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1. COMPETITION MANAGEMENT

1.1. International Federation

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1.2. National Federation

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1.3. Management of the Competition

Men's Artistic Technical Delegate: M. Julio MARCOS FELIPE (ESP)

Women's Artistic Technical Delegate: Ms. Nehad ZAYED (EGY)

Competition Manager: M. Nicola COSTA (ITA)

2. TECHNICAL MILESTONES

DATES	DEADLINE FOR:
1 March	Opening of on-line Accreditation and Sport Entries on-line system
16 March	Official Communication by ICMG and OCMG to the NOCs and upload to the Games GMS platform of all Taranto 2026 Operations Guides and Manuals
26-30 March	CoCom Visit to Taranto – CoCom + OCMG Meeting on the 27 th March 2026
27-30 March	Chefs de Mission Seminar



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DATES	DEADLINE FOR:
28 March	Joint Meeting ICMG CoCom - IFs Technical Delegates - OCMG Sport Department
23 April (at 23:59 CEST)	Deadline for the Entries by Number and by Event (preliminary entries)
	Settlement of the guarantee deposit for team sports
27 May (at 23:59 CEST)	Deadline for the Preliminary Entries by name of athletes and officials (Long List)
	Deadline for provisional Arrivals & Departures Forms
27-28-29-30 May	ICMG CoCom and SPC visit
29 May (Taranto)	Draw of team groups of all team sports, in the presence of a representative of the relevant IFs, (open to Chefs de Mission)
	Meeting for the eventual suppression of events without sufficient number of entries and publication of the Final Sport Program
	Updating of the Daily Competition Schedule
	Deadline for the accreditation of VIPs and Dignitaries
15 June	Opening of the Entries by Name (SEQ – Short List)
30 June	CoCom visit & ICMG ExCo meeting
14 July (at 23:59 CEST)	Deadline for the Entries by Name (Short List)
15 July	Deadline for confirmation of Arrivals & Departure Forms (ADS)
	Opening of the Late Athlete Replacement procedure (LAR)
	Opening of the D.DRM for the NOCs (on-line)
15-17 August	End of F.DRM
18 August	Opening of the Mediterranean Village and beginning of the trainings
18-19 August	ICMG meetings / ExCo meeting



DATES	DEADLINE FOR:
20 August	ICMG General Assembly
21 August	Opening Ceremony of the Taranto 2026 Mediterranean Games
3 September	Closing Ceremony of the Taranto 2026 Mediterranean Games
5 September	Closing of the Mediterranean Village
Note: CoCom visits are subject to future scheduling	

3. THE ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS COMPETITION

3.1. Program

The Artistic Gymnastics competition at the XX Mediterranean Games Taranto 2026 will be as follows:

QUOTAS PER NOC			MEN'S EVENTS	WOMEN'S EVENTS	MIXED EVENTS
M	W	T			
6	6	12	8	6	0

EVENTS	
Men	Women
TEAM	TEAM
ALL - AROUND	ALL - AROUND
FLOOR EXERCISE	VAULT
POMMEL HORSE	UNEVEN BARS
RINGS	BALANCE BEAM
VAULT	FLOOR EXERCISE
PARALLEL BARS	
HORIZONTAL BAR	



3.2. Dates and Venue

The Artistic Gymnastics competition will take place **from Sunday 30 August to Wednesday 2 September 2026**, at the following venue:

Competition and Training venue	Distance from village	Capacity	Municipality
PalaCampitelli	20.3 Km	900	Grottaglie

4. RULES OF THE COMPETITION

4.1. Conditions for running the competition

The Artistic Gymnastics competition will take place if, at the time of the deadline for the Preliminary Entries by name **Thursday 23 April 2026, 23:59 (CEST)**:

- a minimum of eight (8) countries is entered, for the men competition and, a minimum of six (6) countries for the women competition.
- A minimum of twenty (20) participants is entered by this date.

4.2. Cancellation of Events

According to the number of confirmed entries, the President of the ICMG Sports Program Commission (SPC) together with one (1) or two (2) members of the said Commission, appointed by the ICMG President and in the presence of the OGMG Taranto 2026 Sports Director, will decide on **Friday 29 May 2026** on the staging or not of the Competition.

