



MAIA ACRO FIG WORLD CUP MAIA, PORTUGAL 6TH – 8TH MARCH 2026



DIRECTIVES

Event ID: 18256

Dear affiliated Member Federation,

Following the decision of the FIG Presidential Commission, the Gymnastics Federation of Portugal has the pleasure to invite your Federation to participate in the aforementioned official FIG World Cup.

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HOST FEDERATION	Gymnastics Federation of Portugal (FGP) Contact Person: Teresa Loureiro Rua Alfredo da Silva, 8 2610-016 Amadora / Portugal Tel: +351218141145 e-mail: federacao@ginastica.org / teresa.loureiro@ginastica.org website: http://www.ginastica.org
ORGANIZING COMMITTEE	Acro Clube da Maia (ACM) Contact Person: Carlos Ribeiro (President) ArtGym Sports Centre Rua de Almorode, 185 B/C/D 4470-231 Maia Tel: +351229410731 e-mail: presidencia@acromaia.pt official website: www.maiaacrocup.com
LOCATION	Maia, Porto, Portugal
DATE	From 4th to 8th March 2026
VENUE	<p>Maia Municipal Gymnastics Complex Rua Altino Coelho, s/n, 4470-233 Tel: +351229436680</p> <p>Competition Hall with 70 x 30 x 16 (high) m including a Training Hall with full floor and a Warm-Up Hall for preliminary warm-up.</p> <p>Venue capacity: 2000 (seats) – 850 + 850 + 300 Vertical clearance above the performance area in the Competition Hall: 14m Vertical clearance above the performance area in the Warm-up Hall: 14m</p>



APPARATUS SUPPLIER	SPIETH GYMNASTICS GmbH - Elastic Swing Floor "Moscow" (Re-Test) – Jan. 01, 2027
PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE	<p>Wednesday, 4th March Arrival of Delegations (All day) Free Training (evening)</p> <p>Thursday, 5th February Podium Training (with music) Orientation Meeting & Judge Meeting</p> <p>Friday, 6th February Qualification (1st exercise)</p> <p>Saturday, 7th March Qualification (2nd exercise)</p> <p>Sunday, 8th March Finals</p> <p>Monday, 9th March Departure delegations</p>
PARTICIPATION	<p>The World Cup Competitions consist of Qualifications and Finals in all 5 categories.</p> <p><u>Participation in the Qualifications:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All competitors must take part in the qualifications. • In case of a tie at any place, the tie-breaking rules as set up for the World Championships shall be applied. <p><u>Participation in the Finals:</u></p> <p>Finals in all 5 categories.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The top 8 units with no more than 2 per NF/per category from the qualifications qualify for the Finals. If there are less than 9 units, only 6 will proceed to the Final, with no more than 2 units per NF. • In case of a tie at any place, the tie-breaking rules as set up for the World Championships shall be applied. • In addition, if the Organizing Member Federation has not qualified in any category, it may nominate one participation in one category of its choice (indicated as "wild card participant"). • Maximum participation in the finals is therefore 8 (or 6) +1 units in one category and 8 (or 6) in the other four categories. • Such "Wild Card Participants" must have participated in the respective category in the qualification, and they will have to start first. • "Wild Card Participants" will receive medals and prize money, but they will not receive any World Cup Points.

- If there are less than 4 units in the definitive registration in a category, no medals, prize money and World Cup points will be awarded.

World Cup Competitions may exceptionally be combined with other Competition.

Cancellation Policy

- The **organizing member Federation (LOC)** may cancel the competition in the respective category if at the time of the definitive entry there are less than 4 units registered in a category. In case of such a cancellation, the LOC must reimburse, in full, the entry fee and payments made for accommodation. Should flights have to be cancelled due to the above, the risk is at the charge of the participating member Federations (NF).
- The **participating member Federations (NF)** may cancel its participation in a specific category without any penalty or payment for fees, accommodation and meals already booked, in case of less than 4 participating countries in that category after the definitive deadlines.
- Procedure and deadlines for the cancellation of a category by the LOC or participation by the NF is as follows:
 - FIG shall inform LOC and NF about the participation, within 5 days after the Definitive registration deadline.
 - LOC and NF have the possibility to cancel the event (in a specific category) respectively their participation within 5 days after information by the FIG. Such notification must be sent by e-mail or fax to the FIG. Cancellations after this deadline will not be accepted.

