

# FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE GYMNASTIQUE



## **52<sup>ND</sup> FIG ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**ANTWERP (BEL)**

**30 September – 08 October, 2023**



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## FOREWORD

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The Work Plan for the 52<sup>nd</sup> FIG Artistic Gymnastics World Championships (WCH) in Antwerp (BEL) to be held from 30 September to 08 October 2023 has been developed between the FIG Office, the FIG MTC and WTC as well as the Local Organizing Committee (LOC), in accordance with the following FIG Regulations and Rules valid in 2023:

- Statutes
- Code of Ethics
- Code of Conduct
- Code of Discipline
- Technical Regulations (TR)
- Judges' Rules (General and Specific per discipline)
- MAG Code of Points 2022-2024 (including NSL #1, #2, and #3)
- WAG Code of Points 2022-2024 (including NSL #1 and #2, and Help Desk 2022-2024 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition)
- Rules for the FIG Teams and Individual WCH
- Apparatus Norms
- Rules for Advertising and Publicity
- Accreditation Rules
- Medical Organization of FIG Competitions and Events
- Anti-doping Rules
- Rules for Award Ceremonies
- Media Guidelines
- License Rules
- FIG Framework for Safeguarding Athletes and other Participants from Harassment and abuse in Sport during Events
- Subsequent decisions of the FIG Executive Committee and Technical Committees.

All participating Federations commit to respect the Statutes and all FIG Regulations, especially with regards to the license, the age and the nationality of the gymnasts, as well as the respective Regulations concerning "Insurance" Art. 11.6 of the TR.

Federations which have not fulfilled their financial obligations towards the FIG (such as, but not limited to, annual membership fees, unpaid invoices, non-refundable entry fee) and the LOC (such as, but not limited to, accommodation, meals, insurance, accreditation, visa) will not be allowed to participate in these WCH.

## 1. FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE GYMNASTIQUE (FIG)

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### FIG Officials

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FIG President	Morinari Watanabe
MAG Jury of Appeal and Supervisory Board President	Suat Celen
MAG Jury of Appeal and Supervisory Board Member	Vassily Titov
WAG Jury of Appeal and Supervisory Board President	Nellie Kim
WAG Jury of Appeal and Supervisory Board Member	Youssef Al-Tabbaa
FIG Anti-doping, Medical and Mental Health Representative	Dr. Jay Binder
FIG Apparatus Commissioner	Daniel Fesser

### Men's Technical Committee and Superior Jury

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MTC President (President of the Superior Jury)	Arturs Mickevics
MTC 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-president (FX Apparatus Supervisor)	Jeff Thompson
MTC 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-president (SR Apparatus Supervisor)	Andrew Tombs
MTC Member (VT Apparatus Supervisor)	Liping Huang
MTC Member (PH Apparatus Supervisor)	Dmitrii Andreev
MTC Member (PB Apparatus Supervisor)	Julio Marcos Felipe
MTC Member (HB Apparatus Supervisor)	Andreja Zunic
Additional Superior Jury Member	Alvaro Sousa

### Women's Technical Committee and Superior Jury

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WTC President (President of the Superior Jury)	Donatella Sacchi
WTC 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-president (Member of the Superior Jury)	Nehad Zayed
WTC 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-president (UB Apparatus Supervisor)	Liubov Andrianova
WTC Member (VT Apparatus Supervisor)	Elena Davydova
WTC Member (BB Apparatus Supervisor)	Kym Dowdell
WTC Member (FX Apparatus Supervisor)	Johanna Gratt
WTC Member (Member of the Superior Jury)	Helena Lario

### MAG and WAG Athletes' Representatives

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MAG	Aljaz Pegan	WAG	Catalina Ponor
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### MAG and WAG Technical Committees' liaisons

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MAG	Geert Verhelst	WAG	Kaat Deben
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### MAG and WAG Judges' liaisons

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MAG	Didier Cole	WAG	Tatjana Decaesteker
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## FIG Staff

FIG Secretary General	Nicolas Buompane
FIG WAG Sports Manager	Céline Cachemaille
FIG MAG Sports Manager	Stéphane Détraz
FIG Marketing and Television Director	Olivier Strebel
FIG Senior Communications Manager	Meike Behrensen
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FIG Editor	Blythe Lawrence
FIG TV Coordinator	Laura Merrin
FIG TV Commentator	Olly Hogben
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## TV – Host Broadcaster

VRT – Production Manager	Leen Sannen
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## Swiss Timing – IRCOS

Swiss Timing Team Leader	Christophe Pittet
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## 2. NATIONAL FEDERATION AND LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE (LOC)

### National Federation

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### Local Organizing Committee (LOC)

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### LOC Officials

President	Peter Frederickx
General Director	Ilse Arys
Event Manager	Leen Foré
Administration & Financial Manager	Delphine De Jaeger
Marketing & Communication Manager	Delphine Gosseye
Infrastructure Manager	Jean Herrel
Competition Manager	Dominique Verlent
Human Resources Manager	Eline Verbeeck
Accommodation Manager	Els Coppieters
Transport Manager	Eva Vandemeulebroecke
Catering Manager	Annelies Raman

### Sport Information Desk (SID)

The Sport Information Desk (SID) will be located in the Lotto Arena, adjacent to the Warm-up Hall (see Appendix 1) **from 25 September to 8 October 2023** and will be in operation during all Training, Podium Training, Warm-up, and Competition times. While an information wall will be set up at the SID, Delegations will be invited to be part of a **WhatsApp group**.

SID phone number and Email address: +32 470 70 28 12 and [info@antwerpgymnastics2023.be](mailto:info@antwerpgymnastics2023.be)

With the aim of promoting sustainable environment, **no Delegation mail boxes will be set-up at the SID and no SID cards will be issued to the Head of Delegation or his/her representative.** All details for the competition, warm-up, podium training, training, notification of meetings, transport, official functions, FIG and LOC correspondences will be distributed via e-mail and will be available at the online Delegations' Information Platform (<https://antwerpgymnastics2023.com/en/delegations>). The LOC will not provide printed copies of the Work Plan, Appendices, or Forms either. Paper forms will only be available at the SID if necessary and upon request.

Noticeboards with Transport information, will still be set up at the official hotels' main hall (flipchart or screen).

All questions should be directed to the SID.

### Liaison Officers

The official Language will be English. No designated Liaison Officers will be assigned to escort each Federation. LOC hosts and hostesses will be available to assist with translation (if required) during meetings and as per media requests. They will also be able to assist Delegation members with general event information. Contact the SID for assistance.

### 3. PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME (SUBJECT TO CHANGES)

DATE / TIME	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
<b>Sun. 24 Sept</b> As announced	Arrival of the MTC	As announced
<b>Mon. 25 Sept</b> <b>As announced</b> As announced As announced As needed As per schedule 10:00-18:00	<b>Official Arrival Day of the Delegations</b> Arrival of the WTC Arrival of the D-MAG Judges FIG Staff-LOC Staff Meeting Apparatus Control MTC Meeting	<b>As announced</b> As announced As announced FIG Hotel Relevant Halls FIG Hotel
<b>Tue. 26 Sept</b> <b>As per schedule</b> As announced As needed As per schedule 09:30-12:30 10:00-18:00 14:00-18:00 18:00-19:00 <b>19:00-20:00</b> <b>20:00-21:00</b>	<b>MAG and WAG Training</b> Arrival of the D-WAG Judges FIG Staff-LOC Staff Meeting Apparatus Control MTC Meeting WTC Meeting Meeting with D-MAG Judges Distribution of Competitors' Bib numbers <b>Orientation Meeting</b> <b>Heads of Delegation Welcome Reception</b>	<b>Training Halls</b> As announced FIG Room Relevant Halls MTC Room WTC Room Judges' Room Antwerp EXPO (Training Hall) Antwerp EXPO (Training Hall) Antwerp EXPO (Training Hall)
<b>Wed. 27 Sept</b> <b>As per schedule</b> As per schedule 09:00-09:30 As per schedule <b>As per schedule</b> After each Podium Training Session 09:30-12:30 10:00-11:00 14:00-16:30	<b>MAG and WAG Training</b> Apparatus Control MAG Judges' Briefing (D-MAG Judges only) MAG Warm-up <b>MAG Podium Training (Subdivisions 1 to 4)</b> MAG Athletes' portrait photo session WTC Meeting Medical Round Table and Anti-doping Fight (highly recommended) Meeting with D-WAG Judges	<b>Training Halls</b> Relevant Halls Judges' Room Warm-up Hall <b>FOP</b> I-zone WTC Room Judges' Room Judges' Room

