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Alexander Dityatin (URS)

1957-2025

Alexander Dityatin passes away

Born 7 August 1957, Dityatin was a child prodigy who was competing at the USSR Championships by age 15. Though thrown by growing five inches in a single year during adolescence, he adapted to his taller frame and learned to execute his routines with signature elegance.

Before an adoring home crowd, the handsome Dityatin took All-Around gold and helped the Soviet men end 20 years of Japanese team dominance. In apparatus finals, he earned a third gold on Still Rings and silvers on everything else except Floor Exercise, where he took the bronze.

His eight medals at a single Games set an Olympic record that still stands, and has been equalled only by swimmer Michael Phelps (USA). His perfect 10 came on Vault and helped the reigning World champion overcome teammate Nikolai Andrianov (URS) and Stoyan Deltchev (BUL) for the All-Around crown.

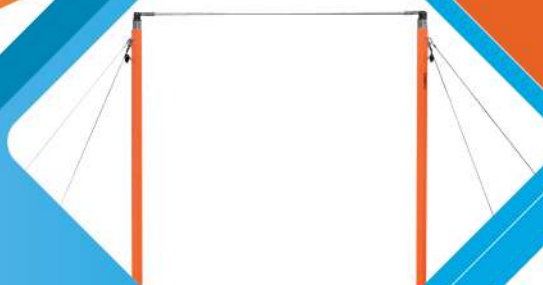
Though sometimes in the shadow of legendary teammate Nikolai Andrianov (URS), Dityatin was the greatest male gymnast of the late 1970s and early 1980s. He earned two silvers at his first Olympics in Moscow in 1976, where he missed the All-Around podium by a mere 0.05.

Undeterred, he won the World All-Around title in 1979, as well as golds on Vault, Still Rings, and with the team. He concluded his career with an additional three golds at the 1981 World Championships in Moscow, 10 Olympic and 12 World Championships medals in all.

In later years he worked as a coach and teacher in his native St. Petersburg. "I hope that our favorite sport of gymnastics will excite and make people all over the world happy, and that it will continue," he said in a speech in 2004.



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Svetoslav Batov (BUL)

1934-2025

Svetoslav Batov passes away

Svetoslav Dimitrov Batov was born on 17 August 1934 in Sofia. He developed a passion for gymnastics during his school years. In 1950, he began training with sports club "Lokomotiv" Sofia and later graduated from the Higher Institute of Physical Education "Georgi Dimitrov" with a specialization in gymnastics.

He worked as a gymnastics coach at the sports associations "Septemvri" and "Levski" Sofia, and as a teacher at the gymnastics sports school in the Sofia district. From 1968, he was part of the Bulgarian Gymnastics Federation as a national coach, coach of the junior national team, and head coach of the national Olympic team. He also served as the First Deputy Chairman of the Federation.

He held the titles "Master of Sport" and "Honored Coach." Between 1976 and 1987, as head coach of the national men's team, he led them to 17 medals at the Olympic Games, World and European Championships, and international cups. Under his leadership, Bulgarian gymnasts consistently ranked among the world's elite, with top-five finishes at the Olympic Games and the World Championships.

In 1985, he was elected a member of the Men's Technical Committee, serving two terms as Vice-President. He was named Honorary Member of the European Union of Gymnastics and received a gold medal from the International Gymnastics Federation for his contributions to European gymnastics.

Svetoslav Batov was an honorary international judge, officiating at five Olympic Games, more than ten World Championships, ten European Championships, and numerous other international competitions. He received gold medals from the Bulgarian Union for Physical Culture and Sport and was twice awarded the high state honor "Order of the Red Banner of Labour" for his Olympic achievements.



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Hans-Juergen Zacharias (GER)

† 2025

Hans-Juergen Zacharias passes away

Hans-Jürgen Zacharias stands as one of the most influential figures in the modern history of international gymnastics. A long-time German gymnastics official, he was awarded the distinction of Honorary Vice-President of the International Gymnastics Federation (FIG) at the 73rd FIG Congress in Marrakesh (MAR) on 14 November 2000.

His leadership at the FIG was deeply formative: in the 1990s, he proposed and helped establish a “Gymnastics and Television” working group, inviting media experts into the federation to modernise the sport’s broadcasting strategy. This forward-looking approach helped the FIG adapt to the rapidly changing media landscape.

Zacharias was also instrumental in the founding of the Rhythmic Gymnastics Grand Prix circuit. Together with Robert Baur, he conceptualized and nurtured this series of international competitions, which has since become a cornerstone of rhythmic gymnastics globally.

At national level, he was deeply involved in the Deutscher Turner-Bund (German Gymnastics Federation), representing Germany in the FIG and serving as a bridge between German gymnastics and the global governing body.

His diplomatic skill as FIG Vice-President was consistently on display: he represented the FIG at major European gymnastics events, underscoring his role as both a diplomat and a deeply committed servant of the sport.

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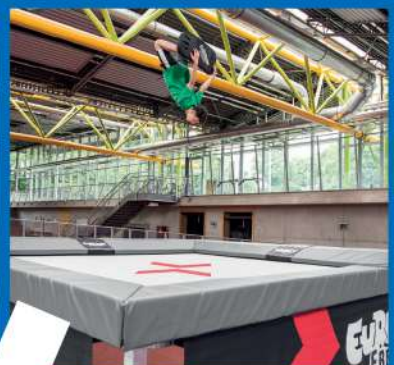
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Gymnastics Ethics Foundation

Appointment of the GEF Director

LAUSANNE (SUI), 3 September 2025

Mr. Giovanni Maria Fares has been appointed as the new Gymnastics Ethics Foundation (GEF) Director, effective 1 November 2025. A Swiss-qualified lawyer with extensive experience in arbitration, sports law, and disciplinary matters, he joins GEF from the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), where he has served as Counsel for the past five years.

Mr. Simon Geinoz, who has been acting as GEF Interim Director since the departure of former Director Alex McLin, will continue and will work alongside Mr. Fares.

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Disciplinary Commission of the Gymnastics Ethics Foundation

Irina Rodina suspended by GEF Until 31 December 2025

LAUSANNE (SUI), 4 September 2025

The Gymnastics Ethics Foundation has suspended Ms. Irina Rodina from judging at any FIG-sanctioned events until 31 December 2025, following violations of FIG rules.