Once the event has been confirmed, it will be held and the corresponding medals and diplomas will be distributed, regardless of the number of participants.

The OCMG Taranto 2026 will inform immediately all the National Olympic Committees (NOCs) of the staging of the competition or not, depending on the number of countries and participants entered.

5. TECHNICAL ORGANIZATION

The FGI, under the supervision of the Artistic Gymnastics Technical Delegates, is responsible for the technical organization and for the development of the Artistic Gymnastics Competition during the XX Mediterranean Games Taranto 2026.



5.1. Special procedures for the development of the Competition

Any issue that may arise prior or during the events will be resolved by Competition Management, as per ICMG and FIG rules, in force **on 1 January 2026**, unless the ICMG exceptionally authorizes otherwise.

5.1.1. Qualifications:

Qualifications will determine the Team ranking and will serve as qualification for All-Around Final and Apparatus Finals, in accordance with the FIG Technical Regulations.

Team may participate with three (3) to five (5) gymnasts and one (1) reserve gymnast. On each apparatus, four (4) gymnasts compete and the three (3) highest final scores will be added together for the Team total.

5.1.2. All-Around Final:

In each discipline, the eighteen (18) gymnasts having performed on all the apparatus and obtained the highest total score in the Qualifications take part in this competition in one subdivision. (with a maximum of two (2) gymnasts per NOC).

The results of the Qualifications are not carried forward to the All-Around Final and start from zero (0).

In case of a tie at any place, the tie-breaking rules (FIG Technical Regulations, section 2, Art. 7) are applied.

The starting order is based on the Qualifications results and will follow the FIG Technical Regulations, section 2, Art. 5.1.6.3.

5.1.3. Apparatus Finals:

On each apparatus of each discipline, the eight (8) gymnasts with a maximum of two (2) gymnasts per NOC having obtained the highest total scores in the Qualifications perform an exercise (which on vault means two (2) vaults) on the respective apparatus.

The results of the Qualifications are not carried forward to the Apparatus Finals and start from zero (0).

In case of a tie at any place, the tie-breaking rules (FIG Technical Regulations, section 2, Art. 7) are applied.



For Apparatus Finals, the starting order on each apparatus is determined by the draw results in accordance with the FIG technical regulations.

5.2. Drawing of lots

The Drawing of lots for Qualifications and for Apparatus Finals will take place within one week following the entries by name deadline (Short List).

5.3. Order of Apparatus

The competition will follow the Olympic order of apparatus. However, the starting apparatus for each subdivision or group of gymnasts will be determined by the draw conducted prior to the competition.

5.4. Bib Numbers

The gymnasts participating in the Artistic Gymnastics competition must wear the bib numbers provided by OCMG Taranto 2026.

6. COMPETITION SCHEDULE

The Artistic Gymnastics competition at the XX Mediterranean Games Taranto 2026 will take place according to the following schedule:

30th August 2026		
Time	Men	Women
10:00 a.m. – 12:10 a.m.		Qualifications and Team Ranking 1st Subdivision
2.00 p.m. – 4.10 p.m.		Qualifications and Team Ranking 2nd Subdivision
5.00 p.m. – 7:10 p.m.		Qualifications and Team Ranking 3rd Subdivision

31st August 2026		
Time	Men	Women
2:00 p.m. – 5:10 p.m.	Qualifications and Team Ranking 1st Subdivision	
5:30 p.m. – 8:40 p.m.	Qualifications and Team Ranking 2nd Subdivision	



1st September 2026

Time	Men	Women
10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.		All-Around Final
5:00 p.m. - 7:58 p.m.	All-Around Final	

2nd September 2026

Time	Men	Women
10:30 a.m. 1:40 p.m.	Apparatus Final Floor exercise	Apparatus Final Vault
	Apparatus Final Pommel horse	Apparatus Final Uneven bars
	Apparatus Final Rings	
6:00 p.m. 9:10 p.m.	Apparatus Final Vault	Apparatus Final Balance beam
	Apparatus Final Parallel bars	Apparatus Final Floor exercise
	Apparatus Final Horizontal bar	
Medal ceremonies for Apparatus finals will take place at the end of each session.		