DATE / TIME	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
<b>Thu. 28 Sept</b> <b>As per schedule</b> As per schedule 09:00-09:30 As per schedule <b>As per schedule</b> After each Podium Training Session 12:30-15:00 15:00-15:30 As per schedule <b>As per schedule</b> After each Podium Training Session	<b>MAG and WAG Training</b> Apparatus Control MAG Judges' Briefing (D-MAG Judges only) MAG Warm-up <b>MAG Podium Training (Subdivisions 5 to 6)</b> MAG Athletes' portrait photo session WTC Meeting WAG Judges' Briefing (D-WAG Judges only) WAG Warm-up <b>WAG Podium Training (Subdivisions 1 to 3)</b> WAG Athletes' portrait photo session	<b>Training Halls</b> Relevant Halls Judges' Room Warm-up Hall <b>FOP</b> I-zone WTC Room Judges' Room Warm-up Hall <b>FOP</b> I-zone
<b>Fri. 29 Sept</b> <b>As per schedule</b> As per schedule 08:45-09:15 As per schedule <b>As per schedule</b> After each Podium Training Session 11:00-11:30 11:30-12:30 11:30-13:00 <b>13:30-17:30</b>	<b>MAG and WAG Training</b> Apparatus Control WAG Judges' Briefing (D-WAG Judges only) WAG Warm-up <b>WAG Podium Training (Subdivisions 4 to 10)</b> WAG Athletes' portrait photo session Opening Press Conference MTC Meeting Media Welcome Reception <b>MAG Judges' Instruction, Draw for Qualif./AA Final, Scoring Briefing</b>	<b>Training Halls</b> Relevant Halls Judges' Room Warm-up Hall <b>FOP</b> I-zone Sportpaleis MTC Room Sportpaleis Judges' Room
<b>Sat. 30 Sept</b> <b>As per schedule</b> As per schedule 09:00-09:30 As per schedule <b>As per schedule</b> <b>09:30-10:00</b> 10:00-11:50 12:15-14:05 16:00-17:50 18:15-20:05 11:00-12:00 <b>13:30-17:30</b>	<b>MAG and WAG Training</b> Apparatus Control MAG Judges' Briefing MAG Warm-up <b>MAG Qualifications (Subdivisions 1 to 4)</b> <b>Opening Ceremony</b> Subdivision 1 – Session 1 Subdivision 2 – Session 1 Subdivision 3 – Session 2 Subdivision 4 – Session 2 WTC Meeting <b>WAG Judges' Instruction, Draw for Qualifications, Scoring Briefing</b>	<b>Training Halls</b> Relevant Halls Judges' Room Warm-up Hall <b>FOP</b> <b>FOP</b> FOP FOP FOP FOP FOP WTC Room Judges' Room
<b>Sun. 01 Oct</b> <b>As per schedule</b> As per schedule 09:00-09:30 As per schedule <b>As per schedule</b> 10:00-11:50 12:15-14:05 12:00-15:00 15:00-15:30 As per schedule <b>As per schedule</b> 16:00-17:20 17:45-19:05 19:30-20:50	<b>MAG and WAG Training</b> Apparatus Control MAG Judges' Briefing MAG Warm-up <b>MAG Qualifications (Subdivisions 5 to 6)</b> Subdivision 5 – Session 1 Subdivision 6 – Session 1 WTC Meeting WAG Judges' Briefing WAG Warm-up <b>WAG Qualifications (Subdivisions 1 to 3)</b> Subdivision 1 – Session 2 Subdivision 2 – Session 2 Subdivision 3 – Session 2	<b>Training Halls</b> Relevant Halls Judges' Room Warm-up Hall <b>FOP</b> FOP FOP WTC Room Judges' Room Warm-up Hall <b>FOP</b> FOP FOP FOP

DATE / TIME	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
<b>Mon. 02 Oct</b> <b>As per schedule</b> As per schedule 11:00-18:00 09:00-09:30 As per schedule <b>As per schedule</b> 10:00-11:20 11:30-12:50 13:00-14:20 16:15-17:35 17:45-19:05 19:45-21:05 21:15-22:35	<b>WAG and MAG Training</b> Apparatus Control MTC Meeting WAG Judges' Briefing WAG Warm-up <b>WAG Qualifications (Subdivisions 4 to 10)</b> Subdivision 4 – Session 1 Subdivision 5 – Session 1 Subdivision 6 – Session 1 Subdivision 7 – Session 2 Subdivision 8 – Session 2 Subdivision 9 – Session 2 Subdivision 10 – Session 2	<b>Training Halls</b> Relevant Halls MTC Room Judges' Room Warm-up Hall <b>FOP</b> FOP FOP FOP FOP FOP FOP FOP
<b>Tue. 03 Oct</b> <b>As per schedule</b> As per schedule 09:30-12:30 16:30-18:30 18:00-19:00 As per schedule <b>19:30-22:45</b>	<b>MAG and WAG Training</b> Apparatus Control WAG Judges' Day out WTC Meeting MAG Judges' Briefing and Draw for Team Final MAG Warm-up <b>MAG Team Final and Award Ceremony</b>	<b>Training Halls</b> Relevant Halls Antwerp City WTC Room Judges' Room Warm-up Hall <b>FOP</b>
<b>Wed. 04 Oct</b> <b>As per schedule</b> As per schedule 09:30-12:30 10:00-11:30 12:00-15:00 18:00-19:00 As per schedule <b>19:30-22:05</b>	<b>MAG and WAG Training</b> Apparatus Control MAG Judges' Day out FIG President Round Table MTC Meeting and MAG Team Final's PCVR WAG Judges' Briefing and Draw for Team Final WAG Warm-up <b>WAG Team Final and Award Ceremony</b>	<b>Training Halls</b> Relevant Halls Antwerp City Judges' Room MTC Room Judges' Room Warm-up Hall <b>FOP</b>
<b>Thu. 05 Oct</b> <b>As per schedule</b> As per schedule 10:00-13:00 14:00-16:00 16:30-17:30 18:00-19:00 As per schedule <b>19:30-22:40</b>	<b>MAG and WAG Training</b> Apparatus Control WTC Meeting and WAG Team Final's PCVR WAG Round Table WAG Athletes' Meeting MAG Judges' Briefing MAG Warm-up <b>MAG All-Around Final, MAG/WAG Fujitsu Infinity Award, and Award Ceremony</b>	<b>Training Halls</b> Relevant Halls WTC Room Judges' Room Meeting Room Judges' Room Warm-up Hall <b>FOP</b>
<b>Fri. 06 Oct</b> <b>As per schedule</b> As per schedule 10:00-13:00 14:00-16:00 16:30-17:30 17:30-19:00 As per schedule <b>19:30-22:00</b>	<b>MAG and WAG Training</b> Apparatus Control MTC Meeting and MAG All-Around Final's PCVR MAG Round Table MAG Athletes' Meeting WAG Judges' Briefing and Draw for All-Around Final WAG Warm-up <b>WAG All-Around Final and Award Ceremony</b>	<b>Training Halls</b> Relevant Halls MTC Room Judges' Room Meeting Room Judges' Room Warm-up Hall <b>FOP</b>



DATE / TIME	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
<b>Sat. 07 Oct</b> <b>As per schedule</b> As per schedule 09:00-12:00 10:00-12:00 12:00-12:45 <b>12:00-13:00</b> 12:45-13:30 As per schedule <b>14:00-18:00</b> 14:00 After MAG FX <b>After WAG VT</b> After Award Ceremony After MAG PH After WAG UB <b>After MAG SR</b>	<b>MAG and WAG Training</b> Apparatus Control WTC Meeting and WAG All-Around Final's PCVR Observer Tour MAG Judges' Briefing and Draw for Apparatus Finals (FX, PH, SR) <b>MAG and WAG Warm-up</b> WAG Judges' Briefing and Draw for Apparatus Finals (VT, UB) MAG and WAG Warm-up <b>Apparatus Finals (Day 1)</b> MAG Floor Exercise WAG Vault <b>Award Ceremonies MAG FX / WAG VT</b> MAG Pommel Horse WAG Uneven Bars MAG Rings <b>Award Ceremonies MAG PH / WAG UB / MAG SR</b>	<b>Training Halls</b> Relevant Halls WTC Room Relevant Areas Judges' Room <b>FOP</b> Judges' Room Warm-up Hall <b>FOP</b> FOP FOP <b>FOP</b> FOP FOP FOP <b>FOP</b>
<b>Sun. 08 Oct</b> As per schedule 11:00-12:00 12:00-12:45 <b>12:00-13:00</b> 12:45-13:30 As per schedule <b>14:00-18:00</b> 14:00 After MAG VT <b>After WAG BB</b> After Award Ceremony After MAG PB After WAG FX <b>After MAG HB</b> <b>20:00-01:00</b>	Apparatus Control WTC Meeting and WAG Apparatus Final's PCVR (VT, UB) MAG Judges' Briefing and Draw for Apparatus Finals (VT, PB, HB) <b>MAG and WAG Warm-up</b> WAG Judges' Briefing and Draw for Apparatus Finals (BB, FX) MAG and WAG Warm-up <b>Apparatus Finals (Day 2)</b> MAG Vault WAG Balance Beam <b>Award Ceremonies MAG VT / WAG BB</b> MAG Parallel Bars WAG Floor Exercise MAG Horizontal Bar <b>Award Ceremonies MAG PB / WAG FX / MAG HB</b> <b>Farewell Banquet including the Closing Ceremony</b>	Relevant Halls WTC Room Judges' Room <b>FOP</b> Judges' Room Warm-up Hall <b>FOP</b> FOP FOP <b>FOP</b> FOP FOP FOP <b>FOP</b> Antwerp EXPO (Training Hall)
<b>Mon. 09 Oct</b> <b>As announced</b> As Needed As Needed	<b>Official Departure Day of the Delegations and D-Judges</b> MTC Meeting, MAG Apparatus Finals PCVR and finalization WTC Meeting, WAG Apparatus Finals PCVR (BB, FX) and finalization	<b>As announced</b> Lindner Hotel Lindner Hotel
<b>Tue. 10 Oct</b> As announced	Departure of the MTC and the WTC	As announced

#### 4. PARTICIPATION RIGHTS AND ACCREDITATIONS

##### Participation Rights

Refer to the Directives for details on the participation rights, accreditations principles (including media accreditations), maximum Delegation size, supplementary accreditations, observers, payment procedures, and insurance deadlines.

A list including all medical staff duly approved by the FIG is published on the FIG web site. Medical staff seeking accreditation for these WCH and who are not on this list must send to the FIG Office (attention Mr. Loïc Vidmer at [lvidmer@fig-gymnastics.org](mailto:lvidmer@fig-gymnastics.org)) a copy of their medical certificate/diploma duly translated in English or French. They must also complete as soon as possible but at the very latest at the deadline of the Nominative Registration, the "Form to be accredited as Medical Doctor or Paramedical staff at FIG Events (2015 edition)", which can be downloaded from the FIG database after creating a profile for medical staff (refer to the User instructions available on the FIG administration website). Without this document, the accreditation of the medical staff will not be released.

## Accreditation Principles

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FIG Accreditation rules have to be strictly respected.

The accreditation identifies individuals in good standing from FIG affiliated federations participating in the event. It indicates and defines individuals' right to access to the different zones (see Appendix 1 and Appendix 2) as per their functions. All participants and officials are required to wear their Accreditation Cards at all times as the accreditation card is necessary to pass the security controls.

The accreditation is personal, non-transferable and compulsory to have access to the Training, Warm-up, and Competition halls, the official functions and the transport system of the LOC. The LOC transport system will only be accessible if the accommodation was booked via the LOC.

The access in the Warm-up Hall is strictly limited to the gymnasts participating in the specific competition and according to the Warm-up schedule, with the appropriate Delegation member with Transferable Access Card (TAC) for the Head of Delegation and Team Manager.