In accordance with the Gymnastics Ethics Foundation (GEF) decision, Ms. Irina Rodina is suspended from acting as a judge in any FIG-sanctioned event, starting as of the date of the GEF Disciplinary Commission's decision until 31 December 2025, for violating Art. 11.2.1 of the FIG General Judges' Rules, Art. 5.4 of the FIG Technical Regulations, Section 1 and Art. 23 of the Judges' eligibility and panels of the Official Work Plan for the FIG Rhythmic Gymnastics Junior World Championships.

Ms. Irina Rodina is ordered to pay CHF 1,000 as a contribution to the costs of these disciplinary proceedings.

The [full text of the decision](#) can be consulted on the GEF website.



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Executive Committee

Official News from the Executive Committee held in Vientiane (LAO), 8-10 October 2025

VIENTIANE (LAO), 10 October 2025

The FIG Executive Committee (EC) met in Vientiane on 8-10 October 2025. Here is a summary of the main decisions.

PROPOSED UPDATES TO RULES

The EC approved the proposed updates to the following rules and regulations:

- **MAG Code of Points:** Remove the current open value for the Dismount element group. Instead, cap its maximum value at 0.5, consistent with the other element groups within the MAG Code of Points.

This alignment with all other element groups will remove the perception of a "double benefit" of performing high-difficulty dismounts (i.e. receiving both the dismount value and a disproportionately higher element group value).

- **RG Code of Points:** Have one additional Superior Jury drawn among the judges from Cat1 Judges for Panel B, to cope with the increasing number of participating nations and gymnasts and ensure optimal judging conditions.
- **TRA General Judges Rules:** increase the number of Technical Members present at the World Games (1 President and 3 Members).

The approved updates will come into force on 1 January 2026 and will be published on the FIG website in due course.

AIN DENOMINATION UPDATE

The EC approved a change in the denomination of AIN delegations at FIG sanctioned events. This change aims to reduce the risk of confusion in scoring and results further to the removal of the group/team restriction.

AIN delegations will now be denominated as follows:

- BLR: AIN1
- RUS: AIN2

2028 OLYMPIC GAMES - LOS ANGELES (USA)

The EC approved a proposal from the Union Africaine de Gymnastique (UAG) to recognize African Games 2027 as the official Olympic qualification event for African gymnasts for LA 2028 for Artistic, Rhythmic and Trampoline Gymnastics.



2026 YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES - DAKAR (SEN)

The EC approved an update to the rules for the 2026 Youth Olympic Games in Dakar (SEN).

It also approved the criteria for the ITO selection.

Both documents will be published in due course.

2027 JUNIOR RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS - CLUJ NAPOCA (ROU)

The EC has approved the request from the ROU NF to change the dates of the 2027 Junior Rhythmic Gymnastics World Championships in Cluj Napoca, as follows:

- Previous dates: 14-18 July 2027
- New dates: 23-27 June 2027

ALLOCATION OF ADDITIONAL 2026 ACRO WORLD CUP EVENT

The EC approved the candidature of the Polish Gymnastics Association to organise an ACRO World Cup event in 2026, on 12-14 June 2026. *

* To be ratified by the FIG Council

2026-2028 OCEANIA ART CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (JUNIOR & SENIOR)

The EC has approved the exemption to Art. 7.8.2 of the Technical Regulations requested by the Oceania Gymnastics Union, thus allowing the use of more than one judge from the same NF in the same panel. *

*To be ratified by the FIG Council

NATIONALITY CHANGES

The EC approved the following nationality changes:

- Iana LEBEDEVA – TRA gymnast – Former: RUS / New: BLR
- Florin MATEI – MAG judge – Former: ISR / New: CAN
- Anastasiia PUZEMSKA – RG judge – Former: UKR / New: ISR
- Christine REED – WAG judge – Former: AUS / New: NZL
- Liezl-Ann MILLER – WAG judge – Former: RSA / New: NZL
- George MUNRO – PK athlete – Former: USA / New: MEX

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Athletes' Commission

FIG Athletes' representatives elected in 2025

LAUSANNE (SUI), 3 December 2025

- Mr Hung Shek (HKG) was elected as FIG Athletes' Representative for **Men's Artistic Gymnastics** during the 53rd FIG Artistic Gymnastics World Championships in Jakarta (INA).
- Ms Filipa Martins (POR) was elected as FIG Athletes' Representative for **Women's Artistic Gymnastics** during the 53rd FIG Artistic Gymnastics World Championships in Jakarta (INA).
- Ms Neviana Vladinova (BUL) was elected as FIG Athletes' Representative for **Rhythmic Gymnastics** at the 41st FIG Rhythmic Gymnastics World Championships in Rio de Janeiro (BRA).
- Mr Dong Dong (CHN) was elected FIG Athlete's Representative for **Trampoline Gymnastics** during the 38th FIG Trampoline Gymnastics World Championships in Pamplona (ESP).
- Mr Ivan Veloz (MEX) was elected as FIG Athletes' Representative for **Aerobic Gymnastics** during the World Games 2025 in Chengdu (CHN).
- Ms Stefanny Navarro (ESP) was elected as FIG Athletes' Representative for **Parkour** during the World Games 2025 in Chengdu (CHN).



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Gymnastics for All Committee

Meeting held by videoconference on 3 July 2025

MINUTES

Participants

President:	Rogério VALÉRIO (POR).
Vice President:	Jerome HUEBSCHER (SUI); Chris MUCHATUTA (ZIM).
Members:	Yumiko ITOH (JPN); Monika SISKOVA (SVK); Lori LAZNOVSKY (USA); Michele Carbinatto (BRA).
Sport Manager:	Alex COLA
Excused:	

1. Opening and approval of the agenda
2. Minutes approval
 - Online – May 2025 – Approved
3. World Gym for Life Challenge
 - WGFLC 2025 – we are two weeks away.
 - Registrations – Around 3800 participants from 35 countries. Israel did cancel by the deadline. UZB has also announced they will not attend. A few countries will attend with observers. We will also have observers from the next host.
 - The trophy will be delivered by the Swiss Federation with their equipment.
 - The order for the second day was adjusted to equalize the numbers of groups for each evaluators team. It will now be first large groups and then small groups which is opposite of the previous version of the schedule.
 - Opening Ceremonies – the concept has been changed due to heat and security. The parade will be in the Expo area and into the Arena for the protocol and the show. Information will be shared with the participants in the coming days.
 - Working groups – Review of the floorplan. We have an open question as to where the feedback will be provided to the group leaders.
 - A workplan with updates will be prepared for the delegations.
 - Evaluators will arrive on Sunday and Monday will be the preparation day.
 - Feedbackers will arrive on Monday and Tuesday morning will be the preparation session.
 - Sylvia from Mexico will serve as a backup evaluator and feedbacker in the case someone has travel issues, illness, etc. She will take part in the education sessions for both roles.