6.1. Technical Offices

Two offices will provide specific information about the Artistic Gymnastics competitions:

- Technical Information Center (TIC) of Artistic Gymnastics, at the Competition Venue.
- Sport Information Center (SIC) at the Mediterranean Village.

These offices will provide information on the schedule of the competition and training sessions, transport, starting order and results.



7. COMPETITION VENUE

7.1. Competition Area

The competition area will measure 50m x 30m.

All apparatus will be homologated by FIG.

7.2. Warm-up area

For Artistic Gymnastics competitions, a dedicated warm-up hall equipped with the same apparatus as the competition venue will be available to ensure proper athlete preparation and smooth competition flow.

7.3. Changing rooms

Athletes will have separate changing rooms for men and women, equipped with showers and toilets.

7.4. Athletes' Lounge

Athletes will have at their disposal a lounge with water, energizing drinks and fruits.

7.5. Mixed zone

In the mixed zone, accredited media will be allowed brief interviews with participants who have finished their competition. Athletes must pass through this zone to leave the competition area and will be asked to cooperate willingly in answering journalists' questions. At the request of the journalists, an official of the OCMG may invite the athletes to go into the mixed zone to answer their questions.

Accredited media will have access to a press tribune.

7.6. Sport Equipment

For any details concerning the apparatus, please refer to the apparatus list published on the [World Gymnastics website](#).

All sport and technical equipment used during Artistic Gymnastics competitions and trainings will comply with FIG Apparatus Norms in force.



8. TRAINING SESSIONS

8.1. Training Venues

Training sessions for Artistic Gymnastics at the XX Mediterranean Games Taranto 2026 will be held at the following venues:

Competition and Training venue	Distance from Village	Capacity	Municipality
PalaCampitelli	20.3 Km	900	GROTTAGLIE

Training venue	Distance from Village	Capacity	Municipality
PalaCampitelli Tension Structures	20,3 Km		GROTTAGLIE

8.2. Calendar and Schedules for Training Sessions

Trainings will follow the schedule below:

Date	Venue	Time
27th-2nd September 2026	PALACAMPITELLI TENSION STRUCTURES	8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
28th August-2nd September 2026	PALACAMPITELLI	Podium training for Women Artistic Gymnastics
30th August-2nd September 2026	PALACAMPITELLI TENSION STRUCTURES	Warm-Up according to the Competition Schedule

8.3. Services available at Training Venues

8.3.1. Changing Rooms

Athletes will have separate changing rooms for men and women, equipped with showers, toilets and scales.



8.3.2. Athletes' Lounge

At the training venues, athletes will have at their disposal a lounge with water, energizing drinks and fruits.

8.4. Media during training sessions

Training sessions will be opened to the media but not to the public. The Competition Manager will be authorized to change this rule when and if he deems it necessary.

8.5. Procedure for the scheduling of training sessions

NOCs will receive the planning of the training sessions during the second half of July. They will have to confirm that they will make use of their allocated sessions during the DRM.

8.5.1. Before the Competition

As a rule, Competition Management will put the relevant Venues at the Athletes' disposal for one daily session, three (3) days before the beginning of the competition, **on Thursday 27 August 2026**.

Training sessions will have a duration of two hours and a half (2:30).

8.5.2. During the Competition

The Competition Management will assign a daily training session of two hours thirty minutes (2:30) in the competition venue. Delegations will receive information about training sessions on arrival at the Sports Information Centre (SIC) and at the Artistic Gymnastics Information Desk (TIC).

9. PARTICIPATION

All NOCs members of the ICMG, whose National Federation is a member Association of FIG, are entitled to participate in the Artistic Gymnastics competition of the XX Mediterranean Games Taranto 2026.

Athletes taking part in the competition must have the nationality of the country they represent and abide by the Conditions and Rules of ICMG and FIG.

Each NOC may enter one men's team and one women's team in Artistic Gymnastics.

Each team shall consist of a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of five (5)



gymnasts. Up to four (4) of them may compete on each apparatus. One (1) reserve gymnast per team may be included.

However, NOCs may also enter individual gymnasts (without a team).

Age limit for Men's Artistic Gymnastics is 18 years (born in 2008 or earlier).

Age limit for Women's Artistic Gymnastics is 16 years (born in 2010 or earlier).