Access rights to lunches and dinners (booked via the LOC and served daily at the hotel's restaurant or the Competition Venue depending on the chosen Hotel Category), will be controlled by the Accreditation Card.

Any **misuse** of an accreditation (such as, but not limited to, zone, time, transfer) will lead to the **withdrawal of the accreditation and a fine of CHF 2500.- for each case.**

No access will be granted to members of Delegations who forget to take their accreditation or TAC. In case of lost or stolen accreditation cards, the LOC and the FIG must be informed immediately to block the accreditation. Lost or stolen accreditations may be replaced at the charge of the card holder (€ 250).

The Accreditation Rules will be strictly applied, notably as far as the number of accreditations per federation is concerned. No further accreditations may be issued without the prior approval of FIG. Any additional person is considered as a spectator and must buy entry tickets. Accreditations will not be delivered unless all financial, organizational and insurance obligations have been met.

### Delegations' Accreditation Center

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The accreditation center will be located in the Lotto Arena, adjacent to the Warm-up Hall (see Appendix 1) and open as follows:

Dates	Opening Times
25 and 26 September 2023	By appointment
27 September – 8 October 2023	Opening times SID

Accreditations will be distributed at the Accreditation Center to the Head of Delegation and/or his/her Representative upon arrival of the Delegation. National Federations will receive an advance invitation by e-mail from [info@antwerpgymnastics2023.be](mailto:info@antwerpgymnastics2023.be) requesting their Head of Delegation and/or his/her Representative to attend a dedicated registration session appointment for their NF attendance at the WCH. A reminder of this appointment will be given to the Head of Delegation and/or his/her Representative on arrival at the hotel. Registration appointments will be planned in line with Delegation arrivals and airport to hotel transfer times.

If Delegations failed to upload all photos before the event and a photo needs to be taken at the Delegations' Accreditation Center, the person with missing photo must join the maximum 2 person allowed per Delegation in the Accreditation Center at that time. An amount of €25 per missing photo will have to be paid by the NF to the LOC.

### Control and Distribution of Material at Accreditation

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At accreditation, the Head of Delegation or his/her Representative must:

- check the correct names of the complete Delegation and present to the LOC the valid passports of all Delegation members for proof of identity and control of Nationality. A scanned passport copy of the accredited gymnasts will be made by the LOC.

- confirm the NF contact details onsite (Email and cell phone) for proper delivery of the WCH related information and facilitate exchanges.
- decide to join the WhatsApp group in order to receive first-hand information
- show proof of the cover note or photocopy of the valid insurance policy in English exclusively (if not submitted to the LOC in advance).
- confirm the bookings made in terms of accommodation, meals, and Farewell Banquet.
- confirm the number of persons attending the Orientation Meeting (maximum 2) and the Head of Delegation Welcome Reception
- finalize the necessary payments if needed (such as accreditation, insurance, accommodations, meals, visa).
- confirm the accuracy of the Country National Anthem uploaded in advance by each NF at <https://verification.clicknclear.com/event/48/invite?token=89e611ef9f8330b8fc09d17b60ee3271> via the ClickNClear system (the Federation's national anthem must be such that it can be played in its entirety, if possible, in less than one minute).
- if not done in advance, confirm the accuracy of the National Flag (there is no need to bring a sample of the national flag to the site)
- verify the return flight schedules.
- check that the data of the WAG gymnasts' FX music has been submitted via the ClickNClear system
- verify that the WAG gymnasts' FX music has been uploaded to the ClickNClear system. For safety reasons in case of technical problems, Delegations will be requested to submit one spare copy of the WAG competitor music on a USB stick. The copy must include:
  - the name of the Federation (FIG official three letters country code e.g., SUI)
  - the full name of the gymnast.
 The copy will be returned to the Head of Delegation or his/her Representative via the SID at the conclusion of the Delegation's competition.

At accreditation, the LOC will also hand out to each NF:

- The TACs
- A maximum of 2 Orientation Meeting Access Cards
- the "Medical and anti-doping practical information"
- information regarding the gymnasts' safeguarding plan.

## Delegations' Seating

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The LOC will reserve a number of seats for the accredited Delegation members in the venue blocks # 226-235 (see Appendix 2). These seats will be available on a first come, first served basis. Delegates will be requested not to sit in any other spectator seats within the arena unless permitted to do so by a representative of the LOC. Reserved places will also be put at the disposal of Press, Radio, Television, Photographers, authorized officials and guests of honors.

## Transferable Access Cards (TAC)

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All Delegations will be allocated a number of Zones 1 and Zone 3 TACs in conjunction with their primary accreditation card, respecting FIG Accreditation Rules as follows:

- for coaches and medical staff in order to access the Competition Area – Field of Play (FOP) (Zone 1).
- for Heads of Delegation and Team Managers in order to access the Warm-up Hall (Zone 3).

Additional TACs may be delivered by FIG upon request by the Delegation as mentioned in the Directives. The TACs are only transferable within the Federation's official Delegation and the appropriate function. Lost or stolen transferable cards will **not** be replaced.

## 5. INSURANCE

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Delegations are requested to upload a **copy** of their insurance coverage note to the LOC online system **by 23 August 2023 at the very latest.** Delegation members with insufficient insurance coverage can book Insurance through the LOC online system no later than **23 August 2023.**

Visit <https://www.gymnastics.sport/site/pages/medical-insurance.php> for details on the First-Class Assistance provided by FIG for Athletes and Judges.

## 6. NOMINATIVE REGISTRATIONS

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Refer to the Directives for details on the different steps regarding the Nominative Registration.

As per FIG Code of Ethics art. 2d), during the conduct of their activities, FIG members are expected to display correct conduct and deportment, to strictly follow the FIG Code of Conduct and to declare any conflict of interest between the organization of which he/she is a member and all other organizations with which the FIG has relationships. Any close family relative to a competitive gymnast may not judge that gymnast or his/her unit (pair, group, etc.) at any FIG sanctioned event. If a conflict should or could appear, the President of the FIG is to be informed, so appropriate action can be taken. As per the EC decision, the definition for “close family relative” is as follows:

- People who are married to, or live in a registered partnership or co-habit with a gymnast
- People who 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.

### Fines

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As per FIG TR Section 1, Art. 11.1.2, the fine to be paid to FIG after missing the Nominative Registration's deadlines or for late Nominative Registration is of CHF 1'000.-. The fine for not participating with a team following the NF confirmation of its qualified team quota place or after a Definitive Entry made with a team is of CHF 1'000.-

### FIG licenses

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Refer to the Directives for details on FIG licenses.

### Gymnasts' age limits

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- The age of the **MAG competitors** in 2023 is minimum **18 years old** (born 2005) or older. NFs **must** declare via the gymnast's FIG profile whether their 18-year-old gymnasts will compete as junior or senior before their **first** competition in 2023. In case of omission, the gymnasts cannot be registered via the **FIG** online system.
- The age of the **WAG competitors** in 2023 is minimum **16 years old** (born 2007) or older.

## 7. JUDGES' BREVET

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Only judges with the appropriate and valid category (I, II, III) of brevet for their function for this XV Cycle (2022-2024) will be authorized to be registered via the **FIG** online system and judge in Antwerp.

## 8. REGISTRATION CHANGES

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Refer to FIG TR Section 2 Art. 6 for details on the provisions regarding registration changes. Request for modifications must be submitted **online** via **Form 5**. A link with a personal login and password will be sent by the FIG IT Dept. to each NF in order to access the system from **14 September 2023 until 8 October 2023**.

### Competitors' bib numbers

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The LOC will distribute the competitors' bib numbers to the Head of Delegation or his/her Representative at the Antwerp Expo (i.e., location of the Training Halls) on **26 September 2023 from 18:00 to 19:00**. The loss of a competitor's bib number will have to be reported immediately to the SID.

The competitor's bib number must be firmly attached to the competition attire during the whole competition. Sponsors' advertisements on competition bib numbers should not be covered and must be clearly visible.

## 9. VENUE

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Refer to the Directives for pictures, descriptions, and the general plan of the Competition, Warm-up and Training Halls.

### Competition Hall (Sportpaleis):

- The seating capacity will be approximately 13'000 seats
- The Judges' panels and Apparatus Supervisors will sit in one line outside the FOP.
- The apparatus podium will be 0.80 m height.
- The venue ceiling height will be at 25 m, with the height of the lighting grid over the FOP at 20 m.

### Warm-up Hall (1 for MAG, 1 for WAG – Lotto Arena):

- A corridor of 70 m will link the Warm-up Hall to the Competition Hall (see Appendix 1)
- The apparatus used will be identical to those in the Competition Hall.
- A 0.80 m high podium will be provided for all apparatus.
- An additional stretching area will be provided inside the Hall.
- The necessary equipment for the musical accompaniment of women's FX will be provided.

### Training Halls (2 for MAG, 2 for WAG – Antwerp Expo):

- The Training Halls are 7,5 km away from the competition hall (8-20 min by shuttle bus)
- The apparatus used will be identical to those in the Competition Hall.
- For MAG and WAG, the apparatus will be anchored to a concrete floor covered with thin carpet.
- A stretching area will be provided inside each Hall.
- The necessary equipment for the musical accompaniment of women's FX will be provided.

## 10. TRANSPORTATION AND VISAS

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Refer to the Directives for details on Visas, International Transportation, Local Transportation, Shuttle Services and deadlines. For earlier or later arrivals and departures, you may contact directly the LOC in order to discuss the local transportation possibilities. Transport on other days than the official arrival and departure days will be subject to fees.

Delegations are requested to upload arrival and departure information onto the **LOC** online system by **23 August 2023** at the latest.

WCH Transport Office Phone Number: +32 468 27 15 75

### Arrivals

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The LOC will welcome the Delegations with greeting signs at the airports as follows:

- Brussels International Airport (BRU): in the arrival hall.
- Antwerp Airport (ANR): in the arrival hall.
- Antwerp Central Railway Station: at the main entrance
- Charleroi (Brussels South) Airport: in the arrival hall

The Delegations will be requested to make their ways to meet with the LOC. Shuttle timetables for local transportation between the Training, Warm-up or Competition Halls and the official hotels will be provided to the Head of Delegation or his/her Representative upon arrival. These timetables will also be available at the SID upon request, on the Delegations' information platform, and in the main hall (flipchart or screen) of the official hotels.