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- A review of the schedule and dress code took place
 - School Accommodations – everything has been communicated
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- Event evaluation: Committee members are encouraged to take good notes from the preparatory work and the event in order to evaluate the WGfLC.2025
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4. Projects
 - The e-book Worldwide Experiences – volume 2 is almost concluded and will be ready to be launched during the WGfLC.2025
 5. FIG Marketing/ Logo Update
 - FIG Marketing team joined the meeting to share updates. Feedback was taken into consideration and the original design was adjusted.
 6. Miscellaneous - no reports.
 7. Upcoming Meetings and Activities
 - Next meeting will take place prior to the WGfLC.2025. Along with meeting topics, we will also be preparing for the event.
 - The date for the WGfLC.2025 evaluation meeting at the next host city is still being discussed.

Rogério VALÉRIO
GFA C President

Lori LAZNOVSKY
GFA C Secretary



Gymnastics for All Committee

Meeting held by videoconference on 15 September 2025

MINUTES

Participants

President:	Rogério VALÉRIO (POR).
Vice President:	Jerome HUEBSCHER (SUI); Chris MUCHATUTA (ZIM).
Members:	Yumiko ITOH (JPN); Monika SISKOVA (SVK); Lori LAZNOVSKY (USA); Michele CARBINATTO (BRA).
Sport Manager:	Alexandre COLA
Excused:	

1	Opening and approval of the agenda - RV has welcomed everyone and formally opens the meeting - The meeting agenda has been approved
2	World Gymnaestrada - Information about LOC - Alvaro Sousa is no longer working as the LOC executive director. - A new executive director will be designated. Further updates are awaited from the Portuguese Federation. - RV has been working in collaboration with Ricardo to prepare the information meeting. - It would have been preferable if the GfA Committee had been formally informed in advance of Alvaro's resignation, so that the Committee could align a consistent response. 1st Information meeting - Details and the access link for the Information Meeting via Ginástica TV were presented. Access is restricted to those with the link. - A WhatsApp channel will be opened for questions. Questions will be collected and organized; Ricardo and RV will provide answers, either during the session or afterwards. - Moderation will be handled by Ginástica TV, with questions directed to Ricardo and RV. - The meeting will be held at 10:00 and 18:00 (CET). The meeting will take approximately one hour plus questions. - The GfA Committee will not have specific tasks in this meeting. 42 countries have confirmed participation, including new entries: Paraguay, Senegal, Ukraine, Ethiopia, Ocean Union, and Croatia. 19 countries that attended the 2023 WG are still missing.



	○ It was emphasized that all parties (LOC, Alex, and Committee members) should actively encourage wider participation (invite neighbors countries and so on) • Registration system ○ Work with Gymnaplana continues; they have signed the contract. ○ A unified system is necessary, with validation from both national federations and FIG. ○ Gymnaplana is considered user-friendly, but training and familiarization will be required.
3	World Gym for Life Challenge • WGFLC 2025 – Event evaluation ○ Information regarding the meeting has not yet been released due to pending hotel arrangements. ○ Travel bookings are still required; the official invitation has not yet been issued. ○ Evaluation of responsible areas must be prepared as soon as possible, covering: ▪ General impressions ▪ Highlights and positive aspects ▪ Completed tasks ▪ Challenges encountered ▪ Future directions ○ Evaluations should be uploaded by the second week of October in preparation ○ Another preparatory meeting will be scheduled around the third week of October for the Bulgaria event (proposed dates: 20, 22, and 24 October). ○ RV will send a link and so we can check the availability.
4	Projects • GFA Colloquium book of abstracts ○ A wide distribution of the GfA Book of Abstracts and GfA Books is needed, highlighting news and key information. ○ AC suggested writing an article to promote the Information Meeting (World Gymnaestrada), with references to the online books.
5	Miscellaneous • 2026 GFA Colloquium ○ No substantial updates so far, only preliminary contacts between RV and representatives from Mexico federation. ○ Further logistical details are expected by the Bulgaria meeting.


Rogério VALÉRIO
 GFA C President

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 Secretary



Gymnastics for All Committee

Meeting held by videoconference on 24 October 2025

MINUTES

Participants

President:	Rogério VALÉRIO (POR).
Vice President:	Jerome HUEBSCHER (SUI); Chris MUCHATUTA (ZIM).
Members:	Yumiko ITOH (JPN); Monika SISKOVA (SVK); Lori LAZNOVSKY (USA); Michele Carbinatto (BRA).
Sport Manager:	
Excused:	

1	Opening and approval of the agenda
2	Minutes approval Minutes from the September Meeting will be shared for approval at the next meeting.
3	World Gym for Life Challenge - WGfLC 2025 - Event evaluation - Thanks to everyone for submitting their report on their respective areas and additional information. - All reports including feedback from the Experts and the LOC have been uploaded onto the drive and should be reviewed. - Everyone shared their impressions and some of the most pressing topics we need to discuss including categories, the size of the event, etc. - We need to dive deeper into some of the concerns so that we can make some positive updates for future events. - Concerns around Visas are growing and we need to discuss further to see if there is any way to mitigate these issues.
4	Preparation of next committee meeting in Sofia, BUL - We will be meeting with just our committee then we will have the joint meeting with both LOCs. - Michelle will determine the dress code and notify the rest of the committee. - Jerome will contact the FIG Office to inquire about gifts needed for the meeting.
5	Miscellaneous Contract for the FIG Gala Choreographer has been signed by both parties.