FEDERATIONS INVITED	The Organising Member Federation must invite all FIG Member Federations who have paid their annual membership fee for Acrobatic Gymnastics.
SIZE OF DELEGATION AND FIG LICENCE	<p>Only senior gymnasts in good standing with the correct age and holding a valid FIG Licence at the time of the nominative registration until the end of the competitions may participate.</p> <p>Participation is limited to 3 “units” per NF in each category</p>
AGE LIMITS	The maximum size of each delegation is as per FIG Rules for Accreditation.
JUDGES AND JURIES	<p>Age limit: minimum 15 years (born in 2011 or before).</p> <p>The number of Juries (judges' panels) may be decided by the organizing member federation depending on the number of participating competitors and judges.</p> <p>The Juries are set up by a draw - directed by the FIG Technical Delegate - from the judges present at the event.</p> <p>For categories and eligibility, please refer to the FIG General Judges Rules, Art 5.</p> <p>Each participating federation must provide minimum one judge. Failure to do so will result in a fine of Swiss Francs 2'000.- to be paid to the Organizing Member Federation.</p> <p>The Organizing Member Federation is responsible that there are enough FIG brevetted judges present with the appropriate category of brevet for their function. Should there not be sufficient judges, the Organizing Member Federation may propose to the FIG for approval the name of neutral additional judges to complete the panels (plus 1 reserve).</p> <p>These judges, once approved, have to be invited at the cost of the Organizing Member Federation. Should the Organizing Member Federation fail to propose names for additional judges, the FIG will invite such judges at the cost of the Organizing Member Federation.</p>

