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INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP COMPETITIONS
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23 – 27 AUGUST 2023



Directives

Dear President,

The FIG is pleased to herein provide you with the Directives for the 40th Rhythmic Gymnastics World Championships (WCH) to be held in Valencia (ESP) from 23 to 27 August 2023.

These WCH will be organized following the 2023 FIG Statutes, 2023 Technical Regulations (TR), 2022-2024 RG Code of Points (version May 2022), FIG Framework for Safeguarding Athletes and other Participants from Harassment and abuse in Sport during Events and other Rules, Regulations and Guidelines valid starting 01 January 2023, onwards, any possible amendments by the date of these WCH, and any complements decided in the meantime. All participating Federations commit to abide by the Statutes and all FIG Rules and Regulations. National Federations not respecting them will not be allowed to compete.

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1. FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE GYMNASTIQUE (FIG)

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3. LOCATION OF THE COMPETITION, TRAINING AND WARM-UP HALLS

Competition Arena (Appendix 1)	Feria Valencia Av/ de les Fires 46035, Valencia- Spain Tel: +34 963 86 12 00 https://www.feriavalencia.com Distance from the official Hotels: between 2 and 6 km, 5 to 12 minutes
Competition Venue in Pavilion 1 (Appendix 1) Field of Play	Capacity: 6,870 seats Length: 45 m Width: 27 m Ceiling height: 13 m (free) Equipment: 1 Competition floor (14 m x 14 m)
Warm-up Hall (WuH) in Pavilion 1 (Appendix 1)	Equipment: 4 warm-up floors (14m x 14m)
Training Hall in Pavilion 2 (Appendix 2)	Length: 110 m Width: 71 m Ceiling height: 13 m Equipment: 9 training floors all with sound system Choreography zones Ballet bars, mirrors 2 sets of reserve hand apparatus Space for general warm-up and stretching

Feria de Valencia - External view



Pavilion 1 and Pavilion 2 - Internal view



4. PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME (SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION)

DATE / TIME	DESCRIPTION	Venue
FRI. 18 Aug. As announced	Arrival of FIG RG Technical Committee Members	
SAT. 19 Aug. 09:00 – 19:00	FIG RG Technical Committee Meeting	FIG TC room
SUN. 20 Aug. As announced 09:00 – 19:00	<i>Day 1</i> Official arrival day of RGI & RGG Delegations FIG RG Technical Committee Meeting	Pavilion 1 (Accred.Center) FIG TC Room
MON. 21 Aug. 09:00 – 10:00 11:00 – 12:00 As per schedule All day 10:00 – 19:00	<i>Day 2</i> Orientation Meeting RGI & RGG Round Table on Medical, Anti-doping Fight and Education RGI Podium Training and RGG Training RGI Athletes' portrait photo session FIG RG Technical Committee Meeting	Orientation Meeting Room Judges' meeting room Training Hall/WuH/FoP Tbc FIG TC room
TUE. 22 Aug. As per schedule All day 09:00 – 19:00	<i>Day 3</i> Very latest arrival day for RGI Judges RGG Podium Training and RGI Training RGG Athletes' portrait photo session FIG RG Technical Committee Meeting	Training Hall/WuH/FoP Tbc FIG TC room
WED. 23 Aug. As per schedule Tbc Early morning All day Evening Following Following	<i>Day 4</i> RGI & RGG Training Judges' instruction by scoring system specialists for RGI only Judges' draw (all positions) & briefing for RGI Qualifications Hoop & Ball RGI Qualification Hoop and Ball alternatively Judges' draw (all positions) & briefing for RGI Apparatus Finals Hoop & Ball Opening Ceremony Presentation of Finalists and RGI Hoop Apparatus Final Presentation of Finalists and RGI Ball Apparatus Final Award Ceremony RGI Hoop and Ball Apparatus Finals FIG RG Technical Committee meeting – Judges' evaluations	Training Hall Tbc Judges' meeting room FoP Judges' meeting room FoP FIG TC Room
THU. 24 Aug. As per schedule Early morning All day Evening Following Following	<i>Day 5</i> Very latest arrival day for RGG Judges RGI & RGG Training Judges' draw (all positions) & briefing for RGI Qualifications Clubs & Ribbon RGI Qualification Clubs and Ribbon alternatively Judges' draw (all positions) & briefing for RGI Apparatus Finals Clubs/Ribbon Presentation of Finalists and RGI Clubs Apparatus Final Presentation of Finalists and RGI Ribbon Apparatus Final Award Ceremony RGI Clubs and Ribbon Apparatus Finals FIG RG Technical Committee meeting – Judges' evaluations	Training Hall Judges' meeting room FoP Judges' meeting room FoP FIG TC Room
FRI. 25 Aug. As per schedule Tbc 14:45 – 15:45 16:00 – 17:36	<i>Day 6</i> RGI training for All-Around Finalists and RGG Training Judges' instruction by scoring system specialists for RGG only Judges' draw (all positions) & briefing for RGG All-Around Competition RGG All-Around Competition 5 Hoops / 3 Ribbons + 2 Balls alternatively	Training Hall Tbc Judges' meeting room FoP