A real-time track & trace of the shuttle buses will be available for all Delegations. The web address of this real-time track and trace system will be available on the Delegations' information platform.



Refer to the Directives for further details on Arrivals.

## Departures

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Local transportation from the official hotels to the official drop-off locations (Brussels International Airport BRU, Antwerp Airport ANR, Antwerp Central Railway Station and Charleroi Brussels South Airport) will be arranged by the LOC based on the flight schedules collected from each Delegation. All Delegations will be asked to confirm their departure flight information at Accreditation. A detailed departure schedule will be available on the Delegations' information platform. Refer to the Directives for further details on Departures.

## 11. ACCOMMODATIONS

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Refer to the Directives for details on the selection of official hotels, reservations, payments procedures, fines, and cancellation policy. All MAG judges must book their accommodation at the Mercure Antwerp City Center and all WAG Judges at the NH Collection Antwerp Center.

Each Federation will be requested to register via the **LOC** online system their "Accommodation by Name" by **23 August 2023** at the very latest. The final payment to the LOC of the remaining 50% for accommodation costs is required to be **received on the LOC account** by no later than **23 August 2023**. Failure to forward the payment by the required date will result in the reservations being cancelled and in the deposit payment being forfeited.

All questions concerning accommodation must be addressed directly to the LOC.

### Check-in Times and Procedures

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Each Official Hotel will have received a rooming list from those Delegations who have submitted their registration. The room keys and hotel information will be distributed to the Delegation upon their hotel check-in provided all financial requirements have been fulfilled. For check-in times, refer to the Directives.

Credit cards imprints may be made to cover all incidental costs during the Delegation's stay.

### Check-out Times and Procedures

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In principle, a copy of the individual account of each Delegation member will be available the day before departure. After confirmation, the balance due will have to be paid in full upon check-out. For check-out times, refer to the Directives.

**Delegations will be responsible for all hotel costs incurred**, including extra costs (such as, but not limited to, hotel services, laundry, room service, mini-bar, parking, paid TV movies, telephone calls). Any damages made to the Hotel facilities will be the exclusive responsibility of the Delegation concerned.

## 12. MEALS

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Refer to the Directives for details on the prices, reservations, arrangements, payments procedures, fines, and cancellation policy.

Each Federation will be requested to register via the **LOC** online system their "Meal by Name" by **23 August 2023** at the very latest (including charged Farewell Banquet tickets). Based upon the reservations and payment made by each Federation via the LOC, the different meals arrangements will be made as mentioned in the Directives. Meals can no longer be booked after **23 August 2023**.

The final payment to the LOC of the remaining 50% for the meals (including charged Farewell Banquet tickets) is required to be **received on the LOC account** by no later than **23 August 2023**. Failure to forward the payment by the required date will result in the reservations being cancelled and in the deposit payment being forfeited.

A variety of hot and cold food in sufficient quantities will be guaranteed each day. Menus will be designed to be nutritious, tasty, and of excellent quality. The LOC will also provide the following:

- In the Training Hall, Warm-up Hall, and Competition Hall: water, snacks/fruits for the Delegations
- In the Athletes' Lounge: water, snacks/fruits
- In the Judges' Lounge: water, coffee, tea, snacks/fruits

During Podium Trainings and Qualifications, meals free of charge will be provided at the Competition Venue if full board was booked via the LOC for:

- D-Judges during Podium Trainings
- Judges on-duty during Qualifications.

All questions concerning meals must be addressed directly to the LOC.

## **Farewell Banquet**

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Accredited Delegation members who will stay at one of the official hotels and will book their accommodation via the LOC will receive a free ticket for the Farewell Banquet, which will be held at the Antwerp Expo (i.e., location of the Training Halls) on **08 October 2023** from **20:00 to 01:00**. The Farewell Banquet will **not** be open to the media, with the exception of one ENG crew of the Host Broadcaster. The Farewell Banquet will include the formal closing of the WCH and dancing. An evening meal with drinks will be served so no dinners will be served at the hotel's restaurant or the Competition Venue on 08 October 2023. Participants will be invited to dress in the colours of the Olympic Rings

Bus transfers will be organized between the official Hotels and the Banquet as per schedule. Transport Information will be distributed via the Delegations' information platform.

Refer to the Directives for details on the reservations as well as the payments procedures and the cancellation policies for all other persons willing to attend the Farewell Party or buy additional tickets. There is limited availability of tickets to purchase.

## **13. TRAINING AND PODIUM TRAINING**

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### **Early or late training opportunities**

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Delegations arriving earlier or departing later than the Official arrival and departure dates are requested to contact [info@antwerpgymnastics2023.be](mailto:info@antwerpgymnastics2023.be) in order to receive information on early or late training opportunities in local facilities. **No** early or late training opportunities will be available at the official competition, warm-up or training venues. All costs and logistical arrangements will have to be covered by the Federation concerned.

### **Official training schedules**

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The Official training schedules and the composition of the different training groups are included in Appendix 3 for MAG and WAG (subject to minor modifications). The Training sessions will be organized as follows:

- Specific times have been established for the MAG and WAG Training sessions.
- The WAG gymnasts will have to do their general warm-up on the stretching mats of the training halls before using the apparatus.
- Apparatus Specialists will only be able to train on the apparatus they qualified for. They may use the stretching area while waiting their turn for their qualified apparatus. They will have the opportunity to train on the apparatus for which they did not qualify during daily open training sessions until the end of the Qualifications.
- Reserve gymnast will have the same training rights as other gymnasts.

The LOC will strictly monitor the rotations and training orders of each group and the Delegations will have to respect their designated training times and the allocated training halls. Each gymnast will have minimum 3 ½ hours per day in 2 sessions (one comprising more than one hour and one comprising 2 or more hours) with minimum 4 hours between the two sessions. Changes to the official scheduled training hours will **not** be accepted and Delegations will be responsible for following the official training schedules.



After the Qualifications, sufficient training sessions will be available to the teams and gymnasts who have qualified for the Team Final, the All-Around Final and the Apparatus Finals and to the designated reserves. **No** additional training requests will be accepted. For gymnasts who do not progress beyond the Qualifications as well as for the NFs substitute gymnasts (i.e., ranked higher than the designated reserve but excluded from the Finals due to NFs limits), open and free training sessions will be made available following the Qualifications.

Due to space limits, the judges will **not** be authorized to attend any training sessions.

## Podium training

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Refer to Appendix 3 for information on the MAG and WAG podium training schedules (subject to minor modifications). Podium Trainings will be considered as Training and will be open to media but **not** to the public. Reserve gymnasts within Teams will be permitted to take part in Podium Training. MAG and WAG teams and individual gymnasts will each have **one** Podium Training session. This session will be held in accordance with the starting order of the FIG Draw for the Qualifications and will in principle follow the time periods for Qualifications.

During their allocated Podium Training session time, the gymnasts will be authorized to return to the warm-up hall. However, before they can use the designated stretching area and the apparatus, the gymnasts must obtain prior permission from the Federations warming-up for the next subdivision, as these Federations always have priority.

To ensure that the gymnasts' WAG FX Exercise music will be played in the desired order during Podium Training, Federations will be required to submit **online Form 8**. A link with a personal login and password will be sent by the FIG IT Dept. to each NF in order to access the system as follows:

- on **27 September 2023** at **16:00** at the latest for subdivisions 1 and 3.
- on **28 September 2023** at **09:45** at the latest for subdivisions 4 and 10.

After each podium training session, the official and compulsory **FIG portrait photo and sports presentation photo** will take place in the I-Zone, which is located in the mixed zone (see Appendix 2). For the FIG portrait photo session, athletes are requested to wear their national tracksuit and any visible branding must meet the FIG Advertising Rules. The images will be shown on the scoreboards and video screen in the Competition Hall during the TV broadcast and on the FIG website as part of the [athletes' biographies](#).

Note: The use of Fujitsu cameras instead of 3D sensors for these WCH will mean that the body data measurements which used to be carried out after each podium training session will no longer be necessary. The same applies to the consent form, which will also become irrelevant.

## 14. WARM-UP BEFORE PODIUM TRAINING AND COMPETITIONS

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Refer to Appendix 3 for information on the MAG and WAG warm-up schedules (subject to minor modifications).

Warm-up time before Podium Training and Competition will be specifically timed for MAG and WAG and will be allocated as follows:

- Before **Podium Training and Qualifications**: 1h30 in the Warm-up Hall for all gymnasts, including the reserve gymnasts within Teams
- Before the **Team Finals**: 1h45 in the Warm-up Hall for all qualified teams, including the reserve gymnasts within Teams
- Before the **All-Around Finals**: 1h45 in the Warm-up Hall for all qualified gymnasts. The designated reserve and the NF's substitute gymnasts will be allowed to use the Warm-up Hall until the start of the Competition.
- Before the **Apparatus Finals**: 1h00 in the Competition Hall for all qualified gymnasts (including the designated reserve and the NFs substitute gymnasts). This warm-up period will end at the very latest 30 minutes before the beginning of the competition. As the Apparatus Finals progress, warm-up time in the Warm-up Hall will be allocated to all qualified gymnasts (including the designated reserve and the NF's substitute gymnasts) until the start of their respective apparatus.



## 15. COMPETITIONS (INCLUDING “TOUCH” WARM-UP)

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See Appendix 3 for information on the MAG and WAG Competition schedules (subject to minor modifications).

### Drawing of Lots

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The gymnasts' drawing of lots to decide the starting order of the Qualifications and the Apparatus Finals was conducted on **03 July 2023** at the FIG Office in Lausanne (SUI), in the virtual presence of MTC President Arturs Mickevics and WTC President Donatella Sacchi. The results were published consecutively.

For the Qualifications, while the Teams and All-Around gymnasts were drawn by Federation, the Apparatus Specialists will be drawn by name at a later date and time to be confirmed by the FIG, to ensure as much as possible that the two groups remain coherent in the light of any withdrawals.