COACHES	No coaches will be accepted in this World Cup without a valid coach-sport profile at the deadline of the Nominative Registration. In order to be considered, the coach-sport profile (including all relevant documents) must be submitted in FIG Database on 21 January 2026 at the very latest (two weeks prior to the deadline for Nominative Registration).												
FIG TECHNICAL DELEGATE AND EC MEMBER	The FIG Technical Delegate and EC member (if applicable) will be designated by the FIG. The FIG Technical Delegate will serve as President of the Superior Jury.												
REGISTRATION DEADLINES	Provisional, Definitive and Nominative Registrations must be made exclusively on-line via the FIG website (http://www.gymnastics.sports) or accordingly. These registrations will only be accepted from FIG Gymnastics Member Federations.												
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	Registrations and payments made after the gymnasts' drawing of lots will not be accepted and the Delegation members concerned will not be authorized to participate.												
DRAWING OF LOTS	The drawing of lots will take place at the FIG Headquarters in Lausanne (SUI) within two weeks after the closing date of the nominative registration. The draw is made by names, randomly.												
ENTRY FEES	The non-reimbursable cost for the Entry Fee is of 70,00 EUR per gymnast.												
ACCOMMODATION	<p>Insert detailed information for a minimum of two different Hotel categories, including the Official Hotel and one of them being a "low cost hotel" as follows:</p> <p>CLASS A Hotel – Axis Porto Business & Spa **** (<i>example</i>) (20' from Sports hall)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rua Maria Feliciana, 100 - São Mamede de Infesta 4465-283 Matosinhos – Porto - Tel.: +351 229 052 000 - http://www.axishotels.com/ <table> <tr> <td>Single room / Full board</td> <td>130 Euro / night / person</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Double room / Full board</td> <td>125 Euro / night / person</td> </tr> </table> <p>CLASS B1 Hotel – Hotel Star Inn (<i>example</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rua Senhora do Porto, 930, 4250-453 Porto, Portugal - Tel: +351 22 834 70 00 - www.hotelstarinn.com <table> <tr> <td>Single room / Full board</td> <td>120 Euro / night / person</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Double room / Full board</td> <td>115 Euro / night / person</td> </tr> </table> <p>CLASS B2 Hotel – Park Hotel Valongo (<i>example</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rua Regedor José Diogo, 90, 4440-818 Valongo - Tel. +351 22 012 52 00 - www.parkhotel.pt <table> <tr> <td>Single room / Full board</td> <td>100 Euro / night / person</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Double room / Full board</td> <td>95 Euro / night / person</td> </tr> </table> <p>CLASS C Hotel (low cost) – D. Teresa Residential (<i>example</i>) (limited to 50 person)</p>	Single room / Full board	130 Euro / night / person	Double room / Full board	125 Euro / night / person	Single room / Full board	120 Euro / night / person	Double room / Full board	115 Euro / night / person	Single room / Full board	100 Euro / night / person	Double room / Full board	95 Euro / night / person
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Estrada Nacional 107, N.º 745 - 4425-138 Águas Santas – Maia - Portugal - Tel. +351 229 736 103 / 4 ou 229 738 764 / 5 - http://www.donateresa.com/index.html <p>Full board (single / double) 85 Euro / night / person</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 4 January at the very latest, the Hotel rooms will be allocated on a “first come, first serve” basis.</p> <p>The invited participating federations must pay for the accommodation expenses of their delegation members.</p> <p>The costs for the accommodations must be paid to the LOC as follows:</p> <p>30% of the Accommodation costs must be paid to the OC by 4 January;</p> <p>The remaining 70% of the Accommodation costs must be paid by 4 February.</p> <p>Accommodation fees are non-refundable after 3 February.</p>
MEALS	Full board is included in accommodation packages. Breakfast will be served at the hotel. Lunch and dinner will be served in the Sports Complex, close to the competition hall.
FINAL BANQUET	<p>The accommodations package, booked through the OC, includes the closing party ticket for official delegation members (Head of Delegation, judges, coaches, athletes, managers, and doctors).</p> <p>Delegations not booking their accommodations through the Organizing Committee and additional visitors travelling with a delegation may purchase tickets to the Final Banquet for 50 EUR per person. Ticket for the Final Banquet must be purchased in advance (until March 5th in the LOC Office).</p> <p>Please include orders for Closing Party tickets with the Definitive / Nominative Entry.</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 4 January.</p>
LOCAL TRANSPORTATION	<p>Transportation from/ to the Oporto International Airport (OPO) and from the Campanhã Train Station (Oporto Central Station) are provided by the LOC to all delegations that have booked the Accommodation through the LOC.</p> <p>Also, all the Maia Acro FIG World Cup member delegations that booked through the LOC are provided with transportation from/to the Hotels and the Competition Venue.</p>
VISA	<p>Please verify immediately with your travel agent or the Portuguese Embassy or Consulate in your country if a visa is required for your travel to Portugal. The Organizing Committee will be happy to assist each Delegation member with an official invitation letter, provided that the request is made before 4 January to the LOC. The request must include the function, full name, gender, date of birth, citizenship and passport number, passport expiry date, the arrival and departure dates of the Delegation Member as well as the city the visa application support letter must be sent to.</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. 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).</p> <p>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: 50 EUR per person/day.</p>

