

FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE GYMNASTIQUE



50TH FIG ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

KITAKYUSHU (JPN)

18 – 24 October 2021



WORK PLAN



ATTENTION

Certain items written in this Work Plan are subject to changes depending on the COVID-19 situation in the host city and country, as well as on decisions made by the Japanese Government and the public health authority in the host city.
Entry requirements for participants will be updated accordingly.

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FOREWORD

The Work Plan for the 50th FIG Artistic Gymnastics World Championships in Kitakyushu (JPN) to be held from 18 to 24 October 2021 has been developed between the FIG Office, the FIG MTC and WTC and the LOC, in accordance with the following FIG regulations and rules (as valid in 2021):

- Statutes
- Code of Ethics
- Code of Conduct
- Technical Regulations (TR)
- Judge's Rules (General and Specific per discipline)
- MAG Code of Points 2017-2020 valid in 2021, including NSL# 32 to 38
- WAG Code of Points 2017-2020 valid in 2021, including NSL# 41 to 45 and Help Desk 7th Edition
- Rules for the FIG Individual World Championships (WCH)
- Apparatus Norms
- Rules for Advertising and Publicity
- Accreditation Rules
- Medical Organization of FIG Competitions and Events
- Anti-doping Rules
- Rules for Award Ceremonies
- Media Rules
- License Rules
- FIG Framework for Safeguarding Athletes and other Participants from Harassment and abuse in Sport during Events
- Subsequent decisions of the FIG Executive Committee and Technical Committees.

All participating Federations commit to respect the Statutes and all FIG Regulations, especially with regards to the license, the age and the nationality of the gymnasts, as well as the respective Regulations concerning "Insurance" Art. 11.6 of the TR.

Federations which have not fulfilled their financial obligations towards the FIG (such as annual membership fees, unpaid invoices, non-refundable entry fee) and the LOC (e.g. hotel accommodation, meals, insurance, accreditation, visa) will not be allowed to participate in these Individual WCH.

1. FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE GYMNASTIQUE (FIG)

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WAG Jury of Appeal and Supervisory Board President	Nellie Kim
WAG Jury of Appeal and Supervisory Board Member	Jesus Carballo
FIG Anti-doping, Medical and Scientific Commission Rep.	Dr. Yasunobu Iwasaki
FIG Apparatus Commissioners	Jakob Raab / Julian Heydgen

Men's Technical Committee and Superior Jury

MTC President (President of the Superior Jury)	Arturs Mickevics
MTC 1 st Vice-president (SR Apparatus Supervisor)	Andrew Tombs
MTC 2 nd Vice-president (PB Apparatus Supervisor)	Julio Marcos Felipe
MTC Member (HB Apparatus Supervisor)	Holger Albrecht
MTC Member (FX Apparatus Supervisor)	Jeff Thompson
MTC Member (VT Apparatus Supervisor)	Hiroyuki Tomita
MTC Member (PH Apparatus Supervisor)	Liping Huang
MTC Advisor	Diego Lazzarich

Women's Technical Committee and Superior Jury

WTC President (President of the Superior Jury)	Donatella Sacchi
WTC 2 nd Vice-president (UB Apparatus Supervisor)	Qiurui Zhou
WTC Member (FX Apparatus Supervisor)	Liubov Andrianova
WTC Member (VT Apparatus Supervisor)	Elena Davydova
WTC Member (BB Apparatus Supervisor)	Johanna Gratt
WTC Member (Member of the Superior Jury)	Tatiana Perskaia
WTC Advisor	Naomi Valenzo

MAG and WAG Athletes' Representatives

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Secretary General	Teruaki Takeuchi
Assistant to Secretary General	Naoto Morinaga
Deputy Secretary General	Takahiro Miura

Sport Information Desk (SID)

The Sport Information Desk (SID) will be located near the athlete's entrance in the Competition Hall (Kitakyushu General Gymnasium) **from 14 to 24 October, 2021** and will be in operation during all Training, Warm-up, and Competition times (Appendix 2).