18:00 – 19:36 Following 20:15 – 21:15 20:00 – 22:00	RGG All-Around Competition 5 Hoops / 3 Ribbons + 2 Balls alternatively Award Ceremony RGG All-Around Competition Award Ceremony Team Ranking (RGI and RGG combined) Athletes' meeting FIG RG TC meeting – Judges' evaluations	Judges' meeting room FIG TC Room
SAT. 26 Aug. 09:00 – 20:00 Morning 13:45 – 14:45 15:00 – 17:05 17:45 – 19:50 Following 20:00 – 22:00	<i>Day 7</i> Training for RGI All-Around Finalists and RGG Apparatus Finalists FIG RG Technical Committee meeting – Judges' evaluations Judges' draw (all positions) & briefing for RGI All-Around Final RGI All-Around Final Group B (rank 10-18) RGI All-Around Final Group A (rank 01-09) Award Ceremony RGI All-Around Final FIG RG Technical Committee meeting – Judges' evaluations	Training Hall FIG TC Room Judges' meeting room FoP FIG TC Room
SUN. 27 Aug. As per schedule 09:00 – 14:00 14:45 – 15:45 16:00 – 16:43 17:00 – 17:43 Following 18:30 – 19:15 21:00 – 24:00	<i>Day 8</i> Training for RGG Finalists FIG RG Technical Committee meeting – Judges' evaluations Judges' draw (all positions) briefing for RGG Apparatus Finals Presentation of the Finalists and RGG 5 Hoops Final Presentation of the Finalists and RGG 3 Ribbons + 2 Balls Final Award Ceremony RGG 5 Balls and 3 Ribbons + 2 Balls Finals Gala and Closing Ceremony Farewell Banquet	Training Hall FIG TC Room Judges' meeting room FoP Veles e Vents
MON. 28 Aug. As announced 09:00 – 19:00	<i>Departure of Delegations</i> FIG RG Technical Committee meeting – Judges' evaluations	Meliá Hotel
TUE. 29 Aug. As announced	Departure of FIG RG Technical Committee Members	Meliá Hotel

Every day: meeting FIG staff and LOC staff

5. PARTICIPATION RIGHT AND ACCREDITATIONS

Senior Gymnasts holding a valid FIG License until the end of the competition and with the correct age from FIG affiliated member federations in good standing may take part in these WCH.

Individual Competitions (FIG TR 2023, Section 3, Art. 5.2.1):

Participation in the Individual competitions is limited to a maximum of 105 gymnasts. NFs are entitled to participate either with up to 3 Individual gymnasts or with 1 Individual gymnast, based on quota places allocated by Continent. These places are not nominative. NFs qualify for these WCH in their last respective Continental Championships. Should a Continental Union not be able to organise its Continental Championships, another competition can be designated as the qualifying event.

Quota places	Europe	Asia	America	Africa	Oceania
NFs with 2-3 individual gymnasts	12	5	3	1	1
NFs with 1 individual gymnast	26	7	3	2	1

Group Competitions (FIG TR 2023, Section 3, Art. 5.2.2):

Participation in the Group competitions is open to max. 30 Groups as follows:

- 1) NFs ranked 1st to 24th as per the Group ranking results of the Qualifications/All-Around Competition of the 2022 WCH (Sofia – BUL)
- 2) Should all Continents not be represented in the top 24 Groups, the best ranked eligible Group (Qualifications/All-Around Competition of the 2022 WCH (Sofia – BUL)) from the continent(s) which is (are) not appropriately represented obtain a quota place
- 3) The Host Country (if not already qualified under 1) or 2)

They are listed below in the order they qualified:

BUL – ISR – ESP – ITA – BRA – MEX – CHN – JPN – AZE – GRE – FRA – UKR – POL – GER – USA – HUN – FIN – UZB – GEO – EST – TUR – AUS – CZE – **KAZ**.

Maximum size of delegation

The maximum size of each delegation, together with the number of transferable access cards (transferable within the Federation's official delegation) as per FIG Rules for Accreditation is as follows:

Function	RGI	RGG	Total
Head of Delegation / Head of Delegation and NF President	1	1	1
NF President as Guest (not as Head of Delegation) ¹	1	1	1
Accompanying Person of NF President ¹	1	1	1
Team Manager			
- Individuals only	-	-	-
- Group only	-	1	1
- 2-3 Individuals and 1 Group	1	1	2
Coaches (maximum one coach per Individual gymnast but never more coaches than gymnasts, including additional coach(es) and choreographer)	2	2	4
Additional coach or choreographer ¹	1	1	1
Gymnasts	3	6	9
Judges	1	1	2
Medical Doctor	1	1	1
Mental Health Professional	1	1	1
Paramedical Staff	1	1	2
Additional Paramedical Staff ¹	-	1	1
Guest or VIP Guest for Individual gymnasts and/or for Group ¹	1	1	2
Transferable access cards			
Zone 1 for coach	1-2 ²	1-2 ³	4
Zone 3 Head of Delegation or Team Manager	1	1	1

¹ Accreditation at the charge of the Federation

² One for delegations with 1 individual and 2 for delegations with 2-3 individuals

³ If 2 coaches are accredited for Groups

Request for free accreditation (FIG EC members, FIG Council Members, FIG and former FIT and IFSA Honorary members, Former Champions, Observers for the next RG WCH, etc) and for supplementary Accreditations as per the accreditation rules may be delivered **provided that a request is sent in writing to the FIG** by the time of the definitive registration, **21 June 2023 at the very latest**.

According to the FIG Accreditation Rules, Reg. 1.3.4:

Guests or VIP Guests who have their accommodation booked through the LOC have access to the delegation seats (VIP seating and VIP lounge for VIP Guest) and the event transportation system (T3), and they are invited to the Farewell Banquet.

Guests or VIP Guests who do **not** have their accommodation booked through the LOC have access **only** to the delegation seats (VIP seating and VIP lounge for VIP Guest). They are not entitled to use the event transportation system and are not invited to the Farewell Banquet.

Additional Delegation accreditations:

Function	Price If booked through the LOC	Price If NOT booked through the LOC
Additional coach or choreographer	EUR 180	EUR 220
Additional paramedical staff	EUR 180	EUR 220
NF President as Guest if not Head of Delegation	EUR 180	EUR 220
NF President as VIP Guest if not Head of Delegation	EUR 200	EUR 250
Accompanying Person of NF President	EUR 200	EUR 250
Accompanying Person VIP of NF President	EUR 200	EUR 250
Delegation Guest	EUR 180	EUR 220
Delegation VIP Guest	EUR 200	EUR 250

Organizers of the next RG WCH:

Function	Price If booked through the LOC	Price If NOT booked through the LOC
Observers – maximum 6 accreditations including VIPs	Free	Free
VIP Observers – maximum 2	Free	Free

Organizers of future multi sports games, RG WCH and RG Continental Championships (if assigned, or in case of candidature / bidding contracts) other than the next RG WCH:

Function	Price If booked through the LOC	Price If NOT booked through the LOC
Observers	EUR 180	EUR 220
VIP Observers	EUR 200	EUR 250

Media Accreditation

International and local media representatives as well as federations' communications staff who are interested in covering the event can register online at <https://media.gymnastics.sport/>.