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jerome will set up a meeting with Bruno as soon as possible to prepare communication to the federations.• We had a great response to the information shared during the 1st Information Meeting for the 2027 World Gymnaestrada. The link is now available for any federations who request it.• The date of the 2027 World Gymnaestrada Information meeting has not yet been finalized. |
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Men's Artistic Gymnastics Technical Committee

Meeting held in Tashkent (AZE), 23-26 June 2025

MINUTES

Participants:

President:	Andy TOMBS (GBR)
Vice-Presidents:	LI Jing (CHN), HAN Yoon Soo (KOR)
Members:	Butch ZUNICH (USA), Steve BUTCHER (TTO) Mohamed SOLIMAN (EGY), Julio MARCOS FELIPE (ESP)
Athlete Representative:	Aljaz PEGAN (SLO)

Staff:

1. Andy welcomed the committee to Tashkent.
2. The minutes of the March meeting were approved as was the agenda for this meeting.
3. The TC reviewed and updated the actions from the previous meeting.
4. To avoid any conflict of interest, each committee member should disclose any employment or position and avoid any conflicts of interest.
 1. Andy Tombs has retired from his position at British Gymnastics.
 2. Steve Butcher imports and resells Taishan equipment to clubs in North America through his private company, is the programme director for 4 high performance/grassroots gyms in India and helping in the establishment of the federation's men's developmental program and advises the TTO Federation.
 3. Aljaz Pegan continues to advise the Turkish federation.
 4. Butch Zurich advises USA gymnastics.
5. Reports from TC members: -
 - a. Andy gave a very thorough report on his **Jakarta site visit**. Jakarta has an exceptional team and we should expect a well-organized event. The visit included a full review of all operational areas supported by a 200-page detailed plan. **Osijek World Cup**, now a full World Cup, held on a podium with double prize money for gymnasts and coaches. This event now has the largest entry of the World Cup series. **Doha World Cup**, efficient and well organized, entries were lower than anticipated. **Kuala Lumpur, Brevet judges** course attended by 64 judges. Good conditions and well-organized course by Malaysian Federation. **Attended European Championships** in Leipzig and reported on a successful Mixed Team Final for senior gymnasts. **Tashkent, World Challenge Cup**, successfully hosting its first Challenge Cup, on a podium and a large arena.
 - b. Steve was **TD at the Varna WCC**. Suggested that the roll of the Supervisor and D judges should be clarified; they should work independently and then agree on the D score at all events. E judges should not be speaking. TD should take responsibility for assisting the LOC in managing the competition floor for the best television production.



- c. Aljaz was in attendance in Osijek and Doha.
- d. Julio participated in the **Judges course in Sao Paulo**. He was also **TD in Andora** for the Games of the Small States of Europe. There was limited participation there due to the conflict with European Championships being held at the same time. Julio was also TD for the Cairo and Osijek World Cups. Osijek had 93 MAG gymnasts from 30 Federations. Cairo had 58 gymnasts from 19 Federations.
- e. Butch worked on getting videos posted on STS. He led the **Sao Paulo judges'** course. This course had 95 participants from 18 different Federations. He also participated in the **Kuala Lumpur Judges'** course with Andy. Butch was TD at the **Koper WCC**. There were 59 MAG gymnasts participating in Koper from 19 Federations.
- f. Mohamed was the TD at the **Antalya WC**. There were 74 MAG gymnasts from 23 Federations. Mohamed suggested that we should define specifications for scoring systems at all competitions. For example, content of the display, reports, etc. Camera positions need future specifications.
- g. Li Jing was at the National championships China. He reported an issue with timing of Floor Exercise using 0.1 second increments. For example, is 2.5 seconds over time, is it 0.1 or 0.3.
- h. Yoon Soo was at **Asian Senior and Junior Championships**. He agreed that standards for scoring systems should be in place. Jakarta World Championships. Andy presented details from the FIG site visit to Jakarta. The TC discussed FOP, Training and Warm Up layouts, new Inquiry process, FOP access, and went through the workplan in detail. We discussed the new All-Around format with 6 groups of 4 gymnasts and potential agenda for the coaches round table. The draw will take place on Monday 4th August.
6. Josef Toth (AUT) has declined his D jury draw for Jakarta. Paul Szyjko (AUS), the first reserve, has replaced him as D2 on Parallel Bars. Arturs Mickevics (LAT) will be the Superior Jury additional member.
7. Realtime judging. There will be a shadow test of real time judging in Jakarta during Apparatus Finals. For a better comparison, the 'real time judges' should sit near the working judges on the FOP. We should ensure that there is a practice session for real-time judges. **ACTION:** Andy will set up meeting with Swiss Timing, Arturs, Mohamed to ensure preparations for Jakarta shadow test.
8. JSS System. The TC worked through the detail behind the two expansions of the JSS system to be used in Jakarta.
- The Superior Jury President has opportunity in Apparatus Finals to block a D score if JSS identifies a discrepancy of D score.
 - JSS will be used by one supervisor (Steve Butcher on Horizontal Bar) prior to entering the D score during the Qualifications in Jakarta.
 - The TC also clarified that the Superior Jury President can change line/time AND stick bonus after the score is posted where an error has been identified. The SV cannot enter a stick bonus, only the D1/2, this is to be reviewed post Jakarta.



