

RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS WORLD CUP AGF TROPHY



WORK PLAN

BAKU, AZERBAIJAN
April 17-19, 2026

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Dear Friends,

With the arrival of spring, we are pleased to once again welcome the Rhythmic Gymnastics community to Baku in April 2026.

The Local Organizing Committee is fully prepared to deliver a high-level event featuring outstanding performances by talented gymnasts.

We trust that this Work Plan will serve as a helpful guide and contribute to the efficient and successful organization of the competition, with your valued cooperation.

We wish good luck to all the participants as these World cup competitions are important in the road leading us to Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

Best regards,

LOC

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<p>COMPETITION VENUE</p>	<p>MGA – Milli Gimnastika Arenası (National Gymnastics Arena) 178 Heydar Aliyev Avenue AZ1029, Baku, Azerbaijan Tel: +99412 566 9699 Fax: +99412 566 9694 Website: www.mga.az</p>  <p>The MGA was officially opened in April 2014. This gymnastics specialized Arena has already hosted many different international sport events. 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 favourite training camp venue of many gymnasts all over the world.</p> <p>Training and Warm-up facilities will be located within the MGA.</p>

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DATE-TIME	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
WED. April 15		
As announced	RGI and RGG Delegations' arrival day of and accreditation	MGA (LOC room, -2)
THU. April 16		
07:30-19:11	RGI and RGG Training and Podium training	MGA (Warm up & Training hall, FoP, -2)
As per schedule	Accreditation	MGA (LOC room, -2)
15:00 – 18:00	RGI and RGG Judges' Instruction	MGA (Judges` room, -2)
18:00 – 18:30	RGI and RGG Judges Scoring System Instruction	MGA (FoP, -2)
19:00 – 20:00	RGI and RGG Orientation Meeting	MGA (Artistic lounge, 1)
FRI. April 17		
08:00-20:15	RGI and RGG Training	MGA (Warm up & Training hall, -2)
08:45 – 10:00	RGI Judges' draw and briefing for qualifications	MGA (Judges` room, -2)
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10:00 – 11:40	RGI hoop and ball group A qualifications – alternatively	MGA (FoP, -2)
11:55 – 13:35	RGI hoop and ball group B qualifications – alternatively	MGA (FoP, -2)
13:35 – 14:30	Break	
14:30 – 16:20	RGI clubs and ribbon group C qualifications – alternatively	MGA (FoP, -2)
16:35 – 18:10	RGI clubs and ribbon group D qualifications – alternatively	MGA (FoP, -2)
18:35 – 19:20	RGG 5 balls – group A qualifications	MGA (FoP, -2)
19:35 – 20:05	RGG 5 balls – group B qualifications	MGA (FoP, -2)
SAT. April 18		
08:00 – 20:30	RGI and RGG Training	MGA (Warm-up & Training hall, -2)
08:45 – 10:00	RGI Judges' briefing for qualifications	MGA (Judges` room, -2)
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10:00 – 11:40	RGI clubs and ribbon group B qualifications – alternatively	MGA (FoP, -2)
11:55 – 13:35	RGI clubs and ribbon group A qualifications – alternatively	MGA (FoP, -2)
13:35 – 14:30	Break	
14:30 – 16:05	RGI hoop and ball group D qualifications – alternatively	MGA (FoP, -2)
16:20 – 18:10	RGI hoop and ball group C qualifications – alternatively	MGA (FoP, -2)
18:00 – 18:20	RGI all-around award ceremony	MGA (FoP, -2)
18:40 – 19:10	RGG 3 hoops + 2 pairs of clubs group B qualifications	MGA (Judges` room, -2)
19:25 – 20:10	RGG 3 hoops + 2 pairs of clubs group A qualifications	MGA (FoP, -2)
20:10 – 20:30	RGG all-around award ceremony	MGA (FoP, -2)
SUN. April 19		
08:00 – 16:40	RGI and RGG Finalists Training	MGA (Warm-up & Training hall, -2)
10:45 – 12:00	RGI and RGG Judges' draw and briefing for apparatus finals	MGA (Judges` room, -2)
11:55 – 12:00	Presentation of RGI Hoop finalists	MGA (FoP, -2)
12:00 – 12:32	RGI Hoop apparatus final	MGA (FoP, -2)
12:37 – 12:42	Presentation of RGI Ball finalists	MGA (FoP, -2)
12:42 – 13:14	RGI Ball apparatus final	MGA (FoP, -2)
13:19 – 13:25	Presentation of RGG 5 balls	MGA (FoP, -2)
13:25 – 14:05	RGG 5 Balls routine final	MGA (FoP, -2)
14:05 – 14:25	RGI and RGG award ceremonies / AGF Trophy RGI	MGA (FoP, -2)
14:40 – 14:45	Presentation of RGI Clubs finalists	MGA (FoP, -2)
14:45 – 15:17	RGI Clubs apparatus final (presentation of finalists incl.)	MGA (FoP, -2)
15:20 – 15:25	Presentation of RGI ribbon finalists	MGA (FoP, -2)