Registration timeline: 30 May - 21 June 2023

In addition, National Federations are requested to send a confirmation letter for their editorial staff and photographers to the FIG Media Department at mediafig@fig-gymnastics.org, by **21 June 2023** at the latest.

The FIG Accreditation Rules and Media Rules have to be strictly respected.

6. AGE LIMIT OF GYMNASTS

All participants must be minimum 16 years old in the year of the event (i.e. born in 2007 or earlier).

7. REGISTRATIONS AND ENTRY FEES

Registrations can only be made by FIG affiliated NFs in good standing, via the FIG online platform (click [here](#)) and by using the National Gymnastics Federations' login (e-mail) and password.

Provisional Registration

There will be no Provisional registrations for this event.

Definitive Registration

The definitive registrations must be completed from **13 June** until **21 June 2023** (23h59 CET) at the very latest. Definitive registrations received in the FIG Office after the drawing of lots will be refused (i.e. the gymnasts will not be allowed to compete).

Nominative Registrations – Step 1

The nominative registrations must be completed from **22 June until 26 July 2023** (23h59 CET) at the very latest.

For NFs participating with 2-3 Individuals, particular attention must be given to the apparatus chosen, as well as to the starting order of the gymnasts. Unit 1 is the first gymnast of her NF to start at the prescribed apparatus, Unit 2 the second to compete.

Nominative Registrations – Step 2

Each NF will have the possibility to modify, if necessary, the apparatus and the starting order (for NFs with 2-3 Individuals) submitted at the nominative registration - Step 1 for its Individual gymnasts. For this purpose, the online nominative platform will reopen from **27 July to 09 August 2023** (23h59 CET) to allow the NFs concerned to submit the necessary modifications.

Past this deadline, the online platform will be closed and no further modifications related to the apparatus chosen or to the starting order will be accepted. In the case an adjusted starting order is not received by the deadline of **09 August 2023**, the initial Nominative registration submitted by **26 July 2023** will be used.

Nominative Registrations of Coaches

No coaches will be accepted in these WCH without a valid coach-sport profile at the deadline of the Nominative Registration – Step 1. In order to be considered, the coach-sport profile (including all relevant documents) must be submitted in the FIG database by **12 July 2023** (23:59 CET) at the very latest (two weeks prior to the deadline for Nominative Registration – Step 1).

Entry Fees

The non-reimbursable registration fees to be paid to the FIG are of:

CHF	50.- per Individual Gymnast
CHF	200.- per Group

FIG Fines

The fines after missing the Registrations deadlines or after late Registrations are as follows (as per the FIG TR, Section 1, Reg. 11.1.2):

Fine after missing the Definitive Registration deadline or after late Definitive Registration (until the gymnast's drawing of lots)	CHF 1'500
Fine after missing the Nominative Registration deadline or after late Nominative Registration	CHF 1'000

Please note that the regulation concerning the fines will be strictly respected.

8. LICENSES

The LOC will be responsible for checking the validity of the gymnasts' Licenses. No gymnasts will be accepted without a valid FIG License at the deadline of the Nominative Registration.

In order to be considered, Licence application forms (new or renewal) must be submitted at least one (1) month prior to the deadline for nominative registration.

Please consult [FIG License Rules](#) for additional information in this respect.

9. SUPERIOR JURY, JURY OF APPEAL AND JUDGES

Superior Jury

The RG TC President is the President of the Superior Jury (SJ). Each TC members will act as a SJ member. The additional SJ member(s) will be drawn among the category 1 Judge(s) (cat. 1 in RGI and in RGG) registered by their Federation at the time of the Nominative Registrations – step 1. NF(s) that have a judge drawn as SJ member will have the possibility to register another judge.

Jury of Appeal and Supervisory Boars

The Jury of Appeal, two members of the Executive Committee (one acting as President) and a third person to be designated in accordance with the matter of the appeal, will be composed as follows:

President	Mr. Ali Al-Hitmi – FIG Vice President
Member	Mr. Jani Tanskanen – FIG EC Member

In case of a judge's appeal, a person not involved in the decision of the Superior Jury and in the Judging process of the routine concerned will be nominated.

Judges

Each delegation may send one RGI and/or one RGG FIG brevetted judge category 1, 2 or 3.

Federations participating with:

- Individual(s) only may register one (1) judge with a valid category of RGI FIG brevet
- A Group only **must** register one (1) judge with a valid category of RGG FIG brevet
- Individual(s) and a Group may register two (2) judges. One judge with a valid category of RGI FIG brevet and a second judge with a valid category of RGG FIG brevet. It can also be the same judge.

In order to have a clean Field of Play (FoP), the Line Judges will seat at the Technical Table and use a video control system.

Judges are requested to arrive in Valencia one day before the start of the competition at the very latest, and to be available until the last day of the respective competition (RGI and/or RGG) they have been registered at by their Federation.

Judges are allowed to watch the Podium training sessions from the delegation seating only.

Reminder:

According to the 2022 Code of Ethics art. 2d) and the 2022 General Judges' Rules, art. 1, judges shall recuse themselves if:

- they are or were married to, or live in a registered partnership or co-habit with a gymnast
- they are related to a gymnast by birth or marriage in direct or in collateral line, including the following persons: grandparent, parent, uncle, aunt, brother, sister, child, grandchild, nephew and cousin.

