May, at 14:50
- For FX Apparatus Final – on Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> of May, at 16:17

## **29. Television**

A live production of the finals will be guaranteed by Host Broadcaster, the name of the channel is BNT. The competitors will be requested to strictly follow the instructions of the organisers. Specific instructions on this matter will be announced at the Orientation Meeting.

## **30. Cameras & Video Recording**

All routines/passes will be recorded on digital video cameras. The finals will be live broadcasted on the Bulgarian National Television. Personal video cameras and recording will therefore not be allowed in the competition hall. Pictures can be made from the seats in the competition hall, but without flashes.

## **31. Prize money**

The following Prize Money will be distributed as follows:

<b>RANKING</b>	<b>WORLD CHALLENGE CUP MAG&amp;WAG</b>
<b>1</b>	800 CHF
<b>2</b>	600 CHF
<b>3</b>	400 CHF
<b>4</b>	300 CHF
<b>5</b>	250 CHF
<b>6</b>	200 CHF
<b>7</b>	150 CHF
<b>8</b>	100 CHF

- No prize money, medals and World Challenge Cup points will be given, if there are less than 4 participating Member Federations per apparatus.
- If after application of the tie-breaking rules as set up in the Technical Regulations, Section 2, there is still a tie, the prize money of the tied ranks will be added and divided by the number of ties
- The prize money, free of any deductible taxes, will be distributed in CHF

## **32. Weather in Varna in September**

- Average high: 18° - 24°C

## **33. Currency in Bulgaria**

- The currency in Bulgaria is Bulgarian Lev (BGN)  
1 EUR ≈ 1.95 BGN  
1 USD ≈ 1.85 BGN  
1 CHF ≈ 1.73 BGN

## **34. Power supply in Bulgaria**

- The voltage in Bulgaria is 220-240 V
- The frequency in Bulgaria is 50-60 Hz

VARNA WCUP'22 LOC PRESIDENT  
MR. IORDAN IOVTCHEV



**GOOD LUCK**