

AGF Trophy International Tournament in Rhythmic Gymnastics

Baku, Azerbaijan
April 3-5, 2026




DIRECTIVES

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Dear FIG Affiliated Member Federation,


Gymnastics Federation of **Azerbaijan** has the pleasure to invite your Federation to participate in the aforementioned official FIG International Event.

HOST FEDERATION & LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE	Azerbaijan Gymnastics Federation Contact Person: Shafiga Yolchuyeva MGA - Milli Gimnastika Arenası (National Gymnastics Arena) 178 Heydar Aliyev Avenue AZ1029, Baku, Azerbaijan Tel.: +994 12 493 30 11 E-mail: shafiga.yolchuyeva@agf.az Website: www.agf.az
LOCATION	Baku, Azerbaijan
DATE	April 3-5, 2026
VENUE	<p>MGA – Milli Gimnastika Arenası (National Gymnastics Arena) 178 Heydar Aliyev Avenue AZ1029 Baku, Azerbaijan Tel.: +99412 566 96 99 E-mail: info@mga.az Website: www.mga.az</p> <p>The MGA was officially opened in April 2014. The gymnastics specialized Arena has already hosted many different international sport events.</p> <p>The Arena has the ability to stretch from 5,000 to 9,600 seats, depending on the size and the nature of the event it hosts. This sports facility has become a favorite training camp venue of many gymnasts all over the world.</p> <p>Training and Warm-up facilities will be located within the MGA during the competition concerned.</p> 

APPARATUS SUPPLIED	Please refer to the attached apparatus list				
RULES AND REGULATIONS	<p>The event will be organized under the following FIG rules, as valid in the year of the event, except for any deviation mentioned in these directives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statutes • Code of Ethics • Code of Conduct • Technical Regulations • Code of Discipline • Code of Points and relevant Newsletters • General Judges` Rules • Specific Judges` Rules • Anti-Doping Rules • License rules (except for non-competitive events) • FIG Framework for Safeguarding Athletes and other Participants from Harassment and abuse in Sport during Events • FIG Medical Guidelines for FIG Competitions and Events • Media Rules • Apparatus Norms • Rules for Sanctioning (approval) of International Events • Advertising and Publicity Rules • Regulations for Awards Ceremonies • Accreditation Rules <p><i>and subsequent decisions of the FIG Executive Committee</i></p>				
FEDERATIONS INVITED	The Organizing Member Federation invite all FIG Member Federations in good standing.				
AGE LIMITS	<p>Junior & Senior, as per FIG technical regulations</p> <p>All gymnasts must have a valid FIG license until the end of the event.</p>				
JUDGES AND JURIES	<p>All judges must have a current valid FIG Brevet at the time of the event for the respective discipline.</p> <p>The Judges` Panels will be set up by a draw from the judges present at the event.</p>				
REGISTRATION DEADLINES	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Definitive registration</td><td>February 2, 2026</td></tr> <tr> <td>Nominative registration</td><td>March 2, 2026</td></tr> </table> <p>Definitive and Nominative entry forms shall be sent to the LOC's following e-mail address: elmira.lalayeva@agf.az.</p>	Definitive registration	February 2, 2026	Nominative registration	March 2, 2026
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ENTRY FEES	<p>Individual gymnast: 50 EUR (each)</p> <p>Group: 150 EUR</p>				
ACCREDITATION	<p>Accreditation cards will be distributed at the Accreditation Centre situated at the Competition Venue upon arrival of the delegations. The following items will be checked there with the Heads of delegations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The passport of gymnasts and all members of the delegations • Fulfilment of all financial obligations • Transport – Departure • The medical insurance for the members of the delegations • 2 sets of Audio CD's/USB of the music • National anthem and national flag <p>In order to accelerate the process of the accreditation, each participating Federation is kindly requested to upload photos and passport copy of each member of its delegation (gymnasts, head of delegation, team manager, judges, coaches, medical staff and etc.) onto the SmartScoring Digital Platform (https://gymdata.online/).</p>				