9. The TC worked through details of a number of elements with relevant worksheets from the JSS Working group and:
 - Approved JSS definition of a Tkatchev straight with a 45-degree tolerance to be measured by the angle between the thigh to lower spine.
 - Agreed to set the JSS threshold of pike double front on floor. It will be considered tucked if the legs bend more than 45 degrees when the back is parallel to the ground on the second salto. The position will also be applied to Vault and dismounts on other apparatus.
10. Notes from World Cup reviews:
 - a. Line judge: add text to the 0.3 deduction for when both feet are out at the same time. **ACTION:** Li Jing will make a video to clarify line deductions. Instruct the judges to take the larger deductions if they are not sure. Then, the coach can request a review if there is a disagreement.
 - b. Jump to L sit on Parallel Bars will be a compositional 0.3 deduction in future and shown in an upcoming newsletter. For this year, it will be allowed without deductions.
 - c. **ACTION:** Butch will put TD reports from WC and WCC into the appropriate location in the FIG MTC Google Drive.
 - d. Parallel Bars- Hop 1/1 pirouette (or $\frac{3}{4}$) should show flight at least $\frac{3}{4}$ turn (Patron)
 - e. The Mikulak on Pommel Horse with a slight arm bend is recognized in Newsletter #1.
 - f. Future Floor Exercise presentations should show clarifications of oblique tumbling passes.
 - g. Future Vault presentations should show clarifications in support phase (vertical and twist) and emphasize when the chest is low on landing, lack of preparation.
 - h. After a fall, do gymnasts get credit for elements to return to their starting position? Rings example: e.g. press to handstand. Kip cast to 45 degrees on high bar.
ACTION: Steve and Butch will create a proposal.
 - i. Bhavsar on Parallel Bars has the same requirement as release elements on Horizontal Bar, e.g. must show swing through the bottom for credit.
 - j. At competitions, the TD can't verify the validity of the mats because there is no time stamp to make sure the mat is still valid, nor the proper version of the mats as specified in the Workplan. Mats must be marked in the future to allow the TD some opportunity to check their validity.
 - k. For the Apparatus Finals, running one apparatus at a time takes too long. It would be better for the gymnast and spectators to alternate between men and women.
 - l. There is no guideline stating what kind of specific medical services are provided for training and competition for each WC and WCC.



11. Draw for Manila:

	D1	D2
Floor Exercise	NANKOE (NED)	RONNEBERGER (GER)
Pommel Horse	THINGVOLD (NOR)	ZAYED (EGY)
Still Rings	TUNG (TPE)	RAMOS (ESP)
Vault	MAY (GBR)	GIORGADZE (GEO)
Parallel Bars	AGHAYEV (AZE)	MIRZAEV (UZB)
Horizontal Bar	PASCU (ROM)	VILLAPIANO (ITA)

Superior Jury Assistant: Dmitrii Andreev (RUS)

Reserves: 1. MICKEVICS (LAT) 2. RUPCIK (SVK) 3. SZYJKO (AUS) 4. CARMONA (COL) 5. ANDRING (LUX)

12. The MTC met with Dr. Mercier to provide an overview of JEP system, especially targeted at the new MTC members. Dr. Mercier also showed the TC improvements made to the programme and how trends across the cycle can be shown as well as how bias can be more accurately assessed. The TC is supportive of sending individual judges their reports this cycle.

13. The Youth Olympics in Dakar was discussed and confirmed that the qualification document has been published. The deadline for NOC applications is 31st July.

14. Andy presented the two proposals that were made to the EC concerning the Mixed Team Finals for Dakar 2026 and LA 2028. Learnings from Europeans MTF in Leipzig have been incorporated. Dakar is planned to follow a similar format of 1 MAG and 1 WAG gymnast. LA 2028 will potentially include more gymnasts whilst recognizing the need to fairness across the team numbers.

15. Pommel Horse practice session. Butch presented a Pommel session focused on skill completion aligned to recognition. It covered three critical areas that can be complex to interpret.

16. The TC spent time reviewing the current Floor Exercise requirements and specifically the impact of the balance in exercise construction.

17. Newsletter One. The content and detailed requirements of Newsletter One were discussed and agreed upon. As were the following new elements: -

- Vault Yurchenko double back with 1/1 turn Mahdi OLFATI (IRI) 5.6.
- Horse Bertoncelj to Busnari = G element (AUS) Jesse Moore
- PBars: From support 1 ¼ salto forward straddle with ½ turn to upper arm = E value James HALL GBR.

18. Butch will send old newsletters to MTC to see if any information needs to be added to the new newsletter.



19. Symbols: All symbols to be reviewed to ensure they are aligned CoP, JSS and STS. Across. **ACTION:** All TC members need to review their apparatus.

20. A productive and collaborative meeting was held between the MAG & WAG TC members to discuss the following:

- a. Mixed Team Format
 - i. Proposal to have a team of 3 gymnasts and 2 compete on each apparatus:
 - ii. Allows showcasing specialists/top gymnasts on a specific apparatus.
 - iii. Balances the “well-being” of athletes’ vs principles of integrity and fair play.
 - iv. Qualification – scores will be calculated from the top 2 scores of the 3 relevant apparatus. Need to consider if the NOC nominates which gymnasts’ scores count on each apparatus or whether to count the top 2.
- b. Position of AS at 2025 Junior WCH
 - i. MAG’s preference is to sit at the apparatus not at the head table.
 - ii. Preference on FOP is beside the secretary but it would also be acceptable if they are spread around the apparatus.
- c. Real time judging
 - i. Ideally the system developed should have the capacity to be used at Continental Championships, International and National events, not just at FIG events.
 - ii. The judge should be informed of the total deductions they’ve submitted via the “scoring pad”.
 - iii. Upon arrival in Jakarta, where the shadow judges will sit can be determined.
 - iv. Consider if the judges should be “drawn” to allow for Professor Mercier to have a more accurate comparison of the JEP scores and the shadow scores.

21. Junior World Championships: **ACTION:** Andy and Aljaz will try to remove the requirement for athletes to perform the all-around to qualify for apparatus finals for Junior Worlds.

22. On-line judges’ course in the fall dates/time have been published. There will also be an in-person retest in Lausanne during first week of December. The exam will utilize the exercises that have not been used yet in previous exam sets.

23. As stated in the Apparatus Norms, the tension of the cables for Rings and Horizontal Bar must be set between 1000 and 5000 newtons. At major competitions, there will be a TCS device attached to each apparatus which will report when the cables are out of spec.

ACTION: The MTC needs to discuss further the logistics to enforce the tension requirement.

24. Steve Butcher presented a proposal to use the 30 cm Tumbling and Double Mini mat to replace the existing vaulting mats. The purpose would be for injury reduction. **ACTION:** Steve and Han to bring a proposal for research and testing.

