



FIG ART World Challenge Cup Varna

Varna, Bulgaria

07 – 10.05. 2026



DIRECTIVES

Event ID: 18226

Dear FIG affiliated Member Federation,

Following the decision of the FIG Executive Commission, the Gymnastics Federation of **Bulgaria (BUL)** has the pleasure to invite your Federation to participate in the aforementioned official FIG World Challenge Cup.

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HOST FEDERATION	Bulgarian Gymnastics Federation Krasimir Dunev 75 Vasil Levski BLvd., 1040 Sofia, Bulgaria Tel.: + 359 2 9300 614, Fax: + 359 2 9800 626 e-mail: gymnasticsevents@gmail.com and bulgym@yahoo.com https://www.bulgym.com/
LOCATION	Varna, Bulgaria
DATES	From 07 to 10 May 2026
VENUE	PALACE OF CULTURE AND SPORTS Address: 115 "Knyaz Boris I" bd. 9000 Varna Telephone: (+359) 52 645 133 Fax. (+359) 52 647 785 e-mail: office@palaceofvarna.com Website: www.palaceofvarna.com Training Hall and Warm-up Hall – Palace of Culture and Sports
APPARATUS SUPPLIER	Spieth Gymnastics GmbH will be the official Apparatus Supplier for this FIG Apparatus World Cup. Please refer to the apparatus list published on the FIG website. For training, warm-up and competition identical apparatus will be used.
RULES AND REGULATIONS	The competition will be organized under the following FIG rules, as valid in the year of the competition, except for any deviation mentioned in the World Challenge Cup Rules in Artistic Gymnastics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statutes • Code of Ethics • Code of Conduct • Technical Regulations • License Rules • Code of Points, relevant Newsletters, and Helpdesk • General Judges' Rules • Specific Judges' Rules for Artistic Gymnastics • Medical Organization of FIG Competitions and Events • Anti-Doping Rules