	<p>The deadline for the photos upload (identity colour photo in JPG format, size – 45mm x 35mm, resolution: 800x600plx) is 2 March 2026. Please clearly indicate the corresponding full name (with correct spelling) in the file title.</p> <p>Uploading of photos in due time will prevent the delegations from waiting at the accreditation centre.</p> <p>In addition, the LOC will distribute information regarding gymnasts' safeguarding plan.</p>
EVENT FORMAT	<p>Junior Individuals</p> <p>Qualifying competition with Team ranking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - each gymnast must perform at least one (1) routine - each NF has the right to choose the number of routines to be performed per its gymnast - each NF has the right to choose the apparatus to be performed per its gymnast - the minimum number of routines per gymnast is 1, the maximum is 4 routines - the maximum number of routines per NF is 4 in total, i.e. one (1) per apparatus - the results of the 4 exercises will be added. The team with the highest score in total of 4 exercises will be awarded with the winner title. <p>NF with only 1 gymnast cannot participate in the Team ranking.</p> <p>The participating federations can have more than one team in the competition, but only one team with the highest result will be taken into account while defining the prize-winners.</p> <p>Apparatus Finals</p> <p>The best eight (8) gymnasts of the Qualifications on each of the 4 apparatus of the programme will participate in the Individual Apparatus Finals, no matter if they participate with or without a Team. Only one gymnast per country can participate in the Apparatus Finals. Azerbaijan, as a host country, can participate with 2 gymnasts in the Apparatus Finals.</p> <p>Junior Groups (5 Balls and/or 5 Ribbons)</p> <p>Qualifying competition with All-Around ranking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Group competition (5-6 gymnasts) with 1 or 2 exercises. Reserve gymnast should perform at least one routine. -The results of the 2 exercises will be added. The group with the highest result after the 2 exercises, is awarded with the winner title. <p>The participating federations can have more than one group in the competition, but only one group with the highest result will be taken into account while defining the prize-winners in the All-Around.</p> <p>If NF's group executes only one exercise, she can take part in the Apparatus Final.</p> <p>Apparatus Finals</p> <p>The best 8 Groups are qualified for the Apparatus Finals. NF may participate with only 1 exercise in each final.</p> <p>Senior Individuals (Hoop – Ball – Clubs – Ribbon)</p> <p>Qualifying competition with Team (2-3 gymnasts per team) and All-Around ranking</p> <p>The gymnasts present maximum 8 exercises (2 hoops, 2 balls, 2 clubs, 2 ribbons). A gymnast may participate in 1 – 4 exercises.</p> <p>If a NF participates with only 1 gymnast, she must present 4 exercises.</p> <p>NF with only 1 gymnast can participate in the qualifying competition and All-Around ranking but not in the Team ranking.</p> <p>The result of 3 best scored exercises will be added to All-Around ranking.</p> <p>In the All-Around ranking 1 gymnast per country can be awarded according to the result of qualifying competition.</p> <p>The participating federations can have more than one team in the competition, but only one team with the highest result will be taken into account while defining the prize-winners.</p>

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PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE	<p>Wednesday – 1 April: Arrival of Delegations Thursday – 2 April: Training and Podium training Orientation meeting Judges' instruction / Scoring system Instruction for Judges</p> <p>Friday – 3 April: Qualifications Individual and Group Saturday – 4 April: Qualifications Individual and Group Sunday – 5 April: Finals Individual and Group Monday – 6 April: Departure of Delegations</p>
EVENT MANAGER	<p>Elmira Lalayeva Tel: +994 77 641 93 92 E-mail: elmira.lalayeva@aqf.az</p>
MEDICAL SERVICES	<p>The Organizing Committee will provide first aid medical services. Physiotherapists will be present during the competitions.</p>
VISA	<p>Please verify immediately with your travel agent or Embassy or Consulate of Azerbaijan in your country if a visa is required for your travel to Azerbaijan.</p> <p>The citizens who are eligible to get e-visa to enter Azerbaijan, it is the responsibility of the Federations to obtain it through the following link: https://evisa.gov.az/en/</p> <p>The list of countries eligible for e-visa to enter Azerbaijan, can be found from the following link: https://evisa.gov.az/en/countries</p> <p>The LOC will be happy to assist each Delegation member with an official invitation letter, provided that the request is made made via email by 2 March 2026 to the LOC. The log-in details to access the LOC online system will be sent after the provisional entry deadline.</p> <p>More information on visa can be obtained from the LOC's following e-mail: shafiga.yolchuyeva@aqf.az</p>