Registrations received in the FIG Offices after the drawing of lots will be refused (i.e., the gymnasts will not be allowed to compete). NFs with a Team will still be authorized to add gymnasts to the number declared up to the maximum quota allowed of 5 gymnasts plus 1 reserve.

The FIG, in consultation with the TC and the LOC reserves the right to apply adjustments to the draw and starting order should the Nominative Registrations received or the final number of participants at the time of the competition generate organizational problems.

### General Principles

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Qualifications, Team Finals, All Around Finals, and Apparatus Finals will be held in accordance with the 2023 FIG TR including Section 2 for Artistic Gymnastic, Reg.5.1, the MAG Code of Points 2022-2024 (including NSL #1, #2, and #3), the WAG Code of Points 2022-2024 (including NSL #1 and #2, and Help Desk 2022-2024 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition), as well as other FIG Technical Directives. For gymnasts' substitution or withdrawal, refer to Section 2 Art 6. of the FIG TR.

These WCH comprise exercises on each of the various apparatus to determine the Team World Champion, the All-Around World Champion and the World Champion on each Apparatus.

**Paris 2024** quota places will also be granted during these WCH as follows:

- From the Qualifications:
  - 9 Teams (Criteria 2)
  - 1 gymnast for each of the next 3 NFs without a Team qualified (Criteria 3)
  - 8 MAG and 14 WAG All-Around gymnasts from NFs without a Team qualified (Criteria 4)
- From the Apparatus Finals:
  - 6 MAG and 4 WAG Apparatus gymnasts from NFs without a Team qualified (Criteria 5)

The Competition Director and the FOP Managers will be in charge in all relevant areas. The instructions given by them must be strictly observed, especially during TV broadcast in relation with the march -in and -out. During “touch” warm-up and competitions on the FOP, gymnasts, coaches, medical staff, and judges are absolutely prohibited from using any electronic device to talk, transmit or receive messages (such as, but not limited to, mobile phones, mini-notebooks, computers) or use any camera or video device. D- Judges may use a personal computer only for their necessary judging information and to record details of exercises for their final report. Gymnasts may use an electronic device in the FOP only for the playing of personal music with headphones.

### Preparation of Apparatus

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#### MAG and WAG procedures

- At the start of the competition, the coaches/reserve gymnasts only may start preparing the apparatus as soon as the gymnasts' presentation or the march -in music starts.
- For all of the following rotations, the coaches/reserve gymnasts only may move to the apparatus in advance and start preparing the apparatus as soon as the rotation music begins.

## Special provisions for MAG

### For the Teams during Qualifications and Final on PH, SR, VT, PB, HB

- Any accredited persons from the Federation of the gymnasts may prepare the apparatus during the “touch” warm-up and the competition.

### For the Individual gymnasts during Qualifications and Finals on PH, SR, VT, PB, HB

- Up to three people (the competing gymnast, the coach and one other FOP accredited person) may be on the podium to prepare the apparatus.
- In addition, and if necessary, any accredited persons may enter the FOP to prepare the apparatus. In any case, the total number of people on the podium cannot exceed three.
- Once the apparatus is ready, this additional person **must** exit the FOP **immediately** or at the very latest at the end of the gymnasts’ routine.

## Special provisions for WAG Qualifications and all the Finals:

### VT and BB

- For NFs with 1 accredited coach per team or per individual gymnast: this coach may prepare VT and BB
- For NFs with 2 accredited coaches per team: these 2 coaches may prepare VT and BB

### UB

- Up to 2 accredited coaches can prepare the UB. Therefore, for NFs with 1 accredited coach per team or per individual gymnast, an additional gymnast or coach may enter the FOP to prepare the UB. Once the UB is ready, this additional gymnast or coach **must** exit the FOP **immediately** or at the very latest at the end of the gymnast’s routine.

## “Touch” Warm-up on the FOP

For the **Qualifications** and all the **Finals**, the “touch” warm-up period will be granted on the FOP as follows:

- 30 second on FX, PH, SR, HB, and BB
- 50 seconds on UB and PB, including the preparation of the bars
- a maximum of two attempts on VT, except for the WAG Qualifications where a maximum 3 attempts are permitted for gymnasts aiming to qualify for the Apparatus Final.

The “touch” warm-up times are allocated to the whole team in Team Groups and belong to each gymnast in Mixed Groups of All-Around Gymnasts or Apparatus Specialists.

For the **Qualifications** and the **All-Around Final**, the gymnasts will do their “touch” warm-up on the podium as one group.

For the **Team Final**, two teams compete on each apparatus. Each Team does its “touch” warm-up separately one after the other as per the starting order, with the team of the gymnast competing first doing its “touch” warm-up first. Announcements will indicate the start time for the “touch” warm-up of each team. Only the teams entitled to doing their “touch” warm-up may be present on the Podium.

### Example on FX:

- starting order: 1. SUI / 1. BEL / 2. SUI / 2. BEL / 3. SUI / 3. BEL
- “touch” warm-up: SUI-SUI-SUI followed by BEL-BEL-BEL

For the **Apparatus Finals**, the “touch” warm-up will be done on each apparatus **in two groups** in accordance with the starting order:

- Gymnasts 1, 2, 3, 4 do their “touch” warm-up and compete
- Once gymnasts 1, 2, 3, 4 have finished competing, gymnasts 5, 6, 7, 8 do their “touch” warm-up and compete

In case more than 8 Finalists qualify for the Apparatus Finals, a draw will be conducted between the tied gymnasts. The first group to “touch” warm-up and compete” will have a lower number of gymnasts than the second group.

## Qualifications and Starting Order

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The gymnasts will proceed with their competition as one group. They will either be divided into Team Groups (24 for MAG and 24 for WAG, with the reserve allowed to be on the FOP to support the Team), All-Around Groups (10 for MAG and 14 for WAG), or different Specialists Groups on each Apparatus (2 for MAG and 2 for WAG). The placement of these groups into the various subdivisions and apparatus as well as the starting order of the Federations or gymnasts in the first rotation were decided by the draw.

The Apparatus Specialists will only be allowed to compete on the apparatus they qualified for. They **must** stay in the warm-up hall and **only** enter the FOP during the rotation time for their first apparatus (or their only apparatus). Once their last apparatus (or only apparatus) is over, they must leave the FOP during the rotation time. If qualified on multiple apparatus, they may either stay in their group on the FOP or return to the warm-up hall during the rotation time. They must re-enter the FOP during the rotation time for their next apparatus only. Coaches and medical staff can **only** remain on the FOP when their Apparatus Specialists are on the FOP.

The scores of Individual gymnasts cannot count in the Team Ranking.

The Head of Delegation or his/her Representative must confirm:

- **For the Teams:**
  - the starting order of the gymnasts for each apparatus: of the 5 gymnasts, 4 compete and the 3 highest scores count.
  - if the gymnast will perform **one or two** Vaults and the Vault Number (including for the Reserve).
- **For the All-Around gymnasts:**
  - if a Federation has 2 gymnasts in the same group, the starting order among the 2 gymnasts **for the first rotation only**. Then, for the following rotations, the gymnasts competing first in the group on an apparatus will drop to the last position on the next apparatus.
  - whether or not the gymnasts will compete on all apparatus.
  - if the gymnasts will perform **one or two** Vaults and the Vault Number.
- **For the Apparatus Specialists:**
  - whether or not the gymnasts will compete on all apparatus qualified for.
  - if qualified on VT, if the gymnasts will perform **one or two** Vaults and the Vault Number.

The confirmation of the starting order must be submitted **online** via **Form 10 for MAG** and via **Form 11 for WAG**, 24 hours at the latest before the start of the first MAG or WAG Subdivision each day. As MAG and WAG Qualifications take place over one and a half days each, the deadlines of 24 hours are as follows:

- For **MAG** Subdivisions **1 to 4**: **29 September 2023 at 10:00**
- For **MAG** Subdivisions **5 to 6**: **30 September 2023 at 10:00**
- For **WAG** Subdivisions **1 to 3**: **30 September 2023 at 16:00**
- For **WAG** Subdivisions **4 to 10**: **01 October 2023 at 10:00**

A link with a personal login and password will be sent by the FIG IT Dept. to each NF in order to access the system.

If a federation does not respect these deadlines, the gymnasts' starting order will be determined based on the gymnasts' bib numbers.

The gymnasts will be authorized to return to the warm-up hall during the Qualifications. However, before they can use the designated stretching area and the apparatus, the gymnasts must obtain prior permission from the Federations warming-up for the next subdivision as these Federations always have priority. Gymnasts will be fully responsible for being present in the Competition Hall when required in order to perform their routine on time.

At the end of the Qualifications, the lists of qualified Teams and individual gymnasts (including the designated reserves) for the Team Finals, the All-Around Finals and the Apparatus Finals will be published and distributed. In case of ties, the tie-breaking rules as defined in the FIG TR will apply.

A qualified gymnasts for the All-Around Final and the Apparatus Finals may be substituted by the NF with one of its other gymnasts at its discretion in accordance with Section 2 Art 6 of the FIG TR, provided that this other gymnast is ranked higher than the first reserve.

## Team Finals and Working Order

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The 8 teams having obtained the highest total scores in the Qualifications take part in the Team Final (with the reserve allowed to be on the FOP to support the Team). The working order of the 8 qualified men's and women's teams will be in accordance with the TR, section 2, Reg. 5.1.6.2. Gymnasts from two teams compete alternately one after the other on each apparatus:

1. SUI / 1. BEL / 2. SUI / 2. BEL / 3. SUI / 3. BEL

The confirmation of the gymnasts' starting order for each apparatus (of the 5 gymnasts, 3 compete and 3 scores count) and the Vault Number (including for the Reserve) will have to be submitted **online** by the Head of Delegation or his/her Representative via **Form 10 for MAG** and via **Form 11 for WAG**, 24 hours before the start of each Team Final at the latest as follows:

- For **MAG: 02 October 2023 at 19:30**
- For **WAG: 03 October 2023 at 19:30**

A link with a personal login and password will be sent by the FIG IT Dept. to each NF in order to access the system. If a federation does not respect this deadline, the gymnasts' starting order will be determined based on their bib number.

During the Team Final, gymnasts are authorized to leave the competition hall to return to the Warm-up Hall if their starting order allows it. The gymnasts will be fully responsible for being present in the Competition Hall when required in order to perform their routine on time.