ACCREDITATION	<p>Accreditations will be done at the “<u>Municipal Gymnastics Complex Maia</u>” at the arrival of the Delegations.</p> <p>All accreditation process (entry forms) is made on Acro Companion software. In addition, the LOC will distribute information regarding the safeguarding Officer operations plan upon accreditation.</p>
MUSIC	<p>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.</p> <p>The ClickNClear system will be used at all World Cups 2025 to upload the music of all gymnasts and group routines, to inform on the music data, and to assist the National Federations (NFs) to ensure that the music is appropriately licensed for use in competition.</p> <p>While the Appendix 1 of these Directives (i.e., the ClickNClear “How To” document) will guide Federations, the procedure to be completed 10 days before the start of the competition, can be summarized as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The link to access the ClickNClear platform will be sent by e-mail to the participating NFs after the closing date of the definitive registrations • NFs will be required to create an account and add their ACRO gymnasts/groups • NFs will be asked to upload the music for their ACRO gymnasts/groups • NFs will be able to provide a music license agreement and supporting information for each of their ACRO gymnasts/groups • Information will be given to check whether the ACRO gymnasts/groups’ music has been properly licensed. <p>For technical support, contact support@clicknclear.com.</p> <p>During Podium training, NFs will be able to verify that the music for their gymnasts/group units is correctly played.</p>
FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS	<p>Federations which have not fulfilled their financial obligations towards the FIG or the LOC may not be allowed to participate in this FIG World Cup.</p> <p>Federations which have not fulfilled their financial obligations towards the Organizing Member Federation by the given deadlines mentioned in these Directives may still have the possibility to participate, but the Organizing Member Federation will not guarantee the hotel booking, meals, and local transportation.</p> <p>Federations which have not fulfilled their financial obligations towards the Organizing Member federations upon arrival will not be accredited.</p>
BANK ACCOUNT INFORMATION	<p>Bank: Caixa de Crédito Agrícola Bank Adress: Av. Visconde Barreiros, 85 4470-151 - Maia</p> <p>Beneficiary: Acro Clube da Maia Beneficiary Adress: Rua de Almorode, 185, B/C/D 4470-231Vermoim-Maia</p> <p>IBAN: PT 500 0451 4414 0215 0215 3783 BIC/ SWIFT: CCCMPTPL</p> <p>Each participating member Federation is kindly requested to integrate the payment’s purpose as follows: “COUNTRY” MAIA WCUP 2026. The participating federation is responsible for covering all bank fees in connection with the bank transfers.</p>

CANCELLATION POLICY	The Organizing Committee has a deadline for non-reimbursement payments. Accommodation fees are non-refundable after 3 February .
TIE BREAKING RULES	<p>In case of a tie at any place, the tie-breaking rules as set up for the World Championships shall be applied.</p> <p>If after application of the tie braking rules outlined in the TR Section 5 there is still a tie, the points of the equal ranks will be added and divided by the number of ties.</p>
PRIZE MONEY	<p>The LOC will not be responsible for any local taxes payable in the beneficiary's residence country.</p> <p>The organising member federation must pay a minimum prize money per medallist as follows:</p> <p>The Prize Money, free of any deductible taxes, will be distributed in Euro, considering the currency exchange rate with CHF on the day of the final as follows (<i>in swiss francs</i>):</p> <p><i>Pairs and Groups</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gold 400.- (per gymnast) • Silver 300.- (per gymnast) • Bronze 200.- (per gymnast) <p>Total minimum 11'700.- (Swiss Francs):</p> <p>In case of a tie, the prize money will be added and divided by the number of gymnasts: 1, 1, 3 (prize money for rank 1 and 2 is added and divided by 2) 1, 2, 2, (prize money for rank 2 and 3 is added and divided by 2)</p> <p>No prize money, medals and World Ranking Lists points will be given, if there are less than 4 units in the definitive registration in a category.</p>
ASSIGNMENT OF WORLD CUP POINT FOR THE RANKING LIST	<p>In principle, the results and the updated FIG World Cup Ranking List will be published on the FIG web site within 24 hours after the end of the competitions provided that all procedures before and after the competitions are duly respected by the Organizing Member Federation.</p> <p>Separate World Cup Series Ranking Lists are established for every category beginning with the first World Cup event of the year and ending with the last World Cup event of the year as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men's Pairs • Women's Pairs • Mixed Pairs • Women's Groups • Men's Groups <p>Pairs are listed by name, but considered as an entity. In case of change of partner, the Pair is considered as a new Pair.</p> <p>Groups are listed by name, but considered as an entity. One change of name in a Group is allowed, but in case of a second change of name, the Group is considered as a new Group.</p>

The World Cup Points are assigned to the competitors as follows:

Rank	Points
1	30
2	25
3	20
4	18
5	16
6	14
7	12
8	10
9	8
10	7
11	6
12	5
13	4
14	3
15	2
16	1
17 and below	1

If there are less than 4 units in the definitive registration in a category, no medals, prize money and World Cup Points will be awarded.