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15:25 – 15:57	RGI ribbon apparatus final	MGA (FoP, -2)
16:00 – 16:07	Presentation of RGG 3 hoops + 2 pairs of clubs finalists	MGA (FoP, -2)
16:07 – 16:47	RGG 3 hoops + 2 pairs of clubs routine final	MGA (FoP, -2)
16:50 – 17:10	RGI and RGG award ceremonies / AGF Trophy RGG	MGA (FoP, -2)
20:00	Farewell Banquet	Baku Marriott Hotel Boulevard
MON. April 20 All day	Departure of delegations	

**ARRIVAL
INFORMATION**

Official delegations` members will be met at Heydar Aliyev International Airport (GYD), bus or railway station upon arrival in Baku and transferred to the event's official hotels provided that they reserved their accommodation through the LOC. The delegations will be informed of the time fixed for their accreditation upon arrival.

ACCREDITATION

Accreditation Center is located within the competition venue - Milli Gimnastika Arenasi (MGA, National Gymnastics Arena, - 2). There is no need for all delegation members to be present at the accreditation center. One/two responsible persons from the delegation possessing all the necessary information is enough to get accreditation for all its members.

The following items will be checked/submitted by a responsible person:

- The passport of gymnasts and judges including all members of the delegations
- License
- Transport – Departure details
- Settlement of all outstanding payments
- The medical insurance for the members of the delegations
- 2 sets of Audio USB flash drives of the music and a form with the duration and the author of the music has to be filled in; official titles/Interpreters have to be indicated
- confirm the accuracy of the Music, uploaded on the LOC digital platform
- National anthem and national flag
- Possible submission of other forms
- Submission of e-mail address and WhatsApp number of one responsible person

**INFORMATION
DISTRIBUTION**

No hard copies of any documents (start list, results & other relevant documents) will be available for distribution.

All the necessary information will be communicated via email and WhatsApp group (email addresses and mobile phone numbers of HoD/responsible person will be collected for this purpose). Information desks and boards, including transport, will also be set up at each official hotels' lobby.

All **STARTING ORDERS**, intermediate **RESULTS** and **FINAL RESULTS' BOOK** will be sent **ONLY** via email to the National Federations' official email

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	<p>and Head of Delegations' (or his/her representative) email.</p> <p>Moreover, by scanning QR Code placed on the Accreditation card, you will be able to find all necessary competition information.</p>
TRANSPORT	<p>Buses schedule from the official hotels to the Competition Venue & back will be provided to the delegations who reserved their accommodation through the LOC at the accreditation center / LOC Room.</p>
HOTELS	<p>Baku Marriott Boulevard Hotel 5* Address: Khagani Rustamov street 4C, AZ1010, Baku Baku, Azerbaijan Tel.: +99412 310 00 10 Fax.: +99412 310 00 11 Website: www.boulevardhotelbaku.com</p> <p>The Hotel is located close to the city center.</p> <p><u>Distances</u> Airport: 24.9 km – approx. (23 min. drive) Training/competition venue: 8,3 km – approx. (12 min. drive)</p> <p>Courtyard Baku by Marriott 4* Address: 300-303 quarter, intersection of M. Fuzuli and A. Topchubashov streets, Nasimi district, Baku, AZ1009 Tel.: +994 12 310 40 40 Website: https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/gydcy-courtyard-baku/</p> <p>The Hotel is located close to the city center.</p> <p><u>Distances</u> Airport: 30 km – approx. 35 min (by car) Training/competition venue: 12 km – approx. 23 min. (by car)</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 Olympic Village standard with single and twin occupancy with separate and shared bathroom. It is just opposite the MGA.</p> <p><u>Distances</u> Airport – 17,5 km (18 min. drive) Training/competition venue – 4,7 km (6 min. drive)</p> <p>Note: Breakfast is included into the accommodation reservation. Wi-Fi is available at the above-mentioned hotels.</p>
	<p>The delegations, who reserved meals for its members, will get meal coupons at the Accreditation Centre.</p>