10. JUDGES INSTRUCTION AND JUDGES' DRAW



The Judges' Instruction will be organized under the direction of the RG TC and will be held online on **Sunday 06 August 2023, from 14:00 until 17:00 Swiss time**. The link to register will be sent by FIG in due time. This Instruction is compulsory for all registered judges. FIG will be able to check which judges will be online and for how long. Judges who do not take part will not be allowed to judge (FIG TR, section 1, article 7.11).

Judges' Instruction material will be available on the STS platform from **31 July 2023**. Each judge is required to log in to the STS by using his/her own username and password and to study the material by **07 August 2023** at the very latest. This will be verified and judges who did not respect this requirement will not be allowed to judge.

The judges' drawing of lots will be conducted in Valencia in accordance with the provisions of the 2022 -2024 FIG General Judges' Rules including Reg. 7.10.3 b) of the FIG TR.

11. GYMNASTS' DRAWING OF LOTS

The gymnasts' drawing of lots will decide the starting order of the qualification competitions and the finals. It will take place within two weeks after the deadline of the definitive entry. The exact date, time and location will be announced in due course by FIG to the parties concerned which are entitled to be present at the draw.

12. COMPETITION FORMAT AND PROGRAMME

The competition will be conducted according to the FIG TR, Section 3 for RG, Reg. 5.

Individual

Qualification:

NFs have the right to choose the number of exercises to be performed per gymnast according to the following requirements:

NFs participating with 2-3 Individuals:

- minimum 1 and maximum 4 routines per gymnast
- maximum 2 routines per apparatus per NF
- total of 8 routines per NF

NFs participating with 1 Individual:

- maximum 1 routine per apparatus per gymnast
- total of 3 or 4 routines per gymnast

All-Around Final

Group B (gymnasts ranked 10-18 from the Qualification) start the All-Around Final competition, followed by Group A (gymnasts ranked 1-9 from the Qualification).

Apparatus Finals

The 8 best gymnasts from Qualifications on each of the 4 apparatus can participate.

Group

All-Around competition and qualifications for Finals

Each Group shall present 1 routine using 5 Hoops and 1 routine using 3 Ribbons + 2 Balls.

Apparatus Finals

The 8 best Groups from Qualifications on each of the 2 apparatus can participate.

Team Ranking

NFs with 2-3 Individuals and a Group will be part of the Team Ranking.

The Team Ranking is established by adding the 8 scores of the Individual Qualifications and the 2 scores of the Group All-Around competition.

13. ATHLETES' BIOGRAPHIES

Athlete biographies are available online under this [link](#) at and will be updated before the WCH.

14. ATHLETES' PORTRAIT PHOTO SESSION

In order for FIG to promote your athletes and sponsors in the best possible way, an **official and compulsory athlete photo session** for Individual and for Group gymnasts will be organised during the Podium training days.

15. GYMNASTICS AMBASSADOR

The Rio 2016 RG Group silver medalists have been nominated as Gymnastics Ambassadors for these WCH. They will help promote this major event. They will also be available for photo shoots and autograph sessions, meeting with athletes, interview requests and other activities from the FIG and the LOC on site.

16. PUBLICITY

As the Code of Points foresee deductions should the [FIG Publicity Rules for Advertising and Publicity](#) on attire and equipment not be respected, each federation may fill-in the online FIG Publicity form (Appendix B) if deemed necessary by **26 July 2023** (23:59 CET) at the very latest in order to have it approved.

While the Publicity Rule Chart is available on the FIG website under "[Rules](#)" for additional information, NFs may also contact tv@fig-gymnastics.org for further assistance if required.

17. EQUIPMENT

Floor:

The Manufacturer Supplier will be Gymnova, reference FIG ID 574, colour beige. All floors (competition, training and warm-up) will be 14 x 14 m.

Replacement Apparatus (provided by the LOC=

Hoop: FIG ID 425 - Pastorelli Sidney 85 cm

Ball: FIG ID 442 - Chacott Red

Clubs: FIG ID 446 - Chacott 455 mm

Ribbon: FIG ID ~~452 - Red Wine Chacott~~ 453 Chacott Color 754 Scarlett

Stick: FIG ID 476 - Sasaki – M781. 60 cm. Black handle

Reminder: the use of candles or any other danger substances on the FoP or any carpets **is totally forbidden**.

18. HAND APPARATUS

The list of the RG hand apparatus with valid certificates is published on the FIG website ([here](#)) and updated regularly. Make sure that your gymnasts use only FIG certified hand apparatus for this event and for any other FIG recognized FIG competitions, as they **will not be allowed** to compete with an apparatus which does not comply with the FIG norms.

Random checks will be carried out throughout the event by a representative of FIG and a representative of the GYMLAB - Freiburg Test Institute.

19. VISA

Please verify immediately with your travel agent or the Spanish Embassy in your country if a visa is required for your travel to Spain. The LOC will be happy to assist each Delegation member with an official invitation letter, provided that the Visa request is made to the LOC via LOC online platform before **26 July 2023**. It is not guaranteed by the LOC that the requests made after this deadline will be fulfilled. The request must include the function, full name, gender, date of birth, citizenship and passport number, passport expiry date, the arrival and departure dates of the Delegation Member as well as the city the visa application support letter must be sent to.

If you are a traveller from one of the EU/EAA countries, all you need to carry with you is a valid personal identity card or passport.

General visa information can be obtained at:

<https://www.exteriores.gob.es/> and <https://www.schengenvisainfo.com/spain/visa/>

20. TRANSPORTATION

International Transportation

The international travel to Valencia International Airport (VLC) will be at each delegation's own expenses. The FIG and the LOC strongly recommend that each Federation take cancellation insurance for their international transportation.

The LOC recommend each Federation to book changeable and refundable flights at this stage.