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• FIG Framework for Safeguarding Athletes and other Participants from Harassment and abuse in Sport during Events• Media Rules• Apparatus Norms• Rules for Advertising and Publicity• Accreditation Rules• Rules for Awards Ceremonies <p>and subsequent decisions of the FIG Executive Committee</p>																																				
FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS	Federations which have not fulfilled their financial obligations towards the FIG or the LOC may not be allowed to participate in this FIG World Challenge Cup. Federations which have not fulfilled their financial obligations towards the Local Organizing Committee by the given deadlines mentioned in these Directives may still have the possibility to participate, but the LOC will not guarantee the hotel booking, meals and local transportation. Federations which have not fulfilled their financial obligations towards the Organizing Member federations upon arrival will not be accredited.																																				
PARTICIPATION AND FIG LICENCE	<p>Only senior gymnasts in good standing with the correct age and holding a valid FIG License may participate. The Organizing Committee will be responsible for checking the validity of the gymnasts' licenses. No gymnasts will be accepted without a valid FIG License at the deadline of the Nominative Registration. The maximum size of the invited delegation is as follows:</p> <p>World Challenge Cup Series</p> <table><tr><th>Delegation member</th><th>Men</th><th>Women</th><th>Joint</th></tr><tr><td>Head of Delegation</td><td>1</td><td>1</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>Team Manager (4-6 MAG and 4 WAG gymnasts only)</td><td>1</td><td>1</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>Coach (max. 1 per gymnast)*</td><td>3</td><td>3</td><td>6</td></tr><tr><td>Gymnast (max. 2 per apparatus)</td><td>6</td><td>4</td><td>10</td></tr><tr><td>Medical Doctor</td><td>1</td><td>1</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>Mental Health Professional</td><td>1</td><td>1</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>Paramedical staff</td><td>1</td><td>1</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>Judges</td><td>2</td><td>2</td><td>4</td></tr></table> <p>* Access to warm-up, training and FoP will be restricted to the number of gymnasts in training or competition, including Wild card and “hors concours” gymnasts</p>	Delegation member	Men	Women	Joint	Head of Delegation	1	1	1	Team Manager (4-6 MAG and 4 WAG gymnasts only)	1	1	2	Coach (max. 1 per gymnast)*	3	3	6	Gymnast (max. 2 per apparatus)	6	4	10	Medical Doctor	1	1	1	Mental Health Professional	1	1	1	Paramedical staff	1	1	2	Judges	2	2	4
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AGE LIMITS	<p>Age limit for MAG: 18 years (born in 2008 or before)</p> <p>Age limit for WAG: 16 years (born in 2010 or before)</p> <p><i>Note: For MAG: NFs must declare on the FIG Database whether their 18-year-old gymnasts will compete as junior or senior prior to their first competition for the year concerned</i></p>																																				
REGISTRATION DEADLINES	<p>Provisional, Definitive and Nominative Registrations must be made exclusively via the FIG online registration platform. These on-line registrations will only be accepted from FIG Gymnastics Member Federations.</p> <p>Registrations made less than 2 weeks prior to the competition will not be accepted and the Delegations members concerned will not be authorised to participate.</p> <table><tr><td>Provisional registration</td><td>January 7, 2026 (4 months prior to the event) Midnight Swiss Time</td></tr><tr><td>Definitive registration</td><td>March 7, 2026 (2 months prior to the event) Midnight Swiss Time</td></tr></table>	Provisional registration	January 7, 2026 (4 months prior to the event) Midnight Swiss Time	Definitive registration	March 7, 2026 (2 months prior to the event) Midnight Swiss Time																																
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	Nominative registration	April 7, 2026 (4 weeks prior to the event) Midnight Swiss Time
	Nominative modification	May 3, 2026 Midnight Swiss Time
	Late registrations are subject to fines as follows:	
	Fine for missing or late Provisional Registration (if any)	CHF 500.-
ENTRY FEES	Fine for missing or late Definitive Registration	CHF 750.-
	Fine for missing or late Nominative Registration	CHF 500.-
<p>The non-reimbursable cost for the Entry Fee (approved by the FIG) is 35 euro per gymnast who books their accommodation through the LOC.</p> <p>For those who do not book accommodation through the LOC the non-reimbursable cost for the Entry Fee is 100 euro per gymnast.</p> <p>The costs for the entry fees must be paid to the LOC by March 7, 2026.</p>		
ACCREDITATION	<p>Photos:</p> <p>All participating federations are kindly requested to send a photo of each delegation member (jpg or jpeg) by email at gymnasticsevents@gmail.com.</p> <p>File name: NOC_Surname_First name (example: BUL_IOVTCHEV_Jordan)</p> <p>Deadline: April 7, 2026 (at the time of the Nominative registration)</p> <p>Note: If a photo has to be taken during the accreditation because none has been sent within the deadline or sent in the unofficial requested format, there will be a charge of EUR 10 for each photo taken at the accreditation desk.</p> <p>Each federation will be taken to the accreditation desk upon arrival.</p> <p>During the accreditation the Head of Delegation must present the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Passports of all members of the delegation ▪ Insurances of all members of the delegation ▪ Proof for full payment of the costs due to the LOC ▪ Transport – Departure <p>In addition, the LOC will distribute information regarding the safeguarding Officer operations plan upon accreditation.</p>	
COMPETITION FORMAT	<p>The World Challenge Cup competitions consist of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualifications and Apparatus Finals • Gymnasts can only compete on the apparatus they register for • In case of a tie at any place, the tie-breaking rules as set up in the Technical Regulations, Section 2 shall be applied. <p><u>Qualifications:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Participation is limited to 2 gymnasts per NF on each apparatus. ▪ In addition, the Organizing Member Federation is allowed to name a max. of 4 “hors concours” competitors (from the Organizing Member Federation) in Women’s Artistic Gymnastics and a max. of 4 “hors concours” competitors (from the Organizing Member Federation) in Men’s Artistic Gymnastics for a total of 8 “hors concours” gymnasts (i.e. while one “hors concours” gymnast can compete on more than one apparatus, not more than one “hors concours” gymnast can compete on an apparatus). They must be named at the time of the closing of the nominative registration and they cannot qualify for the Finals. They are not eligible to receive World Challenge Cup points, they must not appear 	