9.1. Entries

9.1.1. General Principles

The XX Mediterranean Games Taranto 2026 are open to all the Athletes of the NOCs of the Mediterranean countries' members of the ICMG, as indicated in the Rules of the ICMG Charter and of the IOC.

All Athletes taking part in the Games must be citizens of the country they represent, in accordance with the IOC Rules.

9.1.2. Procedures

The registration process is linked to the general system of Accreditations. The OCMG Taranto 2026 entry system is an e-accreditation portal accessible through the official website of the Games: www.ta2026.com.

Each Delegation will have its own username and password to have access to this e-accreditation portal available in both French and English.

The portal will allow users to print a list of sport entries which, once signed, will have to be sent back, within the deadlines indicated below, to the OCMG Taranto 2026: entries@ta2026.com.

9.1.3. Entries by Number

The list of entries by number of participants for each NOC and event will have to be submitted through the e-accreditation portal, **by 23:59 (CEST) on Thursday 23 April 2026**.

9.1.4. Preliminary Entries by Name (Long list)

The list of preliminary entries of participants by names, by NOC and event, will have to be submitted via the e-accreditation portal, **by 23:59 (CEST) on Wednesday 27 May 2026**.



9.1.5. Final Entries by Name (Short list)

The NOC of each participating country will have to submit to the OCMG Taranto 2026, through the e-accreditation portal, the form with the final entries of their participants by name, five (5) weeks before the beginning of the Games, on **Tuesday 14 July 2026 by 23:59, (CEST)**.

9.1.6. Confirmation of Entries

Confirmation of entries will take place during the DRM and any eventual modification that could be acceptable will be presented to the SIC and confirmed at a later stage, during the Technical Meeting.

Specific forms for the confirmation of entries will be distributed in advance to the Chef of Mission of each NOC.

9.2. Technical Meeting

The Technical Meeting will take place **on Thursday 27 August 2026, at 20.00 at the competition venue.**

The meeting will be held in accordance with FIG Rules and chaired by Artistic Gymnastics Technical Delegates. The following people must be in attendance:

- FIG Technical Delegates
- One member of the ICMG SPC Commission
- The Team Managers (one per country)
- The Coaches (one per team)
- The Team Doctors (one per team)
- The OCMG Taranto 2026 Competition Manager for Artistic Gymnastics

10. MEDICAL SERVICES

10.1. Medical Services at the Village and on the Competition Venues

During the XX Mediterranean Games Taranto 2026, medical services will be available to any accredited Athlete or Official who might need them, both at the Mediterranean Village and on the competition venues.



10.2. Mediterranean Village

The Polyclinic at the Village will provide the residents with the following services:

- Sport medicine
- Physiotherapy
- First Aid
- Emergency services 24/24h
- A fleet of ambulances will link the Polyclinic and the main Hospitals, should additional care be needed.

10.3. Competition Venues

During training and competition, all competition venues will provide the Athletes with the following services:

- Medical services
- Ambulance services
- Coolers filled with ice will be available for the Delegations at all Sport Venues.

10.4. Anti-Doping Control

Doping controls will be carried out during the competition or out of competition, under the responsibility of the International Testing Agency (ITA) and with the collaboration of the Italian National Anti-Doping Agency (NADO Italy), in accordance with the rules of the ICMG, the IF and the World Anti-Doping Code.

All competitors who undergo a control will receive written notification. The official procedure for the collection of samples will subsequently start, in accordance with the official deadlines and Regulations.

Any Athlete who refuses to submit to doping control, or who is declared positive after the test, will be disqualified from the competition and will be sanctioned along with his/her Team, in accordance with the ICMG and FIG Regulations.

11. JUDGES and JURIES

11.1. Superior Jury President

During all Artistic Gymnastics competition, the FIG Technical Delegates will act as Superior Jury Presidents. The functions of the Superior Jury President are:



1. To supervise the competition and to deal with any breaches of discipline or any extraordinary circumstances affecting the conduct of the competition.
2. To assess a grave error of judgement on the part of one, or several, judges and to take such action as they consider necessary.
3. Continually, to review the scores awarded by the judges and to issue a warning to any judge whose work is considered to be unsatisfactory or showing partiality.
4. To remove and substitute any judge who disregarded a previous warning.
5. To take the final decision about inquiries (defined in 11.5 below).