Local Transportation

The LOC offer free local transportation to the official hotels and back for all accredited persons (if applicable) from:

1. Valencia International Airport (9 km from the official hotels, 25 minutes by bus)
2. Valencia Central Railway Station- Joaquín Sorolla (7 km from the official hotels, 20 minutes by bus)

Note: The LOC can provide transportation from **Alicante-Elche Miguel Hernandez Airport** to Valencia and viceversa with a cost of **EUR 45** per person per way on the official arrival or departure days. For non-official days the cost will be **EUR 70** per person per way.

The LOC will not provide local transportation after the official departure day.

Event local transportation service from the official hotels to the venue and back, as well as to any other official activities and back, will be provided to all delegations that stay at one of the official hotels, book their accommodation through the LOC and submit via the LOC online platform their Travel Schedule for Arrival and Departure by **26 July 2023**.

Fine for late upload of Travel Details on LOC Platform (after 26 July 2023): **EUR 100.-**

Delegations that do not stay at one of the official hotels, did not book their accommodation through the LOC and did not submit their Travel Details in due course, will not be entitled to use the event local transportation service and will be responsible to be on time!

21. ACCOMMODATION

General Information

The LOC is delighted to provide the FIG and official delegations members with the below selection of hotels. The FIG and the LOC strongly recommend that the NFs book their accommodation through the LOC.

NFs can book a hotel via the LOC online platform among the ones proposed. Rooms will be allocated in accordance with the type booked. These rooms will be assigned strictly in order of booking receipt (first-come, first-served). NFs should therefore request their accommodation reservations as a matter of priority and well in advance of the due date of **21 June 2023** as rooms are limited. While NFs are welcome to let the LOC know the name of their preferred hotel, the final allocation will however be the full responsibility of the LOC. If the desired hotel is not available since it is already fully allocated, NFs will be informed by the LOC in order to discuss alternative options and change hotel.

All personal expenses (in terms of hotel services, laundry, room services, telephone, mini bar, etc.) will have to be settled with the hotels upon departure. Please note that the hotels will request a valid credit card or a deposit upon arrival.

The Accommodation (names-to-rooms assignment) has to be submitted to the LOC via the LOC online platform by **26 July 2023** at the very latest.

All rates are per person per night and include breakfast, applicable taxes, service charges, and local transportation.

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Hotel Meliá Valencia ****

Address: Av. de les Corts Valencianes, 52, 46015 Valencia, Spain.

Tel.: +34 963 030 000

Website: <https://www.melia.com/es/hoteles/espana/valencia/>

Single room	EUR 212,00
Twin room	EUR 137,80

Distance to airport: 9 km - approx. 12 min. (by car)

Distance to competition venue: 4 km - approx. 7 min. (by car)

Judges

Hotel Meliá Valencia ****

Address: Av. de les Corts Valencianes, 52, 46015 Valencia, Spain.

Tel.: +34 963 030 000

Website: <https://www.melia.com/es/hoteles/espana/valencia/>

Single room	EUR 212,00
Twin room	EUR 137,80

Distance to airport: 9 km - approx. 12 min. (by car)

Distance to competition venue: 4 km - approx. 7 min. (by car)

Delegations – Category 1

Hotel Sercotel Sorolla Palace ****

Address: Av. de les Corts Valencianes, 58, 46015 Valencia, Spain.

Tel.: +34 961 868 700

Website: www.hotelsorollapalace.com

Single room	EUR 212,00
Twin room	EUR 137,80

Distance to airport: 9 km - approx. 12 min. (by car)

Distance to competition venue: 4 km - approx. 7 min. (by car)

Hotel Ilunion Valencia ****

Address: Carrer de la Vall d'Aiora, 1, 46015 Valencia, Spain.

Tel.: +34 963 997 400

Website: <https://www.ilunionvalencia.com/>

Single room	EUR 212,00
Twin room	EUR 137,80

Distance to airport: 10 km - approx. 15 min. (by car)

Distance to competition venue: 4 km - approx. 7 min. (by car)

Delegations – Category 2

Hotel NH Valencia Center****

Address: Carrer de Ricardo Micó, 1, 46009 Valencia, Spain.

Tel.: +34 963 475 000

Website: <https://www.nh-hoteles.es>

Single room	EUR 205,00
Twin room	EUR 130,00

Distance to airport: 11 km - approx. 18 min. (by car)

Distance to competition venue: 6 km - approx. 10 min. (by car)

Hotel Turia****

Address: Carrer del Professor Beltrán Báguena, 2, 46009 Valencia, Spain.

Tel.: +34 963 470 000

Website: <https://www.hotelturia.es>

Single room	EUR 205,00
Twin room	EUR 130,00

Distance to airport: 10 km - approx. 16 min. (by car)

Distance to competition venue: 6 km - approx. 10 min. (by car)

Hotel Ilunion Valencia***

Address: Carrer de la Vall d'Aiora, 5, 46015 Valencia, Spain.

Tel.: +34 961 868 100

Website: <https://www.ilunionvalencia3.com>

Single room	EUR 205,00
Twin room	EUR 130,00

Distance to airport: 10 km - approx. 16 min. (by car)

Distance to competition venue: 4 km - approx. 7 min. (by car)

Delegations – Category 3

AZZ Valencia Táctica Hotel****

Address: Carrer Botiguers, 1, 46980 Paterna, Valencia, Spain.

Tel.: +34 961 345 400

Website: <https://www.azzhoteles.com>

Single room	EUR 190,00
Twin room	EUR 120,00

Distance to airport: 6 km - approx. 10 min. (by car)

Distance to competition venue: 3 km - approx. 6 min. (by car)

AZZ Valencia Congress Hotel&Spa****

Address: Carrer Botiguers, 49, 46980 Paterna, Valencia, Spain.

Tel.: +34 961 194 844

Website: <https://www.azzhoteles.com>

Single room	EUR 190,00
Twin room	EUR 120,00

Distance to airport: 5 km - approx. 9 min. (by car)

Distance to competition venue: 2 km - approx. 4 min. (by car)

Hotel Mas Camarena****

Address: Calle Nicolas Copernico 2, 46980 Paterna, Valencia, Spain.