	<p>on the official results lists and they will have to start first at every apparatus.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A competitor can be registered as “Gymnast” on an apparatus and as “Hors-Concours Gymnast” on another apparatus. ▪ FIG Apparatus Finals rules will be applied for vault. <p><u>Finals:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The best eight gymnasts per apparatus from the qualifications qualify for the Finals ▪ Participation is limited to 2 gymnasts per NF on each apparatus. ▪ In addition to the 8 finalists, if the Organizing Member Federation is not represented in the Finals (men or women), it has the right of maximum 2 wild cards as follows (1 man and 1 woman gymnast only at one apparatus each). Gymnasts entering in Apparatus Final with wild card will have to start first. ▪ These “Wild Card Gymnasts” must have participated at the respective apparatus in the qualifications. ▪ “Wild Card Gymnasts” will receive medals and prize money. ▪ Wild Card Gymnasts” will receive World Challenge Cup points (if any) based on the ranking obtained during Qualifications. ▪ FIG Apparatus Finals rules will be applied for vault. 												
DRAWING OF LOTS	<p>The gymnasts' drawing of lots for all FIG World Challenge Cup events will be managed electronically.</p> <p>If not possible, it will take place on site, during the orientation meeting or during a separate function organized for that purpose with invitation to all participating NFs. All delegations upon arrival/accreditation must submit a confirmation of starting order forms, a final validation of the delegation's apparatus and starting order.</p> <p>The Technical Delegates may apply adjustments to the starting order should the Draw generate organizational problems at the time of the competition.</p> <p>At the time of the nominative registration, the apparatus on which the gymnast will compete must be mentioned. <u>Until accreditation</u>, Gymnasts may be changed and apparatus can be added, as long as 2 gymnasts per apparatus per federation is respected</p>												
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	Monday, May 11, 2026 • Departure of all delegations
EVENT MANAGER	Iliya Yanev – Local Competition Director iliayanev@gmail.com
MEDIA	Event Media Officer: Krastina Ivanova Tel.: +359 888 08 88 54 Email: krastina.ivanova@bnr.bg
SOCIAL MEDIA	Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100070180777253 Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/bulgym2022/?hl=bg
MEDICAL SERVICES	An ambulance, doctors and physiotherapists will be available at all stages of training, warm up and competition.
OFFICIAL HOSPITAL	Medical Center for Rehabilitation and Sports Medicine of Varna Varna, 39A Seliolu str. tel. +35952 613 781 email: mcrsm@abv.bg
ANTI-DOPING	<p><u>Doping controls</u> Doping controls will be organized by the International Testing Agency (ITA) on behalf of the FIG and according to the World Anti-Doping Code (WADC), the international standards enacted by the World Anti-doping Agency (WADA) and FIG Anti-Doping Rules.</p> <p><u>Host federation WADC compliance</u> The exploitation of any rights related to the hosting of an event is subject, at all times, to the compliance with the WADC and the international standards enacted by WADA. Regardless of whether the event has already been allocated or not, the FIG may terminate any collaboration with the host federation or the LOC, immediately and without paying any penalty and/or compensation or incurring liability of any kind, under the following circumstances: (i) if the National Anti-Doping Organisation (NADO) in charge in the concerned country is declared non-compliant by WADA (ii) if the relevant country has been ruled ineligible to host the event. In such cases, the FIG is entitled to reassign the event to any other host federation in another country where the WADC and the WADA international standards are fully respected.</p>
VISA	<p>Please verify immediately with your travel agent or the Bulgarian Embassy or Consulate in your country if a visa is required for your travel to Bulgaria. The Organizing Committee will be happy to assist each Delegation member with an official invitation letter, provided that the request is made before March 7, 2026 to the LOC.</p> <p>In the event that the final list of delegation members is not determined by March 7, 2026, we strongly recommend that you submit an extended list to prevent any visa-related issues. The visa procedure lasts for one month.</p> <p>The visa request must include the function, full name, gender, date of birth, citizenship and passport number, passport expiry date, the arrival and departure dates of the Delegation Member as well as the city the visa application support letter must be sent to. It has to be accompanied by the passports copies.</p>
INSURANCE	<p>The Host Federation, the LOC and the FIG will not be held responsible for any liabilities in case of accidents, illness (including COVID-19), repatriation and the like.</p> <p>The FIG Technical Regulations foresee that all participating Federations are responsible for making their own arrangements to have the necessary valid insurance coverage against illness, accidents and repatriation for all the members of their Delegation.</p> <p>Please also refer to https://www.gymnastics.sport/site/pages/medical-insurance.php for additional information regarding the FIG IMSSA insurance for Athletes and Judges.</p>