11.2. Judges Panel Composition

Each Judges' Panel must be composed as follows:

- 2 D judges (min. Cat. 2)
- 4 E judges (min. Cat. 3)

Note: Not more than one judge per NOC per panel will be permitted (except for Time and Line Judges). The Judges' Panels are determined by a draw from the judges present at the Judges meeting. The draw must be directed by the Men's Artistic and Women's Artistic Technical Delegates.

The participating NOCs must send minimum one qualified judge for Men's Artistic if they participate with male gymnasts and minimum one qualified judge for Women's Artistic if they participate with female gymnasts. If participating with a Team, each NOC may also register with its delegation one (1) additional judge in the discipline concerned.

The OCMG 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 nominative registration, the OCMG (supported by the FIGI) must propose to the FIG Technical Delegates for prior approval, the name of neutral additional judges to complete the panels. These judges, once approved, have to be invited at the cost of the OCMG. Such invitation must be made through the respective Member Federation

11.3. Judges Meetings

Before officiating, the judges will participate in a Judges meeting held under the supervision of the FIG Technical Delegate, on Friday 28th August 2026.



For Women Artistic Gymnastics the Judges meeting will be held at **PalaCampitelli on Friday 28th August 2026 at 11:30 a.m.**

For Men Artistic Gymnastics the Judges meeting will be held at **PalaCampitelli on Saturday 29th August 2026 at 11:30 a.m.**

During the competition and one hour before the beginning of each event, the judges will meet in the judges' room for roll call, and also to share any late or supplementary information related to the competition.

It is compulsory for all judges to attend these meetings, in accordance with the FIG technical regulations and the corresponding code of points.

11.4. Jury of Appeal

In accordance with the technical event regulations of each sport at the XX Mediterranean Games Taranto 2026, international juries of appeal will be formed. They will be responsible for ruling on formal protests and appeals.

In the event that the Technical Delegate is not the Chairman of the Jury of Appeal, the FIG will, through its Technical Delegate, designate the Chairman of the appropriately composed Jury of Appeal.

Unless special dispensation is granted by the FIG, a Jury of Appeal will be composed of one (1) Chairman and two (2) members selected from a list of six (6) suitably qualified representatives of the participating countries.

The list will be communicated by the Technical Delegate during the Technical Meeting.

During the processing of a dispute, the members of the Jury of Appeal belonging to the countries involved will abstain from participating.

11.5. Inquiries

Inquiries for scores may be submitted to the President of the Superior Jury. Only the Difficulty Score (D-score) may be subject to an Inquiry. The Inquiry procedure will strictly follow the FIG Technical Regulation, Section 1, Art. 8.5. Please refer to this article for any detail.

11.6. Requests to revise Time or Line Deductions or Bonuses

Requests to review Time or Line Deductions or Bonuses may be submitted to the President of the Superior Jury. This procedure will be conducted following the FIG Technical Regulation, Section 1, Art. 8.6. Please refer to this article for any details.



12. SPORT CLOTHING

12.1. Sport clothing for athletes

Participants at the Artistic Gymnastics competition of the XX Mediterranean Games Taranto 2026 will wear a sport uniform in accordance with FIG and ICMG Regulations.

Athletes' sport clothing and equipment will bear no commercial brand. As an exception, the brand name of the manufacturer of the clothing or the equipment will be tolerated if it is discreet and does not have any advertisement purpose, in accordance to the ICMG and FIG rules.

The same rule will apply for the **Medal Ceremonies** regarding sport clothing and advertising. Athletes will step on the podium with the official clothing of their respective NOC.

12.2. Sport clothing for judges

International judges will wear FIG approved clothing throughout the competition.

13. MEDAL CEREMONIES

The Medal Ceremonies, as per the ICMG and the FIG Rules, will take place at the end of each competition.

A diploma will be distributed to the Gymnasts classified fourth to eight in each event.

14. APPROVAL OF THE REGULATIONS

In case of disagreement on the interpretation of these Regulations with any other related version, the French version will take precedence.

This Technical Manual was approved by the ICMG.



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