25. Adjournment

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Andrew TOMBS
MAG-TC President

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Butch ZUNICH
MAG-TC President



Women's Artistic Gymnastics Technical Committee

Meeting held in Tashkent (UZB), 23-26 June 2025

MINUTES (Summary)

Participants

President	Donatella SACCHI (ITA)
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Members	Lyudmila LI (UZB); Johanna GRATT (AUT); Trisha HADE (AUS); Liubov ANDRIANOVA (RUS)
Athletes' Representative	Catalina PONOR (ROU) (excused)

1. Greetings and Announcements

The WTC extends its sincere thanks to the Uzbekistan Federation for hosting the meeting in Tashkent and providing excellent facilities, accommodation, organization, and outstanding hospitality.

The agenda and the report of the meeting held in Lausanne in March 2025, were approved.

2. Information by the TC President

The WTC President reported on the EC meeting which was held in Qawra (Malta) in May 2025.

- ✚ The Commissions and Working Groups for the 2025-2028 cycle have been appointed and will be published in due course. Donatella has been confirmed as Chair of the Safeguarding Commission.
- ✚ The judges' selection criteria for the 2028 LA Olympic Games has been approved.
- ✚ The submitted changes of nationality have been approved.
- ✚ The EC approved the Honorary Coaches and Judges' Diploma to the people proposed by their National Federations.

3. International Judges' courses

The D and E routines that were presented during the International Judges' courses will be added to STS to provide additional material to assist the judges in their preparation for the online exam.

Donatella has emailed the WTC members an updated list of judges' categories to reflect the change in category for those judges who have upgraded.

The Directives for the Online Judges' exams have been published. WAG exams will be held on the following dates:

- EG 12th October 2025
- PAGU 4th October 2025
- AGU 6th December 2025
- UAG 7th November 2025
- OGU 25th October 2025



The demo video will be removed from the online exams.

One week before the online exam, an online practice test will be conducted.

The retest exams have not been scheduled yet. They will be conducted in Lausanne (SUI), with WAG most likely to be held in December 2025.

4. Help Desk 2025

WTC members completed a thorough review of the new digital version.

The goal is for it to be published by the end of July 2025.

5. New elements

A new element was submitted and successfully performed at the Varna (BUL) World Challenge Cup:

MORDENTI Celeste (LUX)

BB DMT: Salto backward tucked with 2/1 (720°) twist – C value (6.304) 

6. 2025 Junior World Championships

The 2025 Junior World Championships have been allocated to Manila (PHI) and will be held 20th – 24th November.

The D-judges have been drawn and the FIG has forwarded their invitations.

7. 2025 World Championships

The athlete draw will be conducted online from Lausanne (SUI) on 4th August 2025 at 11h00.

Shadow real time judging

It is planned to assign seven E-judges to evaluate the routines in shadow mode during the apparatus finals for UB, BB and FX with a new device provided by Swiss Timing. Artistry deductions will need to be entered separately into the tablet, following the current process for artistry. Their E-scores will be compared with the scores given during competition, to test the accuracy of the system.

Feedback from judges who will participate in the shadow judging will be very welcome, as it will assist with refining and enhancing the system.

The WTC will test the devices/system during the WTC meeting in September 2025.

JSS presentation to judges

An explanation of the JSS (Fujitsu) will be provided during the All-Around judges' meeting.



Round table discussion with coaches

The round table discussion will be open to all coaches; however, judges cannot attend.

During the round table, the JSS (Fujitsu) for element recognition will be presented, providing coaches with details and insights into the principles used to identify/evaluate specific elements.

8. 2028 LA Olympic Games

The gymnast's qualification process has been approved by the EC and is awaiting approval by the IOC.

Mixed Team Final

Discussions are still ongoing.

9. Next meeting

Napoli (ITA) – arrival 2nd September; departure 7th September 2025

Respectfully submitted,

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Donatella SACCHI
WAG-TC President

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Trisha HADE
WAG-TC Secretary



Women's Artistic Gymnastics Technical Committee

Meeting held in Napoli (ITA), 3-6 September 2025

MINUTES (Summary)

Participants

President	Donatella SACCHI (ITA)
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Members	Lyudmila LI (UZB); Johanna GRATT (AUT); Trisha HADE (AUS); Liubov ANDRIANOVA (RUS)
Athletes' Representative	Catalina PONOR (ROU) (excused)

1. Greetings and Announcements

The WTC met in Napoli to review strategic priorities, Judging' matters, the Code of Points and continue preparations for the upcoming World Championships. The meeting reaffirmed the importance of judging fairness, education, and technological innovation, while ensuring athletes' safety and strengthening the collaboration with MAG TC.

A sincere thank you to Cristina Casentini and the Italian Federation for hosting the meeting in Napoli and providing excellent facilities, accommodation, organization, and wonderful hospitality.

The agenda and the report of the meeting held in Tashkent in June 2025 were approved.

2. Information by the TC President

The WTC President reported on the EC meeting held in Lausanne (SUI) in July 2025.

3. International Judges' courses

The WAG retest will be conducted on 2nd and 3rd December 2025 in the FIG office. It will be one day for Q & A and the exam on the second day. The WTC President is the expert appointed to run the course and the exam.

The demo video has been removed from the exam set. A new set of videos will be prepared by the IT department for the retest exam.

4. Help Desk 2025

The final review of the Help Desk was completed by the WTC, and it has been published on the FIG website.

Thank you to Nehad and Johanna for their tireless work on transitioning the Help Desk to an updated digital version. The WTC would like to thank Gérald Bidault from the FIG IT department for his support in producing this digital version.



5. New elements and Technical matters

A new element was submitted and successfully performed at the European Youth Olympic Festival (EYOF) in Osijek (CRO):

PRAT Maiana (FRA)

FX: Split leap to ring position with 1/1 turn (360°) - E value (1.509)



The WTC completed a detailed analysis to finalise the requirements for the element recognition of the following UB dismounts:

- double salto stretched vs piked
- double salto stretched with 1/1 twist (360°)

A comparative analysis was conducted on FX acrobatic element:

- Double salto stretched with 1/1 twist (360°) vs piked

All questions received from judges and coaches were discussed and answered.

6. 2025 World Championships - Jakarta

Judges

Each Federation will be provided with one active judging position. A second position for a Federation with two registered judges may not be possible.