WINNER OF THE ANNUAL WORD CUP	The winner of the annual World Cup per category is the individual gymnast / pair / trio / group with the highest number of points of the World Cup Series Ranking List after the last event of the year: A special award ceremony will be held at the last World Cup Competition of the year in which the World Cup winner will receive the World Cup.
EVENT MANAGER	Mr. João Maia
MEDIA	Only journalists and photographers holding an official and valid press card recognized by international press agencies such as the AIPS and official Sports Journalists Associations / National Federations will be accredited. Media are requested to contact LOC Head of Media (Ms. Márcia Sobral) at marcia.sobral@ginastica.org for accreditation requests and other media services
SOCIAL MEDIA	Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/ginasticaportugal Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/ginasticaportugal/ Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/user/ginasticaportugal
MEDICAL SERVICES	The Organizing Committee will provide first aid medical services. A physiotherapist will be present during the competitions as well members of the Portuguese Red Cross specialized in first aids.
OFFICIAL HOSPITAL	Hospital Pedro Hispano (Unidade Local de Saúde de Matosinhos, EPE) Rua Dr. Eduardo Torres - 4454-509 MATOSINHOS phone number: +351 229 391 000
ANTI-DOPING	<p>Doping controls</p> <p>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>Host federation WADC compliance</p> <p>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</p>

	<p>without paying any penalty and/or compensation or incurring liability of any kind, under the following circumstances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. <p>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>
SAFEGUARDING	<p>From the official event day of arrival until the official day of departure, participants (gymnasts, coaches, judges and any other delegation members) have the possibility to contact by phone or e-mail the LOC Safeguarding Officer in case of harassment and abuse of any type or if they are worried and do not feel comfortable.</p> <p>The information regarding the LOC Safeguarding Officer will be communicated upon arrival of the delegations on site.</p> <p>In addition, posters of the “10 Golden Rules of Gymnastics”, the FIG campaign to raise awareness about youth protection in Gymnastics, will have to 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>
MARKETING	FIG advertising and publicity norms must be respected.
TELEVISION	Minimum production for Webcasting is compulsory for World Cups events.
VIDEO CONTROL SYSTEM	Should IRCOS not be available, the Organizing Member Federation must provide another video control system which allows to treat inquiries and records all exercises of the competition in a quality which allows to judge the exercises. Video Control System: TBD.
RULES AND REGULATIONS	<p>The competition must be organized under the following FIG rules, as valid in the year of the competition, 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, relevant Newsletters, and Helpdesk • General Judges' Rules • Specific Judges' Rules for Acrobatic Gymnastics • Anti-Doping Rules • Licence Rules • Medical Organisation of FIG Competitions and Events • FIG Framework for Safeguarding Athletes and other Participants from Harassment and abuse in Sport during Events • Apparatus Norms • Media Rules • Apparatus Norms • Rules for Advertising and Publicity • Accreditation Rules • Rules for Awards Ceremonies • World Cup Rules for Acrobatic Gymnastics <p>and subsequent decisions of the FIG Executive Committee</p>

DEADLINES SUMMARY

Provisional Registration (on line)	4 December 2025
Definitive Registration (on line)	4 January 2026
Nominative Registration (on line)	4 February 2026
Accommodation Form	4 January
Travel Schedule Form	4 January
Visa Request Form	4 January
Payment of the Entry Fee	4 January
Payment of the Accommodation Costs (30%)	4 January
Payment of the Accommodation Costs (70%)	4 February
Buy extra tickets for Final Banquet	28 February
Payment of the fine for missing judge	Upon Arrival
Music upload + Tariff sheet upload	25 February
Individual Photo – definitive registration	4 January

Sincerely Yours,



Place and date: Lisboa, 27.06.2025



Executive Vice-President
of the FIG affiliated NF