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MEALS	<p>Meal schedule for the delegations booked meals at hotels/MGA (breakfast is included into the accommodation reservation) is as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="448 454 1449 786"> <thead> <tr> <th><i>Location</i></th> <th><i>Breakfast</i></th> <th><i>Lunch</i></th> <th><i>Dinner</i></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Baku Marriott Boulevard Hotel</td> <td>06:00-10:00</td> <td>13:00-16:00</td> <td>19:00-22:00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Courtyard Baku by Marriott</td> <td>06:00-10:00</td> <td>13:00-16:00</td> <td>19:00-22:00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sport Plaza Hotel & Apartments</td> <td>06:00-10:00</td> <td>13:00-16:00</td> <td>19:00-22:00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>MGA</td> <td>N/A</td> <td>13:00-16:00</td> <td>N/A</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Those delegations ordered lunches at the official hotel, but having training and competitions at that time, may request the LOC to have their lunches prepared in the “lunch boxes” no later than 24 hours before the day concerned. This concerns only to the lunches reserved at the official hotels.</p>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Breakfast</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Dinner</i>	Baku Marriott Boulevard Hotel	06:00-10:00	13:00-16:00	19:00-22:00	Courtyard Baku by Marriott	06:00-10:00	13:00-16:00	19:00-22:00	Sport Plaza Hotel & Apartments	06:00-10:00	13:00-16:00	19:00-22:00	MGA	N/A	13:00-16:00	N/A
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VIP LOUNGE & DELEGATIONS` SEATS	<p>VIP Lounge and Athletes` Lounge are located on Level 1. Seats will be available for watching the competition.</p> <p>The delegations` seats are located on the Level 0.</p>																				
ORIENTATION MEETING	<p>The Orientation Meeting will be held at MGA (Level 1, Artistic Lounge) at 19:00 on April 16, 2026.</p> <p>Please note that attendance is compulsory for every delegation with maximum 2 representatives, one being the Head of Delegation (or his/her representative).</p> <p>The participants will be able to ask their questions at the end of the meetings as usual.</p>																				
FORMS	<p>A responsible person from each delegation must submit the following forms to the Local Organizing Committee’s Office/LOC representatives by the below mentioned deadlines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music Form – at the Accreditation • Change to the list of Gymnasts’ names - if necessary, the form should be submitted to the Accreditation Centre for FIG Technical Delegate evaluation • Change to the list of Officials’ names - if necessary, the form should be submitted to the Accreditation Centre for FIG Technical Delegate evaluation 																				
JUDGES’ MEETING & SCORING SYSTEM INSTRUCTIONS	<p>Judges` instructions for RGI and RGG judges will be held at 15:00-18:00 on April 16, 2026.</p> <p>All judges (RGI and RGG) are requested to attend the <u>whole</u> meeting.</p> <p>All judges are required to take part in the judges’ meetings, technical scoring system instructions followed after the Judges` meeting.</p> <p>The drawing of lots of the Judges’ Panels for the Qualification and Finals will</p>																				