Video Analysis for JEP evaluation

After each competition phase a PCVR will be conducted by the WTC for Judges' evaluation. The goal of the WTC for the 2025-2028 cycle is for each judge to receive a detailed report of their evaluation for educational purposes, via their National Federation.

Real time judging in shadow mode

During the Apparatus Finals for UB, BB, and FX a test will be conducted by a shadow Judges Panel, who will judge the routines in real time, using an electronic device provided by Swiss Timing. The evaluation of the shadow E-Panel, comprised of seven judges and two TC members, will later be compared with the scores given in traditional mode. The goal is to increase the accuracy of judges and reduce the time between the completion of the routine and displaying of the score on the scoreboard.

JSS presentations

During the judges' meeting before the All-Around Final, the judges will receive the overview of the JSS programme. It is an important programme supporting the D-judges with the recognition of elements on all apparatus and can produce the final D-score. The Superior Jury will refer to JSS evaluation in case of Block of the score and Inquiry.

During the WTC Round Table, the functionality of the JSS programme will be presented to the coaches highlighting the parameters used for the recognition/non-recognition of certain elements, according to the Code of Points. The WTC believes that the presentation will be of great interest to coaches.

The WTC would like to express its sincere appreciation to Miss Ayako Kawahito of Fujitsu Company for her outstanding efforts, unwavering commitment, and invaluable contributions in developing the programme and preparing the informative presentations.



7. 2025 Junior World Championships - Manila

The TC President and the FIG Senior Sports Event Manager Céline Cachemaille completed a site inspection in Manila in August.

Despite the competition being held in the Marriott Grand Ballroom and not in a traditional arena, the conditions will be very satisfactory. The Local Organisers and the Philippine Gymnastics Association are working to provide a high-quality event and a great experience for the young gymnasts.

8. 2026 Youth Olympic Games (YOG) – Dakar (SEN)

The competition will consist of three medal events: Team Final, All-Around Final and Mixed Team Final.

A total of 60 Junior gymnasts in WAG will participate in November 2026 to YOG. The participation rules will be published in due course.

Mixed Team Final

The Mixed Team Final format has been approved by the EC.

9. Miscellaneous

Allocation of WTC TD for 2026 World Cups

- ❖ Cottbus – Johanna Gratt
- ❖ Baku – Lyudmila Li
- ❖ Antalya – Trisha Hade
- ❖ Cairo – Helena Laird
- ❖ Osijek – Nehad Zayed
- ❖ Doha – Donatella Sacchi

10. Next meeting

Lausanne (SUI) – arrival 6th February; departure 11th February 2026

Respectfully submitted,

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Rhythmic Gymnastics Technical Committee

Meeting held in Lausanne (SUI) 5-8 July 2025

MINUTES

Participants

President	Noha ABOU SHABANA (EGY)
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Members	Natalya BULANOVA (AZE); Alua BEKTUROVA (KAZ); Isabell SAWADE (GER); Gyoza MUMINOVA (UZB);
Athletes' Representative	Siyana VASILEVA (AZE)
Sport Manager	Sylvie MARTINET
Excused	
Guests	Naomi Chieko VALENZO AOKI (MEX)

1. Welcome and information

- Welcome by Noha Abou Shabana
- Congratulations were received for a successful Junior World Championships

2. Junior WCH PCVR

- The JEP results were reviewed and discussed
- The committee analysed the scoring trends, identified areas where consistency needs improvement, and addressed any discrepancies observed. Constructive feedback was provided to ensure clearer interpretation of criteria in future evaluations.

3. Senior WCH materials preparation and practical examples

- Presentations were made for the Senior World Championships.
- All practical videos were selected to be used for judges' instruction.
- The selected videos were evaluated by all members of the Technical Committee.
- The presentation with the practice materials must be uploaded (without evaluation) no later than 02 August 2025

4. Originalities Discussion / Decision GBR and CYP practical examples

- We received three requests regarding new originalities from the following countries: Italy, Great Britain, and Cyprus (ITA, GBR, CYP). The new originality submitted by the Italian federation was accepted. The originality requests submitted by the **British** and **Cypriot Federations** were **not accepted**, as the proposed elements either already exist in the CoP or do not meet the originality criteria.



5. General Judges Rules 2029-2032

- Preparation and discussion of General Judges Rules with future points to be addressed.

6. Technical Regulations 2026 review

- **Orientation meeting (art. 5.11):**
 - A proposal was made to **delete** the sentence: "*Judges may not represent their National Federation at the orientation meeting.*"
- **Junior WCH**
 - *Adapt the Tie- Breaking -Rules for JWCH*
- **Adjusting Competition programme (Qualification Days) for the Senior WCH in Germany and Azerbaijan WCH to have more flexible working hours for the judges.**

7. Competition format / Qualifying World Cups

- Naomi Valenzo met with the FIG RG Technical Committee to discuss the competition formats used in international events
- How to give World Cup more value?
- One of the challenges we face is the excessively long competition day—for example, at the Seniors World Championships, judges are required to officiate from 9:00 AM to 10:30 PM. We need to explore strategies to shorten the judging schedule to improve efficiency and maintain judging quality.
- One of the goals is to have apparatus finals in the Olympic games.

8. Miscellaneous

- Dates and location confirmed for the FIG Rhythmic Gymnastics Judges' Course: *Montenegro, September 2025*
- Next TC RG Meetings: dates confirmed for the upcoming meeting in *Egypt*.
- Marketing Presentation: the Marketing Team presented the *new FIG Rhythmic Gymnastics logo*.
- The TC RG expresses its sincere thanks to Secretary General, Nicolas Buompane, Sport Manager Sylvie Martinet, and Video Technician Gérald Bidault for their continued support and collaboration during this period.