Tel.: +34 963 110 950

Website: <https://hotelmascamarena.com>

Single room	EUR 190,00
Twin room	EUR 120,00

Distance to airport: 9.7 km - approx. 10 min. (by car)

Distance to competition venue: 7.4 km - approx. 8 min. (by car)

Media:

Hotel Port Feria Valencia****

Address: Calle de Cullera 67, 46035, Valencia, Spain.

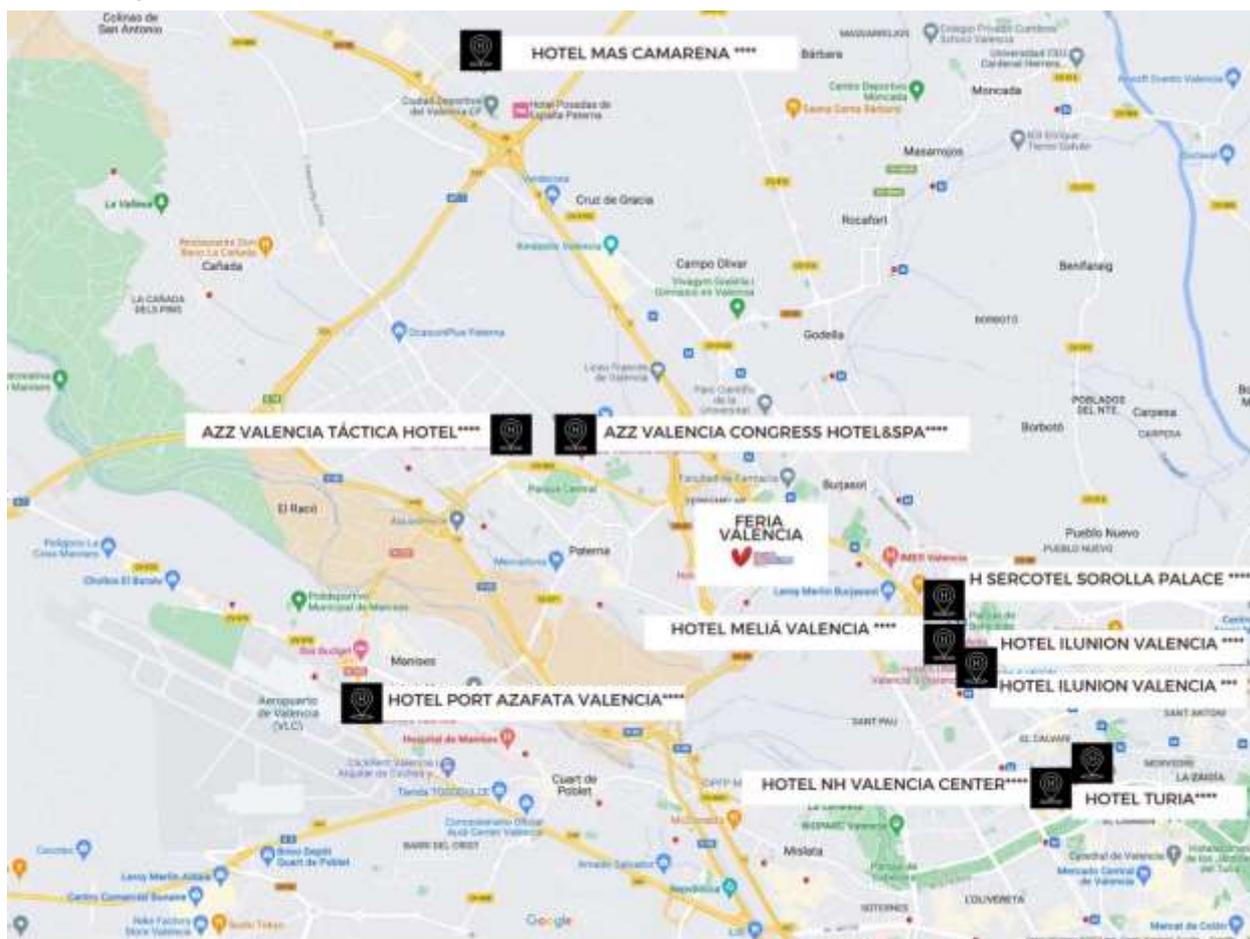
Tel.: +34 966 803 232

Website: <https://www.porthotels.es/>

Single room	EUR 190,00
Twin room	EUR 120,00

Walking distance (210 m)

Map showing the Venue and Hotels:



Camps before WCH

Federations wishing to organize camp before WCH, please contact the RFEG for all necessary arrangement in terms of training (other than official sites for the WCH), accommodation and transportation. For more information, please contact delegations@rqvalencia2023.es

22. MEALS

Breakfast is included in the price of each room. The Meal Plan (lunch and dinner) is not compulsory and the delegations are free to make their own meal arrangements for lunch and dinner. Lunch will only be served in the Competition Venue, dinner will be served only at the respective hotel.

Bookings of lunch and dinner must be made via the LOC online system as soon as possible but by **30 June 2023 at the very latest.**

The price for one meal ticket is as follows:

- EUR 30.00 per lunch (buffet) at the Competition Venue
- EUR 35.00 per dinner (buffet) at Judges and FIG Hotel
- EUR 35.00 per dinner (buffet) at Delegations Hotel Cat 1 (Sercotel Sorolla Palace)
- EUR 35.00 per dinner (~~menu~~ buffet) at Delegations Hotel Cat 1 (Ilunion Valencia)
- EUR 35.00 per dinner (~~menu~~ buffet) at Delegations Hotel Cat 2 (Ilunion Valencia)
- EUR 30.00 per dinner (buffet) at Delegations Hotel Cat 2
- EUR 25.00 per dinner (buffet) at Delegations Hotel Cat 3
- EUR 25.00 per dinner (buffet) at Media Hotel

The LOC will provide the Delegations with free water, coffee and fruit in the training halls and only water in the warm-up hall. The LOC will provide the working judges with small drinks, fruit and snacks throughout the event.