	<p>If the note has not been sent in advance to the LOC (which is strongly recommended), the LOC will verify the insurance coverage upon arrival of the delegation members (e.g. cover note or photocopy of the valid policy). The insurance must be valid at least starting from the arrival day of the delegation and must last for the delegations' entire stay</p> <p>Delegation members with insufficient insurance coverage must inform the LOC in advance. The LOC will subsequently offer insurance coverage at the Federations own charge as follows: EUR 25 per person/day.</p>
INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION	<p>The invited participating federations must pay for the travel costs of their delegation members.</p> <p>The Travel Schedule Form must be returned to the LOC by April 7, 2026.</p>
LOCAL TRANSPORTATION	<p>Delegations that have arranged accommodation through the LOC will be transferred by bus from Varna Airport, Varna Railway station or Varna Bus station to the official hotels, and from the official hotels to and from the competition venue and vice versa.</p> <p>Otherwise, the cost of € 100 (per delegation member) for the local transportation must be paid to the LOC by April 7, 2026.</p>
ACCOMMODATION	<p>The accommodation through the LOC includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accommodation • Breakfast • Dinner • Banquet • Transport from Varna Airport / Varna Railway station / Varna Bus station to the competition venue or hotel and back • Transport from the hotel to the competition venue and back. <p>Category I Hotel – Official Hotel (5*)</p> <p>The costs per person/night in this first Official Hotel are as follows: 170,- € (single room, <u>including breakfast and dinner</u>) 140,- € (double room, <u>including breakfast and dinner</u>)</p> <p>Category II Hotel – Second Hotel (4*)</p> <p>The costs per person/night in this second Hotel are as follows: 150,- € (single room, <u>including breakfast and dinner</u>) 130,- € (double room, <u>including breakfast and dinner</u>)</p> <p>Category III Hotel – Third “Low cost” Hotel (3*)</p> <p>The costs per person/night in this third “low cost” Hotel are as follows: 130,- € (single room, <u>including breakfast and dinner</u>) 120,- € (double room, <u>including breakfast and dinner</u>)</p> <p>The prices charged for the hotel rooms will not exceed the usual hotel rates. While the Accommodation Form must be returned to the LOC by March 7, 2026 at the very latest, the Hotel rooms will be allocated on a “first come, first served” basis.</p> <p>The invited participating federations must pay for the accommodation expenses of their delegation members. The costs for the extra persons are the same as for the official delegation members.</p> <p>The costs for the accommodations must be paid to the LOC as follows:</p>

	<p>At the time of the Definitive registration, March 7, 2026, 50% of the accommodation costs must be paid to the LOC. Entries without the payment of the 50% of the Accommodation costs will be considered as invalid and will be refused. The remaining 50% of the Accommodation costs must be paid by April 7, 2026.</p> <p>Cancellation policy: By March 7, 2026 – 100% refund From March 8, 2026 to April 7, 2026 – Cancellation fee: 50% of the total price of the cancelled rooms for the requested period of accommodation From April 8, 2026 – no refund.</p>
MEALS	<p>The invited participating federations must pay for the meals expenses of their delegation members. Delegations that book their accommodation through the LOC have accommodation, breakfast and dinner in their package.</p> <p>Tickets for lunch (EUR 35/person/lunch) can be purchased through the LOC. The lunch will be served at the competition venue.</p> <p>While the Meals Form must be returned to the LOC by April 7, 2026 at the very latest, the costs for the meals must be paid to the LOC by April 7, 2026.</p> <p>Cancellation policy: By April 7, 2026 – 100% refund From April 8, 2026 – no refund.</p>
FINAL BANQUET	<p>All delegations are invited to the Final Banquet.</p> <p>For delegation members whose federation has booked their accommodation through the LOC the final banquet is free of charge.</p> <p>For delegation members whose accommodation is not arranged through the LOC the ticket price for the final banquet is EUR 40/person.</p> <p>The costs for the final banquet tickets must be paid to the LOC by May 7, 2026.</p> <p>Cancellation policy: From May 8, 2026 – no refund.</p>
FIG TECHNICAL DELEGATE	<p>The FIG Technical Delegates will be designated by the FIG.</p> <p>The FIG Technical Delegates will serve as Presidents of the Superior Jury.</p>
WAG FX MUSIC	<p>An online system, proposed by the FIG, will be used to download the floor music of all gymnasts, to provide information on the musical data and to help the NFs ensure that all music is correctly authorized for use in competition. Music Forms sent by email in .xls format will not be accepted.</p>
JUDGES AND PANELS	<p>Each Judge's panel will be composed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 D judges • Minimum 4 E judges <p><i>Note: for minimum category requirement, please refer to the FIG General Judges' Rules</i></p> <p>Not more than one judge per Federation per panel will be permitted (except for Time and Line Judges).</p> <p>The number of judges' panels will be decided by the organizing member federation depending on the number of participating competitors and judges.</p>