Respectfully submitted,

Noha ABOU SHABANA
RG-TC President

Alua BEKTUROVA
RG-TC Secretary



Rhythmic Gymnastics Technical Committee

Meeting held in Sharm El Sheikh (EGY), 27-30 October 2025

MINUTES

Participants

President	Noha ABOU SHABANA (EGY)
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Athletes' Representative	Siyana VASILEVA (AZE)
Sport Manager	Sylvie MARTINET (online)
Excused	
Guests: Naomi VALENZO (MEX)	

1. **Welcome and information**
 - Welcome by Noha Abou Shabana
 - Information from the Executive Committee meeting of FIG
2. **SR World Championship PCVR**
 - The JEP results were reviewed and discussed
 - The committee analysed the scoring trends, identified areas where consistency needs improvement, and addressed any discrepancies observed. Constructive feedback was provided to ensure clearer interpretation of criteria in future evaluations.
3. **Originalities/ New DB discussion / Decision ITA, ROU and USA practical examples**
 - We received four requests regarding new originalities / new DB from the following countries: Italy (ITA), Romania (ROU), and the United States (USA) — two proposals in total from the USA. The requests submitted by the Italian, Romanian, and one of the USA federations were not accepted, as the proposed elements did not meet the criteria. However, the proposal for a new DB requires additional information from the USA Federation. All letters to the federations have been sent.
4. **General Judges Rules 2029-2032**
 - The TC RG FIG held a joint meeting with the Acrobatic and Aerobic Gymnastics Committees to discuss the General Judges' Rules for the 2029–2032 cycle. Various aspects of the rules were addressed, including international courses and experts, retest opportunities, the role of the Athletes' Representatives, Technical Committee (TC) members, FIG representatives, the grouping of international competitions, and several amendments related to disciplinary measures during competitions.



5. New Season Preparation 2026

- Each assigned member must prepare and deliver a presentation on a designated topic relevant to the competitions in 2026 for World Cups and World Challenge Cups.
- Presentations should include practice session to encourage discussion and engagement.
- Deadlines for submission and review of presentations will be on the 8th March 2026.
- Prepare 3 sets for the judges for the LIVE Practice before 8th March 2026.

6. Technical Regulations 2026-2027 review

- Review of different articles and amendments needed to be reviewed by Legal Department in FIG office.

7. Assignments of TD for 2026 events / TC Meeting

- Each TC member is to serve as Technical Delegate for the 2026 World Cups and World Challenge Cups. The dates and locations for the 2026 TC meeting were also discussed.

8. Miscellaneous

- **PCVR Online Meeting:**

An online meeting was held with the professor Hugues Mercier responsible for the PCVR analysis, who explained how the analyses work and how they can be used for evaluation purposes.

- **Online meeting with Naomi Valenzo:** An online meeting was held with Naomi Valenzo (MEX) regarding Superior Judging System in RG. Several proposals were discussed.

- **Acknowledgements:**

The TC expressed its gratitude to Secretary General Nicolas Buompane, Sport Manager Sylvie Martinet, Egyptian Gymnastics Federation and Professor Hugues Mercier for JEP Analysis for their time and collaboration during this period.

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Acrobatic Gymnastics Technical Committee

Meeting held in Lausanne (SUI), 4-7 July 2025

MINUTES (summary)

Participants:

President:	Nikolina Hristova (BUL)
Vice-presidents:	Irina Nikitina (RUS); Juan Leon-Prados (ESP)
Members:	Bernardo Tomás (POR); Marco Palella (ITA); Amir Mozes (ISR); Carisa Laughon (USA)
Athletes Delegates:	Lore Vanden Berghe (BEL) (by video)

1. Welcome and Housekeeping.
 - The meeting was officially opened by Nikolina, with a brief overview of the logistics of the four-day meeting.
2. Approval of the agenda and the minutes of the Feb-March TC meeting
 - The agenda was accepted as a true record.
3. Report on the EC Meeting
 - Nikolina gave a report from the last EC meeting.
4. Artistry Evaluation Tool Proposal
 - Presentation of a revised artistry form, containing more detailed definitions for criteria and reward categories was presented by Juan.
 - All TC members are asked to review and comment for the next TC meeting.
5. 2025 World Games Preparations
 - Defined responsibilities for the Superior Jury as follows:
 - Athlete Measurements: Marco & Carisa
 - Difficulty Supervisor: Marco & Carisa
 - Execution Supervisor: Irina & Juan
 - Artistry Supervisor: Bernardo & Amir
 - Discussed logistics of athlete measurement, scoring, and tariff sheet review.
 - Video review of execution and artistry in preparation for the Judges Presentation at TWG.
 - Conducted Drawing of Lots with the Sport Manager.
6. Branding Workshop
 - Follow-up session to review World Gymnastics and Acro specific branding.
7. Guidelines for Attire
 - Amir presented a proposal for clarifications and revisions to the Guidelines for Attire.
 - Identified clarifications for Newsletter #4.
 - Finalization of attire guideline revisions was tabled for discussion at the October meeting.
8. STS Video Notes Builder



- Carisa gave a brief demonstration of STS capabilities to provide detailed, real-time judging analysis of video clips on the STS platform.

9. Correspondence

- Reviewed correspondence from Belgium, Israel, Russia, USA, and EG Acro TC.
- Addressed clarification request for the rules and process of Appendix 3 Measurement Process.
- Accepted new element requests and other clarifications published in July 2025 Newsletter #4.
- Reviewed video clips for hesitation and errors during links. Video clips and execution deductions to be published on STS.

10. Meeting with FIG Vice-President, Naomi Valenzo

- Discussed strategic planning, promotion, and budgeting, especially targeting growth and development of acrobatics.

11. Strategic Planning and Goals

- The TC continued discussions on strategic planning, growth, and development for Acrobatics.
- Ideas included considering adjustments to CoP and other documents, promotion of the sport, training camps and workshops, and further inclusion in continental competitions.
- Discussed target continents and countries for development efforts.

12. AOB

- Nothing to add

13. Update Calendar of Acrobatic Events

- Next Acro-Tc Meeting – 27-30 October 2025 in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt
- 2026 - Acrobatic Gymnastics World Cup series:
 - FIG World Cup – Maia (POR) – 6 – 8 March 2026
 - FIG World Cup - Puurs (BEL) – 10 - 12 April 2026
 - Additional applications expected for consideration by EC
- 2nd FIG Acrobatic Gymnastics Junior World Championships and FIG World Youth Competition - 17 - 20 September 2026 – Pesaro (ITA)
- 30th FIG Acrobatic Gymnastics World Championships – 24 – 27 September 2026 – Pesaro (ITA)

Nikolina Hristova,
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