INSURANCE	<p>The Host Federation, the LOC and the FIG will not be held responsible for any liabilities in the event of accidents, illness (including COVID-19), repatriation, or similar occurrences.</p> <p>In accordance with the FIG Technical Regulations, all participating Federations are responsible for ensuring that all Delegation Members have valid insurance coverage for illness, accidents, and repatriation during the entire duration of their stay.</p> <p>It is mandatory that Delegation Members are covered by basic insurance (covering sickness, accident, and repatriation) in their country of residence, in order to benefit from coverage by the FIG IMSSA subsidiary insurance.</p> <p>For detailed information regarding the FIG IMSSA insurance for Athletes and Judges, please refer to:</p> <p> https://www.gymnastics.sport/site/pages/medical-insurance.php</p> <p>The LOC will verify insurance coverage upon arrival. Each Delegation must present either a cover note or a photocopy of the valid insurance policy. The policy must be valid starting from the day of arrival and must remain valid for the entire duration of the stay.</p> <p>If a Federation cannot provide proof of valid insurance, the LOC will offer insurance coverage at the Federation's own expense, at a cost of: 5 Euro per person/day.</p>
SAFEGUARDING	<p>From the official day of arrival until the official day of departure, all participants — including gymnasts, coaches, judges, and other Delegation Members — will have the possibility to contact the LOC Safeguarding Officer by phone or email in case of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harassment • Abuse of any kind • Any situation where they feel uncomfortable or unsafe <p>The contact information for the LOC Safeguarding Officer will be provided to all Delegations upon arrival on site.</p> <p>As part of the FIG's commitment to athlete welfare and youth protection, posters of the "10 Golden Rules of Gymnastics", part of the FIG's awareness campaign, must be clearly displayed in several key areas, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training Halls • Warm-Up Areas • Public Zones <p>These measures are in place to ensure a safe, respectful, and supportive environment for all participants throughout the event.</p>
INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION	<p>The invited participating federations must pay for the travel costs of their delegation members.</p> <p>The LOC will meet and see of the official members of the delegations at Heydar Aliyev International Airport (GYD), bus or railway station in Baku, provided that their accommodation was booked through the Organizing Committee.</p> <p>The Travel Details must be submitted to the LOC via SmartScoring Digital Platform (https://gymdata.online/), access code will be sent to each participating Federation after the deadline of the Provisional Registration) by 2 March 2026.</p>
LOCAL TRANSPORTATION	<p>The LOC will organize shuttle buses from Official Hotels to the Competition Venue (training venue is within the competition venue) and back.</p>
ACCOMMODATION	<p>Courtyard Baku by Marriott 4*</p> <p>Address: 300-303 quarter, intersection of M. Fuzuli and A. Topchubashov streets, Nasimi district, Baku, AZ1009</p> <p>Tel.: +994 12 310 40 40</p> <p>Website: https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/gydcy-courtyard-baku/</p>