The LOC will not provide any meals to the judges. It is the responsibility of the NFs to order and pay for the meals of their judges.

To optimize as well as possible the meal plans, breakfast, lunch and dinner times will be determined in accordance with the training and competition schedules. They will be mentioned in details in the Work Plan.

Fine for late Meal Plan booking on the LOC platform (after 21 June 2023): **EUR 100.00**

Farewell Banquet

Tickets for the Farewell Banquet may be obtained for accredited delegation members (with the exception of E- and R- media) in the Meal Plan section of the LOC platform for a price of **EUR 30** and must be paid in full by **21 June 2023**.

The location and the time of the Farewell Banquet will be communicated in the Work Plan.

23. FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS – PAYMENT

Payments to FIG:

The non-reimbursable registration fee as mentioned under section 7 must be paid to FIG.

The requisite Entry Fee are due and must be received by the FIG at the latest thirty (30) days after the definitive registration deadline. Registrations without payment of the entry fee in due time are not considered: the gymnasts will consequently not be allowed to participate in the competition. In the case of none or partial participation, the entry fee will not be reimbursed.

NFs which have not fulfilled their financial obligations towards FIG and the LOC (e.g. annual membership fees, unpaid invoices etc.) will not be allowed to participate in this WCH either.

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

NF Event ID Discipline Event level Year Host Country

Example: SUI 16307 RG WCH 2023 ESP

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

Payments to the LOC:

Federations which have not fulfilled their financial obligations towards the LOC by the given deadlines herein mentioned may still have the possibility to participate, but the LOC will not guarantee the hotel booking, meals and local transportation.

Payment for the Accommodation and Meals (if applicable), supplementary accreditations and fines (if any) must be made via bank transfer in EUR only.

NFs will download the invoice from the LOC online platform with the bank account information.

The participating NFs are responsible for covering all bank fees in connection with the bank transfers. Please state the name of your NF and the payment purpose on the transfer:

Example: ESP RG WCH Valencia 2023 - Accommodation Payment

The costs must be paid to the LOC as follows:

Accommodation

From 01 to 21 June 2023: 100% accommodation costs

Meals

From 01 to 21 June 2023: 100% meals costs

Failure to receive the payment by the required dates will result in the reservations being cancelled and fines being applied.

24. CANCELLATION POLICY

The FIG and the LOC strongly recommend that each Federation take cancellation insurance for their accommodation and meals booking.

Accommodation cancellation:

Date	Cancellation fee
Until 30 June 2023	0 %
From 01 July to 14 July 2023	50%
From 15 July 2023 onwards	100%

Meal cancellation:

Date	Cancellation fee
Until 30 June 2023	0 %
From 01 July to 14 July 2023	50%
From 15 July 2023 onwards	100%

The LOC is kindly asking the NFs to respect the deadlines and to note that all cancellation fees will be applied.

25. INSURANCE

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

The FIG TR 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.

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

the [IMSSA documents](#) for additional information regarding the FIG IMSSA insurance for Athletes and Judges.

A copy of the insurance while in the host country must be submitted via the LOC online platform well in advance but no later than **26 July 2023**. If the note has not been sent in advance to the LOC (which is strongly recommended), the LOC will verify the Delegation members' insurance upon arrival at the latest (e.g., coverage note or photocopy of the valid policy in **English** only). Insurance notes in other languages will automatically be refused. The insurance must be valid at least starting from the arrival day of the delegation and must last for the delegations' entire stay.

Delegation members with insufficient insurance coverage must inform the LOC in writing no later than **26 July 2023**. The LOC will subsequently offer insurance at the Federations' own charge as follows: **EUR 10** per person and per day.

Note: The insurance will cover only official activities of the WCH such trainings, competitions and routes of local transportation. Additional activities such as leisure or tourism will not be covered.

26. COVID-19 COUNTERMEASURES

The LOC should follow local guidelines in management of COVID-19. The LOC must facilitate COVID-19 testing for delegations when it is required to have a negative test for return to their country.

27. SAFEGUARDING AND PROTECTING PARTICIPANTS IN GYMNASTICS

From the official date of arrival until the official day of departure of the event, participants (gymnasts, coaches, judges and any other delegation members) have the opportunity to contact by phone or e-mail the LOC and/or the FIG Safeguarding Officers in case of harassment or abuse of any type or if they are worried or do not feel comfortable.

The information regarding the Safeguarding Officers will be communicated in the Work Plan. In addition, posters of the "10 Golden Rules of Gymnastics" – the FIG campaign to raise awareness about youth protection in Gymnastics - will be displayed in several locations, including training and warm-up halls and public zones.

28. OFFICIAL HOSPITAL

The official hospital will be:

Name: Hospital Arnau de Vilanova
Address: Carrer de Sant Clement, 12, 46015, Valencia, Spain.
Tel: + 34 961 976 000

The name of the LOC Official Medical Doctor as well as the FIG Official Medical Doctor will be communicated in the Work Plan.

The official hospital as well as the medical personnel assigned duly accept the International SOS (IMSSA insurance card) for all gymnasts holding a valid FIG License as well as for all judges with an International FIG Judges Brevet valid at the time of these WCH.

29. DOPING CONTROLS

Under the supervision of the FIG, anti-doping control will be organized by the International Testing Agency (ITA) on behalf of FIG and according to the valid WADA Code, Standards and FIG Anti-Doping Rules. The doping controls may take place at any time.

As per the applicable FIG Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) procedure in effect concerning the participation at FIG Events, any gymnast in need of a TUE is responsible, together with her Federation, to submit her request to the FIG no later than 30 days before the start of this competition. No TUE request will be accepted nor approved on spot, except for duly justified emergency cases. Should you need further assistance about TUE requests, please contact the FIG at antidoping@fig-gymnastics.org.