	<p>The judges' panels are set up by a draw from the judges present at the Judges meeting. The draw must be directed by the MAG and WAG Technical Delegates. The participating member federations must send minimum one qualified judge for MAG if they participate with male gymnasts and one qualified WAG judge if they participate with female gymnasts.</p> <p>The Organizing Member Federation will apply a fine of CHF 2'000 per missing judge (to be paid to the LOC) should a federation fail to bring the required number of judges. This fine must be paid to the LOC by April 7, 2026.</p> <p>The Organizing Member Federation is responsible that there are enough FIG brevetted judges present with the appropriate valid category of brevet for their function. Should there not be sufficient judges as per the on-line nominative registration, the Organizing Member Federation must propose to the FIG for approval the name of neutral additional judges to complete the panels (plus 2 reserves, 1 for MAG and 1 for WAG). These judges, once approved, have to be invited at the cost of the Organizing Member Federation. Such invitation must be made through the respective Member Federation. Should the Organizing Member Federation fail to propose names for additional judges, the FIG Office in consultation with the TC Presidents concerned will invite these judges at the cost (in terms of international and local travel, accommodation and meals) of the Organizing Member Federation. For additional judge's requirements see the Specific Judges' Rules.</p>																		
SCORING AND RESULT SERVICE	Broadcast Entertainment Group Ltd will be the official Scoring and Result Service System for this FIG World Challenge Cup. This System will provide appropriate outputs, including a high-quality video control system (FIG TR).																		
VIDEO CONTROL SYSTEM	Should IRCOS not be available, the Organising Member Federation must provide another video control system (as per the Technical Regulations, Section 1, Art. 4.10.4.1) which allows to treat inquiries and records all exercises of the competition in a quality which allows to judge the exercises. The videos must be sent to the FIG office within one week after the competition.																		
PRIZE MONEY	<p>The organising member federation must pay the minimum Prize Money of a total of CHF 28'000.- for each World Challenge Cup event as follows, per apparatus:</p> <p>The Prize Money, free of any deductible taxes, will be distributed in CHF as follows:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Ranking</th><th>Amount CHF</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>1</td><td>800</td></tr> <tr><td>2</td><td>600</td></tr> <tr><td>3</td><td>400</td></tr> <tr><td>4</td><td>300</td></tr> <tr><td>5</td><td>250</td></tr> <tr><td>6</td><td>200</td></tr> <tr><td>7</td><td>150</td></tr> <tr><td>8</td><td>100</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>In case a gymnast received a DNS/DNF during the Apparatus Finals, Prize Money (if any) will be awarded based on the same principle as the points' assignments described in the following section (Assignment of Points for the World Challenge Cup Series)</p> <p>No prize money, medals and World Challenge Cup points will be given, if there are less than 4 participating federation per apparatus.</p>	Ranking	Amount CHF	1	800	2	600	3	400	4	300	5	250	6	200	7	150	8	100
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ASSIGNMENT OF POINTS FOR THE WORLD CHALLENGE CUP SERIES	<p>At the end of each competition, World Challenge Cup points are assigned on each apparatus by considering first the competitors ranked in the Apparatus Finals and then, the competitors ranked in the Qualifications, as follow:</p> <table><tr><th>World Challenge Cup points</th><th>Ranks Apparatus Final</th><th>Ranks Qualifications</th></tr><tr><td>30</td><td>1</td><td>1-8</td></tr><tr><td>25</td><td>2</td><td>1-8</td></tr><tr><td>20</td><td>3</td><td>1-8</td></tr><tr><td>18</td><td>4</td><td>1-8</td></tr><tr><td>16</td><td>5</td><td>1-8</td></tr><tr><td>14</td><td>6</td><td>1-8</td></tr><tr><td>12</td><td>7</td><td>1-8</td></tr><tr><td>10</td><td>8</td><td>1-8</td></tr><tr><td>8</td><td>-</td><td>9</td></tr><tr><td>7</td><td>-</td><td>10</td></tr><tr><td>6</td><td>-</td><td>11</td></tr><tr><td>5</td><td>-</td><td>12</td></tr><tr><td>4</td><td>-</td><td>13</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>-</td><td>14</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>-</td><td>15</td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>-</td><td>16 and after</td></tr></table> <p>In case a gymnast received a DNS/DNF during the Apparatus Finals, points will be awarded based on the Qualifications ranks. If after application of the tie breaking rules outlined in the Technical Regulations, Section 2, there is still a tie, the points of the equal ranks will be added and divided by the number of ties.</p> <p>In case that less than four federations participating per apparatus, no World Challenge Cup points will be given.</p> <p>Based on the World Challenge Cup points assigned, separate men's and women's World Challenge Cup Ranking Lists are established on each apparatus as follow:</p> <table><tr><th colspan="2">World Challenge Cup Ranking Lists</th></tr><tr><th>MAG</th><th>WAG</th></tr><tr><td>Floor Exercise</td><td>Vault</td></tr><tr><td>Pommel Horse</td><td>Uneven Bars</td></tr><tr><td>Still Rings</td><td>Balance Beam</td></tr><tr><td>Vault</td><td>Floor Exercise</td></tr><tr><td>Parallel Bars</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Horizontal Bar</td><td></td></tr></table>	World Challenge Cup points	Ranks Apparatus Final	Ranks Qualifications	30	1	1-8	25	2	1-8	20	3	1-8	18	4	1-8	16	5	1-8	14	6	1-8	12	7	1-8	10	8	1-8	8	-	9	7	-	10	6	-	11	5	-	12	4	-	13	3	-	14	2	-	15	1	-	16 and after	World Challenge Cup Ranking Lists		MAG	WAG	Floor Exercise	Vault	Pommel Horse	Uneven Bars	Still Rings	Balance Beam	Vault	Floor Exercise	Parallel Bars		Horizontal Bar	
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BANK ACCOUNT INFORMATION	<p>Each participating member Federation is kindly requested to integrate the payment's purpose as follows: Country XXX, World Challenge Cup Varna 2026</p> <p>Example: BUL, World Challenge Cup Varna 2026</p> <p>The participating federation is responsible for covering all bank fees in connection with the bank transfers.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Beneficiary</td><td>Zapryanov Travel Ltd.</td></tr> <tr> <td>Bank</td><td>UNITED BULGARIAN BANK</td></tr> <tr> <td>Address</td><td>9 Pop Bogomil str. 1202 Sofia, Bulgaria</td></tr> <tr> <td>Iban</td><td>BG90 UBBS 8155 1086 9379 30</td></tr> <tr> <td>SWIFT / BIC</td><td>UBBSBGSF</td></tr> </table>	Beneficiary	Zapryanov Travel Ltd.	Bank	UNITED BULGARIAN BANK	Address	9 Pop Bogomil str. 1202 Sofia, Bulgaria	Iban	BG90 UBBS 8155 1086 9379 30	SWIFT / BIC	UBBSBGSF
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MARKETING	FIG advertising and publicity norms must be respected										
TELEVISION	<p>Television coverage will be provided.</p> <p>Bulgarian National Television 29, San Stefano str., 1504 Sofia - Bulgaria International Activity Department: intl_relations@bnt.bg Sports Editors' office: sport@bnt.bg Contact person: Mr. Evgeni Nikolov Mobile phone : +359 898 710 997</p>										
SAFEGUARDING	From the official date of arrival until the official day of departure of the event, participants (gymnasts, coaches, judges and any other delegation members) have the opportunity to contact by phone or e-mail the LOC Safeguarding Officer										