In case of ties, the tie-breaking rules as defined in the FIG TR will apply.

## All-Around Final and Working Order

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In order to qualify for the All-Around Final, the gymnast must have competed in the Qualifications on all the apparatus. This includes the MAG and WAG Apparatus gymnasts who may have competed on all 6 apparatus for men and all 4 apparatus for women in the Qualifications. The best 24 gymnasts from the Qualifications will qualify for the All-Around Final with a maximum of 2 gymnasts per Federation, and with 4 designated reserve gymnasts standing by.

The MAG and WAG competitions working order will take place in accordance with the TR, section 2, Reg. 5.1.6.3. All gymnasts will do their competition in one group. During the All-Around Final, gymnasts are **not authorized** to leave the Competition Hall to return to the Warm-up Hall.

Participation in the All-Around Final does not need to be confirmed. However, any place refused or gymnast withdrawn (for qualified gymnasts and designated reserves) must be submitted **online** by the Head of Delegation or his/her Representative via **Form 12**, at the very latest 24 hours before the start of each Final as follows:

- For **MAG: 04 October 2023 at 19:30**
- For **WAG: 05 October 2023 at 19:30**

A link with a personal login and password will be sent by the FIG IT Dept. to each NF in order to access the system.

In case of ties, the tie-breaking rules as defined in the FIG TR will apply.

## Apparatus Finals and Starting Order

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The best eight gymnasts per apparatus from the Qualifications will qualify for the Apparatus Finals with a maximum of two gymnasts per Federation and with 3 designated reserve gymnasts per apparatus standing by. The MAG and WAG starting order will take place as per the gymnasts' drawing of lots results. The gymnasts will compete in two groups as follows:

- Gymnasts 1, 2, 3, 4 compete first after having done their "touch warm-up"
- Gymnasts 5, 6, 7, 8 compete second after having done their "touch warm-up"

In case more than 8 Finalists qualify for the Apparatus Finals, a draw is conducted between the tied gymnasts. The group with the smallest number of gymnasts will compete first.

Participation in the Apparatus Finals does not need to be confirmed. However, any place refused or gymnast withdrawn (for qualified gymnasts and designated reserves) must be submitted **online** by the Head of Delegation or his/her Representative via **Form 12**, at the very latest 24 hours before to the start of the Apparatus Finals as follows:

- For **MAG and WAG: 06 October 2023 at 14:00 for Day 1**
- For **MAG and WAG: 07 October 2023 at 14:00 for Day 2**

A link with a personal login and password will be sent by the FIG IT Dept. to each NF in order to access the system.

During Apparatus Final, gymnasts are authorized to leave the competition hall to return to the Warm-up Hall if their starting order allows it. The gymnasts will be fully responsible for being present in the Competition Hall when required in order to perform their routine on time.

In case of ties, the tie-breaking rules as defined in the FIG TR will apply.

## **Kiss and Cry**

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For each competition phase, the gymnasts will in principle be required to remain in front of the sponsor checkboard located in the seats next to their apparatus until a few seconds after their score has been displayed. Confirmation of this plan will be given at the Orientation Meeting.

## **16. FIG CERTIFIED APPARATUS**

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The FIG Certified Manufacturer Supplier for these WCH will be Spieth. The Color of the Floor Exercise mat will be light blue. The Apparatus controls will be conducted as per the enclosed schedule. Refer to Appendix 1 of the Directives for details on the list of Apparatus used.

## **17. NEW ELEMENTS, REQUEST TO CHANGE APPARATUS MEASUREMENTS, VAULT NUMBERS**

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The Head of Delegation or his/her Representative must, if required, submit **online** the following:

### **New Elements**

- at the very latest before the start of Podium Training for MAG and WAG via **Form 6**

### **Request to Change Apparatus Measurements**

- at the very latest before the start of Podium Training for MAG and WAG via **Form 7**

### **Vault Number**

- at the very latest 24 hours before:
  - the start of the first MAG Subdivision for Qualifications each day via **Form 10**
  - the start of MAG Team Final via **Form 10**
  - the start of the first WAG Subdivision for Qualifications each day via **Form 11**
  - the start of WAG Team Final via **Form 11**
- at the very latest 1 hour before the start of the All-Around Final and the Apparatus Final for MAG and WAG via **Form 9**

A link with a personal login and password will be sent by the FIG IT Dept. to each NF in order to access the system.

## **18. WAG FX MUSIC**

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The LOC is responsible to comply with the local laws of music copyright, to obtain the broadcast and online rights, and to secure and retain all clearances required with respect to any and all music or sounds displayed during any phase of the event.

The ClickNClear system will be used at these WCH to upload the FX music of all WAG gymnasts, to inform on the music data, and to assist NFs to ensure that all music are appropriately licensed for use in competition.

While Appendix 2 of the Directives (i.e., the ClickNClear “How To” document) will guide Federations, the procedure to be completed by **13 September 2023** till 23:59 CET at the very latest can be summarized as follows:

- The link to access the ClickNClear system for these WCH is:  
<https://verification.clicknclear.com/event/49/invite?token=555d683305f6d809ecc4a522c6437ea1>
- NFs will be required to create an account and add their WAG gymnast(s).

- NFs will be asked to upload the FX music for their WAG gymnast(s)
- NFs will be able to provide a music license agreement and supporting information for each of their WAG gymnast(s)
- Information will be given to check whether the WAG gymnast's music has been properly licensed.

For technical support, contact [support@clicknclear.com](mailto:support@clicknclear.com).

During Podium training, NFs will be able to verify that the music for their WAG gymnasts is correctly played.

## 19. JUDGES' PANEL, JURY OF APPEAL, AND SUPERVISORY BOARD

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Refer to Appendix 2 for the judges' march -in and -out.

### D- Judges

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The 12 MAG and 8 WAG Difficulty Judges for these WCH have been drawn respectively by the MTC and WTC.

### E- Judges

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Each NF taking part entering a team has the right to present two qualified E-judges in good standing of which one, at least, will be called upon to judge, provided that no D-judge was drawn from its federation. If a D-judge was drawn, only one E-judge can be assigned. The total number of judges per NF may not exceed 2.

Federations entering individuals have the right to present one qualified E- judge, regardless if a D-judge was drawn.

While E- judges can no longer attend the Podium Training Sessions on the FOP, it is however their responsibility to be present for the start of their respective Judges' Instructions as follows:

- For **MAG: 29 September 2023 at 13:30** in the Judges' room
- For **WAG: 30 September 2023 at 13:30** in the Judges' room

The MAG and WAG E-judges' draw will be conducted in accordance with the principles mentioned in the TR art. 7.10.3 a) Section 1, and as outlined in the General and Discipline Specific Judges' Rules.

### Jury of Appeal and Supervisory Board

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The Jury of Appeal and Supervisory board consist of two members (one acting as President) and a third person to be designated in accordance with the matter of the appeal.

## 20. ANNOUNCEMENTS, ROLL CALLS AND MARCH -IN AND -OUT

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During the competitions, the announcements will be made exclusively in English. The warm-up will end **15 minutes** before the start of the competition session. The first roll call will be conducted in the warm-up hall **10 minutes** before the start of the competitions. The second roll call will be conducted at the entrance of the Competition Hall, **5 minutes** before the start of the competitions. The gymnasts must remain in position and may not leave within these 5 minutes. The competitors are required to follow the instructions of the LOC staff. The gymnasts are required to wear their competition attire for the march -in and -out (see Appendix 2). Coaches and medical staff will be asked to enter the FOP by a separate entrance and to carry the bags of their gymnasts to their first apparatus.

## 21. SCORING

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Swiss Timing will provide the official scoring equipment for these WCH. The Swiss Timing equipment will be used for the data management of the gymnasts' start lists, judges' lists, scores, and results. While the IRCOS system will be used in accordance with FIG Rules, the start list of competitors, the list of judges and the results will be distributed electronically via Email and will be available at the Delegations' information platform. Start lists, results and live scoring will also be accessible on the FIG website.

The FIG also approved the official use of the Judging Support System (JSS), developed by Fujitsu for all 10 apparatuses. The JSS will operate for these WCH with video cameras providing angular information through on-screen multi-angle views. The Superior Jury will have the possibility of using the outputs provided by the JSS, as well as the IRCOS video replay system, in cases of inquiries or blocked scores.

### Invalid Results marks

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Refer to the “Appendix to the Code of Points” for details on the designations and implications of invalid results marks, namely “Did Not Start” (DNS), “Did Not Finish” (DNF), “0” score, or “Disqualified” (DSQ).

## 22. INQUIRY AND REVIEW OF TIME OR LINE DEDUCTIONS

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### Inquiry

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As per Art. 8.5 of the TR, inquiries for the D- scores are allowed, provided that they are made **verbally** to the Inquiry Officer immediately after the publication of the score or at the very latest before the score of the following gymnast is shown. For the last gymnast of a rotation, this limit is 1 minute after the score is shown on the score board. The Inquiry Officer notes the time of receiving the verbal inquiry and this starts the procedure. Only the accredited coaches in the competition area are entitled to submit an inquiry. Areas close to the podium where the coach of the competing gymnast can observe the exercise will be designated (see Appendix 2). Late verbal inquiries will be rejected. A federation is not allowed to complain against a gymnast from another federation. Inquiries for the Execution scores are not allowed.

The inquiry must be confirmed in **writing** to the Inquiry Officer as soon as possible, but at the latest within 4 minutes after the verbal inquiry. This procedure requires an agreement of payment of CHF 300.-- for the first inquiry; CHF 500.-- for the second inquiry and CHF 1'000.-- for the third and all subsequent inquiries, lodged by the same NF throughout the WCH (and not starting from “1” again at each competition phase). NFs are not requested to pay cash as cash money is not allowed on the FOP. Should the inquiry not be confirmed in writing within 4 minutes, the procedure becomes obsolete.

Every inquiry 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 is shown for the Apparatus Finals.

Should the final score be higher, this sum will not be invoiced by the FIG to the NF. However, should the final score remain unchanged or be lower, the sum will be invoiced and transferred to the FIG Foundation for Solidarity. Additional information is laid down in the “Appendix to the Code of Points”.