30. MUSIC

The Music must be uploaded (.mp3 only) as soon as the LOC online platform is open but by **09 August 2023** at the very latest. Past this deadline, the LOC online platform will be closed.

The music file shall be named as follows:

- The name of the nation (official abbreviation of the country – 3 letters)
- The first and last (with Capital letter) name of the individual competitor
- The category (RGI or RGG)
- The apparatus

Example:

RGG_SUI_Group_5Hoops.mp3

RGI_SUI_LAST NAME_First Name_APPARATUS.mp3

If the music upload is not completed by **09 August 2023** (i.e. at the Nominative Registration – Step 2) and needs to be done on site, an additional service fee of EUR 50 per missing music file will be charged by the LOC and payable during the accreditation process.

31. MUSIC FORM

While the LOC guarantees the respect for the rights of author and broadcasting of the musical works, each NF will also have to confirm that the music used does not violate any copyrights and that it can be broadcasted within sports. This confirmation will have to be made by filling-in the online Music Form at the time of the nominative registration via the FIG online platform. This Music Form must be duly completed with all requested information otherwise it will be rejected. The Form must be sealed, signed and returned to the FIG and the LOC in excel format (and upload in the LOC online platform) only by **26 July 2023** at the very latest.

If a change occurs between Nominative Registration Step 1 and Step 2, a revised Music Form must be sent to both FIG and LOC by **09 August 2023** at the very latest.

32. PHOTO UPLOAD

Together with the nominative registration Step 1, the NFs must upload to the LOC online platform one passport-size photo of each Delegation member. The specifications of each photo must be as follows:

- File format: JPG, JPEG or PNG
- Size: 45mm high, 35mm wide
- Dimensions: min 530 x 410 pixels
- File size: max. 8 MB
- White background

If the photo upload is not completed by **26 July 2023** and needs to be done on site, an additional service fee of EUR 15 per missing photo will be charged by the LOC and payable during the accreditation process.

33. NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FLAG

The LOC will prepare a national anthem and flag of each participating NF. Each participating NF will later be contacted by the LOC to confirm them.

34. FIG PRESIDENT ROUND TABLE

Details on the FIG President Round Tables during these WCH will be included in the Work Plan.

35. ATHLETES' MEETING

The FIG and its Athletes' Representative for RG Gymnastics, Ms. Syiana Vasileva, invite athletes from all participating Federations to the Athletes' meeting. All gymnasts are more than very welcome.

36. WORK PLAN

The Work Plan will be published on the FIG online calendar six weeks at the latest before the start of the competitions.

37. LOC ONLINE PLATFORM

The LOC online platform will be open **from 01 to 30 June 2023**. Before its opening, the LOC will provide by e-mail each participating NF with a link, sign in details to access the platform and instructions on how to access and use the LOC online platform. The platform will allow each Delegation to create a profile for each of its delegation member.

After having received the log-in details to access the LOC online platform, NFs will be able to:

- Book accommodation and meals (including Farewell Banquet)
- Submit travel schedule information (arrival and departure)
- Submit insurance certificate of each Delegation member
- Upload passport copies of each Delegation member
- Upload photos of each Delegation member
- Upload music files for each gymnast/group
- Upload national anthem and image of national flag
- Request of invitation letter for Visa
- Upload the Music Form/Submit the Start List for Podium Training
- Request to participate in the Gala

Definitive, nominative registrations as well as any kind of modifications within the delegations (name changes, function changes etc.) must be submitted via the [FIG](#) online platform to be official.

38. THE GAMES OF THE XXXIII OLYMPIAD PARIS 2024 (FRA) – QUALIFICATION

These WCH also represent:

- The 2nd Olympic Qualification for the Games of the XXXIII Olympiad (Paris, FRA) for Individual and Group.

Please refer to the [Paris 2024 Qualification System](#) for additional information.

39. INFORMATION VALENCIA

Average max. weather in Valencia in August: Temperature 30°C (86 °F)
Average min. weather in Valencia in August: Temperature 22°C (71.6 °F)
Currency: EURO (EUR)

40. SUMMARY OF THE DEADLINES AND PAYMENTS

For the FIG

	Deadline
Definitive Registration - online	21 June 2023
Nominative Registration – step 1 - online	26 July 2023
Nominative Registration – step 2 - online	09 August 2023
Media accreditation	21 June 2023
Written request for Supplementary Accreditations	21 June 2023
Coach-sport profile registration	12 July 2023
Music Release Form – paper Form	26 July 2023
Online Publicity (not compulsory)	26 July 2023
Music Release Form – paper Form (if changes between step 1 and step 2)	09 August 2023

Payments to the FIG

	Deadline
Payment of the FIG Registration Fees	30 days after date of invoicing

For the LOC (online)

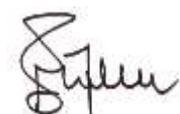
	Deadline
Accommodation (number of rooms)	21 June 2023
Meal Plan	21 June 2023
Visa Request	26 July 2023
Travel details	26 July 2023
Accommodation (names-to-rooms assignment)	26 July 2023
Insufficient insurance Coverage	26 July 2023
Music Release Form	26 July 2023
Music for Individuals and for Groups	26 July 2023
Passport-size photo Accreditation	26 July 2023
Copy of passports	26 July 2023
Music Release Form – paper Form (if changes between step 1 and step 2)	09 August 2023

Payments to the LOC

Accommodation Costs (100%)	21 June 2023
Meals (100 %)	21 June 2023
Accreditations at the charge of the Delegations	21 June 2023
Insurance if requested to the LOC	26 July 2023
Transportation from Alicante Airport to Valencia and viceversa	26 July 2023

Sincerely Yours,

FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE GYMNASTIQUE



Nicolas Buompane
Secretary General

Appendix 1: Layout Feria Valencia Pavilion 1
Appendix 2: Layout Feria Valencia Pavilion 2