	<p>in case of harassment or abuse of any type or if they are worried or do not feel comfortable.</p> <p>The information regarding the LOC Safeguarding Officer will be communicated upon arrival of the delegations.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The information regarding the LOC Safeguarding Officer will be communicated upon arrival of the delegations and at the Orientation meeting.</p>	
DEADLINES SUMMARY	Provisional Registration (on line)	07.01.2026
	Definitive Registration (on line)	07.03.2026
	Nominative Registration (on line)	07.04.2026
	Photos for accreditation to be sent to the LOC's email	07.04.2026
	Nominative Modification (on line)	03.05.2026
	Visa Request Form (and passport copies)	07.03.2026
	Travel Schedule Form	07.04.2026
	Accommodation Form	07.03.2026
	Meals Form	07.04.2026
	Payment of the Entry Fee	07.03.2026
	Payment of the Accommodation Costs 50%	07.03.2026
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	Payment of the local transportation	07.04.2026
	Payment of the Meals	07.04.2026
	Payment of the Final Banquet	07.05.2026
	Payment of the fine for missing judge	07.04.2026
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	We are delighted to welcome your delegation members in Varna, the sea capital of Bulgaria – a city to experience unforgettable moments.	

Sincerely Yours,



Place and date:
Sofia, 02.06.2025

Stamp

Krasimir Dunev, BGF President