### Review of Time or Line Deduction

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In accordance with the provisions of the Code of Points, coaches have the right to ask the Superior Jury to **review** the time and line deductions. This request must be made through the Inquiry Officer.

## 23. CEREMONIES

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### Opening Ceremony

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During the Opening Ceremony:

- the National flags of the participating countries will be presented. The hosting country flag and the FIG flag will also be hoisted, accompanied by the country's national anthem.
- the official part will be opened with speeches from representatives of the LOC and the FIG.
- the Judges', Gymnasts' and Coaches' oaths will be delivered.

This Ceremony will take place on **30 September 2023** from **09h30 to 10h00** on the FOP

Further information will be given during the Orientation Meeting.

## Award Ceremonies

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The award ceremonies will be held as per the schedule enclosed and carried out in accordance with the FIG Rules for Award Ceremonies.

The Award Ceremonies will be conducted on the FX mat. The persons requested to attend the award ceremonies and be present **in time** for the line-up before the ceremonies will be as follows:

- **Team Finals:** Gymnasts from Teams ranked 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>, reserve gymnast, 1 coach
- **All-Around Finals:** Gymnasts ranked 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>
- **Apparatus Finals:** Gymnasts ranked 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>

The gymnasts will be required to wear their **national tracksuits**. The national flags of the best teams or gymnasts will be displayed on the large screen and the national anthem of the World Champions will be played.

The following awards will be granted to the gymnasts, including for the Team Finals, the reserve gymnasts and the coaches:

- **1<sup>st</sup> position:** 1 gold medal and 1 diploma
- **2<sup>nd</sup> position:** 1 silver medal and 1 diploma
- **3<sup>rd</sup> position:** 1 bronze medal and 1 diploma
- **4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> positions:** 1 diploma

## Closing Ceremony

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The Closing Ceremony will be held at the beginning of the Farewell Banquet on **08 October 2023** at the Antwerp Expo.

This Ceremony will be attended by FIG and LOC representatives and will include the closing speeches. The FIG flag will officially be handed over to a representative of the 53<sup>rd</sup> FIG Artistic Gymnastics World Championships in case the event is awarded.

## Distribution of Diplomas, Participation Certificates, and Souvenirs

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For the sake of the environment, the winners' diplomas and participation certificates will be sent to each NF via Email by the LOC after the event. The Souvenirs will be distributed to the Head of Delegation or his/her Representative at Accreditation.

## 24. FUJITSU INFINITY AWARD

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The Fujitsu Infinity Award will honor one Federation for MAG and one Federation for WAG on their achievements at the WCH. The selection will be made by considering the results obtained, overcoming challenges, artistry, virtuosity, spirit and infinite possibilities for greater future success. The top 3 ranked Federations based on the MAG Team Final and WAG Team Final will meet the minimum selection criteria. Ties will not be broken in this preliminary stage.

The final selection for MAG and WAG will be made by the FIG President and Fujitsu. The awards, consisting of one trophy for MAG, one trophy for WAG, as well as a USD \$10,000.00 total cash prize (USD \$5,000.00 for each discipline) will be presented on **5 October 2023** for both MAG and WAG right before the MAG All-Around Final Award Ceremony.

The total cash prize will be awarded equally to the competing gymnasts of the winning federation in each discipline. The money will be transferred to the winning Federation(s) for distribution to the gymnasts.

## 25. MEDICAL SERVICES

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The medical services will be provided by the LOC according to the FIG Rules "Medical Organization of the FIG Competitions and Events".

The document "Medical and anti-doping practical information" will be handed out to each Delegation during the Accreditation. It will contain information regarding the access to medical cares and mention useful contact details in case of emergency.



## 26. DOPING CONTROLS AND THERAPEUTIC USE EXEMPTIONS

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Doping Controls will be organized by the International Testing Agency (ITA) on behalf of the FIG and according to the WADA Code, WADA International 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 his/her Federation, to submit his/her request to the FIG no later than 30 days before the start of the WCH. No TUE request will be accepted nor approved on spot, except for duly justified emergency cases. Should you need further assistance about TUE requests, contact the FIG at [antidoping@fig-gymnastics.org](mailto:antidoping@fig-gymnastics.org).

## 27. PRIZE MONEY

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The following Prize Money will be allocated to the MAG and WAG medalists:

	<b><u>Team Final</u></b>	<b><u>All-Around Final</u></b>	<b><u>Per Apparatus Final</u></b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	CHF 5'000 and USD 10'000	CHF 5'000	CHF 3'000
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	CHF 3'000 and USD 6'000	CHF 3'000	CHF 2'000
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	CHF 2'000 and USD 4'000	CHF 1'000	CHF 1'000
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	USD 3'000		
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	USD 3'000		
<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	USD 3'000		

## 28. MEETINGS AND ROUND TABLES

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### **Orientation Meeting**

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The Orientation Meeting will be held on **26 September, 2023** at the Antwerp Expo (i.e., location of the Training Halls) from **19:00 to 20:00** (see Appendix 1). Delegations have to attend this meeting with a max of **2** accredited members, including the Head of Delegation or his/her Representative. The Orientation Meeting attendance cards will have to be submitted at the entrance of the Orientation Meeting Room to a Volunteer.

Judges may **not** represent their country at the Orientation Meeting. Important information about the organization of these WCH will be given by the LOC and the FIG.

This Meeting will be held exclusively in English. Participation is compulsory as per TR, Section 1, Reg. 5.11. Unjustified failure to attend this meeting will result in a sanction of CHF 1'000.- against the Federation to be paid to the FIG.

### **Heads of Delegation Welcome Reception**

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The Heads of Delegation Welcome Reception will take place on **26 September, 2023** at the Antwerp Expo (i.e., location of the Training Halls) from **20:00 to 21:00** after the Orientation Meeting.

All information regarding this official Welcome Reception and the bus transport will be distributed at accreditation and via the Delegations' information platform.

### **Judges' Instructions, Briefings, Draw and Podium Training**

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The judges' instruction and draw will take place as follows:

- For **MAG: 29 September 2023 from 13:30 to 17:30** in the Judges' room
- For **WAG: 30 September 2023 from 13:30 to 17:30** in the Judges' room

The draws of the Judges' Panels will be conducted by the MTC and WTC in accordance with the schedule indicated under point 3 of this Workplan.

All the judges are required to take part in the instruction and briefings as well as be present at the roll call to be authorized to judge. Otherwise, they will receive warnings and possibly other sanctions.

MAG and WAG **D-judges** are required to attend all podium training sessions on the FOP to be eligible for participation in the competition phases. **E-judges cannot** attend any podium training session on the FOP.

The judges must respect the dress code mentioned in the Code of Points.

### **TC Meetings and Post Competition Video Review (PVCR)**

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A continued evaluation of the judges' work will be carried out by the Superior Juries. This will be done by observation and scoring by the responsible members of the Superior Juries during the competitions and by a global video analysis after the designated competitions by the Technical Committees. In case mistakes are established, the judges will be disciplined accordingly.

### **Scoring Briefings**

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The Scoring Briefings will be held during the MAG and WAG Judges' Instructions as follows:

- For **MAG: 29 September 2023** approximately **from 17:15 to 17:30** in the Judges' room
- For **WAG: 30 September 2023** approximately **from 13:45 to 14:00** in the Judges' room

### **MAG and WAG Athletes' Meetings**

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The MAG and WAG Athletes' Meetings will be held as follows:

- For **MAG: 06 October 2023** from **16:30 to 17:30** in the Meeting Room
- For **WAG: 05 October 2023** from **16:30 to 17:30** in the Meeting Room

### **FIG President Round Table**

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A maximum of 2 representatives per Federation are invited to participate in the Round Table presented by FIG President Morinari Watanabe. This Round Table will be held on **04 October 2023 from 10:00 to 11:30** in the Judges' Room. FIG President Watanabe will give a speech and answer the various questions asked by the audience. Submit your registration online via **Form 13** by **23 August 2023**. A link with a personal login and password will be sent by the FIG IT Dept. to each NF in order to access the system.

### **MAG Round Table**

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Those interested (for a maximum of 4 per Federation) are invited to participate in the MAG Round Table presented by the MTC. This Round Table will be held on **06 October 2023 from 14:00 to 16:00** in the Judges' Room. The topics addressed will be the Code of Points 2025-2028 and new formats for future events. Submit your registration online via **Form 13** by **23 August 2023**. A link with a personal login and password will be sent by the FIG IT Dept. to each NF in order to access the system.

### **WAG Round Table**

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Those interested (for a maximum of 4 per Federation) are invited to participate in the WAG Round Table presented by the WTC. This Round Table will be held on **05 October 2023 from 14:00 to 16:00** in the Judges' Room. Information on the Code of Points 2025-2028 will be addressed. Submit your registration online via **Form 13** by **23 August 2023**. A link with a personal login and password will be sent by the FIG IT Dept. to each NF in order to access the system.

### **Medical Round Table and Anti-doping Fight**

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Delegation Medical Staff, Head of Delegation, and Coaches are invited to participate in the Medical Round Table and Anti-doping fight presented by Dr. Jay Binder A. This Round Table will be held on **27 September 2023 from 10:00 to 11:00** in the Judges' Room and is highly recommended. Updates on Anti-Doping will be communicated. An overview of Sport Science for Artistic Gymnastics will also be addressed. Submit your registration online via **Form 13** by **23 August 2023**. A link with a personal login and password will be sent by the FIG IT Dept. to each NF in order to access the system.

## Judges' Day Out

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The Judges' Day out will be held as follows:

- For **MAG Judges: 04 October 2023 from 09:30 to 12:30 in Antwerp City Center**
- For **WAG Judges: 03 October 2023 from 09:30 to 12:30 in Antwerp City Center**

Participation must be confirmed to the LOC after each respective judges' instruction meeting. All information related to this activity will be distributed via the LOC's MAG and WAG Technical Committee liaisons.