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	<p>be conducted by the FIG Technical Delegates.</p> <p>The LOC will provide the judges on duty on competition days with free lunch.</p>
APPARATUS SUPPLIER	<p>Manufacturer: SPIETH Gymnastics Competition floor title: Beijing Colour: Beige FIG certified Reference number: FIG 547</p> <p>The list of the RG Hand Apparatus with valid certificates is published on the FIG website and updated regularly. Make sure that your gymnasts use only FIG certified Hand Apparatus for this event, as they will not be allowed to compete with an Apparatus which does not comply with the norms.</p>
APPARATUS CONTROL	<p>Random checks will be carried out throughout the event and may occur at any time, but Gymnasts having a doubt regarding the validity of their hand apparatus may ask for a preliminary check.</p>
SCORING	<p>Scoring will be carried out by local SmartScoring brand. Video Control system will be provided.</p> <p>Competition results will be sent to the e-mail addresses of a responsible person of each delegation provided at the Accreditation & WhatsApp Group (mobile phone numbers of HoD will be collected for this purpose).</p>
TRAINING	<p>The training sessions will take place at the training & warm-up hall adjacent to the Field of Play.</p>
COMPETITION FORMAT	<p>Individuals</p> <p>All-Around which serve as qualification for the Apparatus Finals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Individual gymnasts have to participate in the All-Around qualification <p>Apparatus Finals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The top eight (8) gymnasts per apparatus from the All-Around qualifying Competition participate in the Finals <p>Group competitions:</p> <p>All-Around which serve as qualification for the Routine Finals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Groups have to participate in the Qualifications <p>Final Group Routines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The top eight (8) groups of each Group Routines will qualify
AGF TROPHY	<p>There will be held awarding of the AGF Trophy Cup to one individual gymnast and one group which have the highest execution result at the Qualification/All-Around during the event.</p>

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<p>AWARD CEREMONIES</p>	<p>The award ceremonies will be held as per the detailed competition schedule and carried out in accordance with the FIG Regulations for Award Ceremonies. Please ensure that your Federation's medalists are in time for the line-up prior to the ceremonies.</p> <p>The competitors requested to attend the award ceremonies will be as follows: Gymnasts / Groups ranked 1st to 3rd in the All-Around and on each apparatus / routine.</p> <p>Gymnasts will be required to wear the National track suit. In case of infractions, the respective Federation will receive only 50% of the prize money (as per Technical Regulations, section 1, Art. 9.3.3).</p> <p>The national flags of the countries represented by the best 3 gymnasts / groups will be hoisted and the national anthem of the country taken the 1st place (in individual program / group exercises) will be played. AGF Trophy will be presented by the LOC to the gymnast & group who received the highest execution score during the Qualifications/All-Around.</p>
<p>PRIZE MONEY</p>	<p>After the competitions the Local Organizing Committee will transfer the Prize Money to the bank account of the countries concerned in accordance with Article 11 of the Rules for the FIG Rhythmic Gymnastics World Cup series.</p>
<p>MEDICAL SERVICES & DOPING CONTROLS</p>	<p>The LOC will provide first aid medical services. Physiotherapists will be present during the competitions.</p> <p>Anti-doping controls will be organised by the International Testing Agency (ITA) on behalf of the FIG and according to the WADA Code, Standards and FIG Anti-Doping Rules.</p> <p>Appropriate medical premises will be provided to carry out a minimum required number of doping controls by AMADA (National Anti-Doping Agency).</p>
<p>TV & MEDIA COVERAGE</p>	<p>Host Broadcaster is AzTV Idman (Sports Channel of Azerbaijan Television and Radio Broadcasting Closed Joint-Stock Company).</p> <p>Local media representatives covering the events will be accredited according to the FIG Media Rules.</p> <p>Athletes who have been requested for an interview by the accredited media will be accompanied to an interview room, where the interviews will be held remotely online.</p> <p>While there is no obligation for a gymnast to agree to the interview requests, cooperation with the press is most appreciated.</p> <p><u><i>Social media</i></u></p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/share/1GJhqp2GYx/?mibextid=wwXlfr https://www.tiktok.com/@azegymnastics? r=1& t=ZS-95Vdo8lWISl https://www.youtube.com/c/AzerbaijanGymnasticsFederation/featured https://www.instagram.com/azegymnastics?igsh=eTUxd3ZoZ2N5M3hp</p>
<p>Currency</p>	<p>The currency in Baku is Azerbaijani Manat (AZN). For more information,</p>

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OTHER INFORMATION	please, visit: http://www.cbar.az/ Power Supply Voltage 220-240V Temperature Average minimum: 15 °C Average maximum: 19° C GMT +4
Appendices	Appendix 1 – Layouts Appendix 2 – Detailed training and competition schedules

With Best Wishes,




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