	<p>The costs per room at Courtyard Baku by Marriott Hotel are as follows: EUR 145 - (single room, including breakfast) EUR 195 - (twin room, including breakfast)</p> <p><u>Distances</u> Airport – 26,6 km (32 min. drive) Training/competition venue – 10,5 km (17 min. drive)</p> <p>Sport Plaza Hotel & Apartments 3* (low cost) 115 Heydar Aliyev Avenue, Building 187 C, Baku AZ1029 Tel: +99412 565 05 55 Website: www.sportplaza.org</p> <p>This sport hotel located within the area of the Athletes` Village used during the Baku 2015 First European Games, offers rooms like at the standard Olympic Village with single and twin occupancy with separate and shared bathroom. It is just opposite the MGA.</p> <p>The costs per room at Sport Plaza hotel are as follows: 75 EUR – (single room, including breakfast) 100 EUR – (twin room with shared bathroom, including breakfast) 110 EUR – (twin room with separate bathroom, including breakfast)</p> <p><u>Distances</u> Airport – 17,5 km (18 min. drive) Training/competition venue – 4,7 km (6 min. drive)</p> <p>The prices charged for the hotel rooms cannot exceed the usual hotel rates.</p> <p>While the Accommodation Form must be returned to the LOC via SmartScoring Digital Platform (https://gymdata.online/) by 16 February 2026 at the very latest, the Hotel rooms will be allocated on a “first come, first served” basis. Appropriate access code will be sent to each participating Federation after the deadline of the Provisional Registration. *Note: the above-mentioned hotel prices are valid before the accommodation deadline which is 16 February 2026. The hotel prices will increase automatically by €5 per person per night at all the official hotels after the accommodation deadline.</p> <p>100% of the total accommodation payment shall be transferred to the LOC bank account (see bank account section) by 2 March 2026.</p> <p>Those Federations which do not wish to use the offered accommodation packages and to reserve rooms through the LOC, will not be provided with transport.</p>
MEALS	<p>The LOC proposes the following options for having meals at the below- mentioned hotels/competition venue and costs which can be ordered by delegations if they wish:</p> <p>Courtyard Baku by Marriott Lunch - 35 EUR (each) Dinner - 35 EUR (each)</p> <p>Sport Plaza & Apartments Lunch - 17 EUR (each) Dinner - 17 EUR (each)</p> <p>MGA (competition venue) Lunch - 25 EUR (each)</p>

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CANCELLATION POLICY	Accommodation Rooms cancelled between 16 February 2026 and 2 March 2026 will be subject to a cancellation fee of 20% of the total accommodation payment. Rooms cancelled after 2 March 2026 until arrival of the delegations on site or “no shows” will be subject to a cancellation fee of 100% of the total accommodation cost. Meals Meals cancelled after 20 March 2026 will be subject to a cancellation fee of 100% of the total meal cost.																	
BANK ACCOUNT INFORMATION	Beneficiary: Azerbaijan Gymnastics Federation Beneficiary’s account: AZ75PAHA38190EURHC0190012035 Bank: “PASHA Bank”, Baku, Azerbaijan SWIFT PAHAAZ22 Correspondent: Raiffeisen Bank International AG Account with Institution: Am Stadtpark 9, 1030 Vienna Correspondent account: 1-55.081.095 SWIFT BIC: RZBAATWW Each participating member Federation is kindly requested to integrate the payment’s purpose as follows: AGF Trophy International Tournament in Rhythmic Gymnastics 2026 . The participating federation is responsible for covering all bank fees in connection with the bank transfers.																	
FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS	Federations which have not fulfilled their financial obligations towards the LOC by the given deadline in the Invitation/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.																	
MARKETING MEDIA	FIG advertising and publicity norms must be respected. Communication policy is planned to be implemented via the Federation’s official website, Facebook page and twitter account. Press Officer: Sara Shukurova Tel: +99455 293 54 58 E-mail: sara.shukurova@agf.az																	
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	Payment of 100 % of Accommodation Costs	2 March 2026
	Payment of 100 % of Meals' Costs	2 March 2026
	Payment of the fine for missing judge	2 March 2026

Sincerely Yours,

Place and date: Baku / 4 December 2025



Fatima Shafizada
Secretary General