## 29. MEDIA AND TV

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### Media representatives of FIG member federations

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The FIG delivers a limited number of media accreditations (max. 2 EF and 1 EFP) per federation to the communications staff of FIG member federations. The registration timeline is **25 July - 22 August 2023**. Media representatives as well as federations' communications staff are requested to submit their requests online at <https://media.gymnastics.sport> in order to apply for media accreditations for these WCH. In addition, federations are requested to send a confirmation letter for their editorial staff and photographers to the FIG Media Department at [mediafig@fig-gymnastics.org](mailto:mediafig@fig-gymnastics.org) before the deadline. Late requests and incomplete registrations will not be considered. The FIG Accreditation Rules and Media Rules have to be strictly respected.

### Media Positions

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#### Mixed Zone and I-Zone

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Gymnasts must exit the FOP through the Mixed Zone after podium training sessions and competitions. This is where journalists collect flash quotes from the competitors. While there is no obligation for a gymnast to STOP for interviews, it is compulsory for them to pass through the Mixed Zone according to the FIG Technical Regulations 2023, Reg. 4.10.15.

Apart from the Mixed Zone, athletes' interviews can be requested and held in the I-Zone, a dedicated space next to the Mixed Zone. These interviews are informal in nature and take place **after** the gymnast has passed through the Mixed Zone. They are not mandatory but we would encourage gymnasts to take the opportunity to increase their own profile and that of the sport.

Media operations Mixed Zone/I-Zone staff will escort gymnasts who agree to the interviews to the I-Zone and escort them to the post competition area after the completion of the interview.

Media may also use the I-Zone space to conduct interviews with athletes and coaches outside of post-competition times.

Federations are responsible for the proper and timely appearance of their gymnasts at press and media opportunities, such as the mixed zone and press conferences. Any federation whose athletes do not appear as stated above will be fined for each infraction. The amount of the fine has been fixed by the FIG Council in 2002 at CHF 2'000.-. Cooperation with the press is most appreciated. To assist gymnasts to talk to the press, each participating federation may ask for one press attaché armband, which allows staff to accompany gymnasts on the athletes' lane of the mixed zone. The armbands are distributed onsite by the LOC Media staff.

### Training halls

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Media are welcome to follow training sessions before competition start from a designated area in the training halls where available.

### Warm-up halls

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Warm-up halls are a No Go Zone for the media. Access will not be authorised.

### Podium training

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All accredited media representatives have free access around the FOP during the official podium training sessions. ENR card holders are accepted with cameras.

## Award ceremonies

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After the playing of the national anthem, gymnasts are requested to face all directions, together, to wave to the spectators and to allow photographers to take photos of all medallists.

## Opening and Closing press conferences

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The Opening Press Conference will be held on **Friday, 29 September 2023** from **11:00 – 11:30** at the Sportpalais. There will be no Closing Press Conference.

## Medallists' press conferences

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No medallists' press conferences are scheduled for this event.

## Publicity on Competition Attire – National Emblems

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Publicity and national emblem rules on attire and equipment must be strictly respected as per the FIG Advertising Rules.

The Code of Points foresees deductions should the FIG Publicity Rules not be followed. Please refer to the Directives for additional information on the Publicity Rule Chart. Should you need additional information or clarification, you may contact [tv@fig-gymnastics.org](mailto:tv@fig-gymnastics.org) for further assistance.

## Media accommodation

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Media representatives can contact the LOC at [ElsCoppeters@gymfed.be](mailto:ElsCoppeters@gymfed.be) to request assistance for their accommodation requirements.

## Television

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Live television production of the finals is guaranteed. Competitors are requested to strictly follow the instructions of the LOC.

## Cameras and video recording

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In order to protect television rights, personal video or TV cameras and recording in the competition hall including from the spectators' **and Delegation seating** is permitted solely for personal, private, non-commercial and non-promotional purposes, with the exclusion of licensing, broadcasting and/or publishing any such video and/or sound recordings including on social media and the internet. The only exceptions are the host broadcaster, rights holders and IRCOS cameras. All exercises on each apparatus will be recorded in high definition by digital video cameras (IRCOS). Photos without flash may be taken from the seats in the competition hall. In the training and warm-up halls, coaches may only take videos of their own gymnasts.

## 30. GYMNASTICS AMBASSADORS

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Iordan Iovtchev and Daniela Silivas have been named as the Gymnastics Ambassadors for these WCH. They will present medals, including the gold medal to the All-Around winners. They will also be available for photo shoots, autograph sessions, meeting with athletes, interview requests and other activities from the FIG and the LOC on site.

## 31. SAFEGUARDING

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From the event's official date of arrival until the official day of departure, participants (gymnasts, coaches, judges and any other Delegation members) have the opportunity to contact by phone or Email a Safeguarding Officer in case of harassment and abuse of any type, as well as if they are worried or do not feel comfortable. There will be one LOC Safeguarding Officer as well as one person from the FIG as follows:

- The FIG contact number is: +37 254 442 282 and will be reachable from the accreditation day as well as via WhatsApp.
- The LOC Safeguarding contact will be communicated upon arrival of the Delegations.

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.

## 32. COVID-19 COUNTERMEASURES

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Currently, there are no COVID related restrictions in Belgium. In the event the situation changes, the LOC will keep Member Federations informed as necessary as the WCH approach and the prevailing circumstances become clearer.

Media will nevertheless still be required to wear face masks in the mixed zone.

The LOC will facilitate COVID-19 testing for delegations when a negative test is required for return to their home country.

## 33. FAN ZONE

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There will be a Fan Zone which is open to the public. The Fan Zone will be located in the Lotto Arena, next to the competition venue. The audience will have to go through the Fan Zone to get to the competition venue. The audience will be able to play various games in the Fan Zone, play sports on an exercise square, take photos at the photobooth and other fun activities. There will also be a merchandising stand and sponsor activation.

The Fan Zone will be open on all competition days, maximum 2 hours before and after the competitions. **All Delegation members are also welcome in this Fan Zone.**

## 34. GENERAL INFORMATION

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### Ticketing

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Tickets for these WCH can be bought by contacting Tele Ticket Service. All information can be found on the event website: <https://antwerpgymnastics2023.com/en/tickets>.

### Delegations' Fan, Visitors Package, and Tourist Information

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The LOC has negotiated some exclusive packages for Delegations' Fans and Visitors to “combine the Worlds with a city trip in Antwerp”.

Anyone wishing to live the ultimate experience of the Artistic Gymnastics World Championships can combine the first-class gymnastics spectacle with a city trip, during which they will discover Antwerp and enjoy an incredible journey with one of the following four Visitor-packages:

- **GIANT SWING**

Stay in a four-star hotel in the city centre - 11 days/10 nights  
29.09.2023 – 09.10.2023

- **TWIST**

Stay in a four-star hotel in the city centre - 8 days/7 nights  
02.10.2023 – 09.10.2023

- **PIROUETTE**

Stay in a four-star hotel near the station and the diamond district - 11 days/10 nights 29.09.2023 – 09.10.2023

- **SALTO**

Stay in a four-star hotel near the diamond district and the station - 8 days/7 nights  
02.10.2023 – 09.10.2023

For more details on spectators' information provided by the LOC click [Visitor packages | Gymfed \(antwerpgymnastics2023.com\)](https://antwerpgymnastics2023.com/en/visitor-packages).

For tourists, more hotel and attraction information can be found by checking the following website: <https://visit.antwerpen.be/en>

### Currency

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The currency in Antwerp (BEL) is the Euro (€).

## Power Supply

Voltage: 230 V

Frequency: 50 Hz

Socket: Type E

## Weather in Antwerp in September / October

Average minimum: 10°C / 50°F

Average maximum

19°C / 66.2 °F

Average wet days: 10 days

Average daily sunshine:

4 hours

## GMT

During the event, local time in Antwerp will be UTC/GMT + 2 hours.

## Official Event Merchandise

Event merchandise will be available to purchase in the Fan Zone and in the competition hall.

## 35. SUMMARY OF REMAINING DEADLINES, APPENDICES, AND ONLINE FORMS

### For the FIG (see also the Appendices and Online Forms below)

FIG Online System	Deadlines
Nominative Registration	23 August 2023 till 23:59 CET
Nominative Registration Reopen	13 September 2023 till 23:59 CET
WAG Music Upload and Data (ClickNClear)	13 September 2023 till 23:59 CET
Media Accreditation	25 July - 22 August 2023

### For the LOC (see also Appendices and Online Forms below)

LOC Online System	Deadlines
Travel Schedule for Arrivals and Departures	23 August 2023
Accommodation and Meals Options by Name (including charged Farewell Banquet tickets)	23 August 2023
Insufficient Insurance Coverage (if applicable)	23 August 2023

Payment to LOC	Deadline
Accommodation and Meals Costs (including charged Farewell Banquet tickets) last 50%	23 August 2023

## Appendices

<b>Appendix 1</b>	General WCH Overview
<b>Appendix 2</b>	Competition Venue, Competition Hall, FOP
<b>Appendix 3</b>	MAG and WAG Schedules (subject to minor modifications)

## Online Forms

Forms	Deadlines
<b>Form 5</b>	Registration Changes
<b>Form 6</b>	New Elements
<b>Form 7</b>	Request Change Apparatus Measurements
<b>Form 8</b>	<u>FX Starting Order WAG Podium Training</u> - Sub 1-3: - Sub 4-10:
<b>Form 9</b>	<u>Vault #</u> - All-Around Final - Apparatus Final
<b>Form 10</b>	<u>MAG Confirmation Starting Order and Vault #</u> - Qualifications Sub 1-4 - Qualifications Sub 5-6 - Team Final

<b>Form 11</b>	<u>WAG Confirmation Starting Order and Vault #</u> - Qualifications Sub 1-3 - Qualifications Sub 4-10 - Team Final	- 30 September 2023 at 16:00 - 01 October 2023 at 10:00 - 03 October 2023 at 19:30
<b>Form 12</b>	<u>Withdrawal</u> - MAG All-Around Final - WAG All-Around Final - MAG / WAG Apparatus Finals Day 1 - MAG / WAG Apparatus Finals Day 2	- 04 October 2023 at 19:30 - 05 October 2023 at 10:00 - 06 October 2023 at 14:00 - 07 October 2023 at 14:00
<b>Form 13</b>	<u>Round Tables</u> - FIG President - MAG - WAG - Medical and Anti-doping Fight	- 23 August 2023 - 23 August 2023 - 23 August 2023 - 23 August 2023



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