SID phone number: please refer to the back of the Accreditation card



SID Email address: international@2021agrg.jp for general information
atavel@2021agrg.jp for travel and accreditation

The LOC is currently still exploring the possibility of creating an event “portal” which will be operational throughout these Individual WCH. If developed, this “portal” will provide in principle the training, warm-up and competition schedules, the start lists, the results and a range of technical information related to these individual WCH.

The Delegations' mail boxes will be set up at the SID. All information in addition to the Work Plan regarding competition, warm-up, training, notification of meetings, transport, official functions (depending on the COVID-19 situation), as well as FIG and LOC correspondences will be distributed via the Delegation mail boxes (and possibly the event "Portal" if available). For the sake of the environment, the LOC will not provide printed copies of the Work Plan and Appendices. Extra forms will still be available at the SID upon request. A special SID card will be issued to each Head of Delegation or his/her Representative. This card must be shown by the Head of Delegation or his/her Representative when collecting all information from their Delegation mail box. The delegation member designated to collect the information will be required to sign for information collected. All inquiries should be directed to the SID.

Information Desks will also be set up at the official hotels' lobbies.

Liaison Officers

The official Language will be English. No designated Liaison Officers will be assigned to escort each Federation. LOC hosts and hostesses will nevertheless be available to assist with translation if required during meetings and as per media requests. They will also be able to assist Delegation members with general event information. Please contact the SID for assistance

3. PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME (SUBJECT TO CHANGES)

DATE / TIME	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
Mon. Oct. 11 As announced As needed	Arrival of the WTC Meeting FIG Staff–LOC Staff	As announced FIG Room
Tue. Oct. 12 As announced As announced As needed 09:00-18:00	Arrival of the MTC Arrival of the D-WAG Judges Meeting FIG Staff–LOC Staff WTC Meeting	As announced As announced FIG Room WTC Room
Wed. Oct. 13 As announced Upon Arrival As announced As needed As per schedule 09:00-18:00 09:30-12:30 14:00-15:30	Official Arrival Day of the Delegations Distribution of Competitors' Bib numbers Arrival of the D-MAG Judges Meeting FIG Staff–LOC Staff Apparatus Control MTC Meeting WTC Meeting Meeting with D-WAG Judges	As announced Accreditation Center As announced FIG Room Relevant Halls MTC Room WTC Room Online
Thu. Oct. 14 As per schedule As needed As per schedule 09:30-12:30 11:00-12:00 14:00-16:30 14:00-18:00 16:00-18:00 20:00-21:00	MAG and WAG Training Meeting FIG Staff–LOC Staff Apparatus Control MTC Meeting WTC Meeting WAG Judges' Instruction, draw for Qualifications, Scoring Briefing Meeting with D-MAG Judges LOC Rehearsal (march -in and -out, event presentation, rescue drill) Orientation Meeting	Training Halls FIG Room Relevant Halls MTC Room WTC Room Online Online Field of Play Online

DATE / TIME	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
Fri. Oct. 15 As per schedule As per schedule 07:30-08:00 As per Schedule As per schedule After podium training Accordingly 11:00-12:00 14:00-18:00	MAG and WAG Training Apparatus Control WAG Judges' Briefing WAG Warm-up WAG Podium Training (Day 1 - subdivisions 1 to 7) LOC Rehearsal (march -in and -out and event presentation) WAG Athletes' portrait photo session and Fujitsu Measurement MTC Meeting MAG Judges' Instruction, draw for Qualif./AA Final, Scoring Briefing	Training Halls Relevant Halls Online Warm-up Hall Field of Play Field of Play Competition Hall MTC Room Online
Sat. Oct. 16 As per schedule As per schedule 07:30-08:00 As per schedule As per Schedule Accordingly 12:00-15:00 As per schedule As per Schedule After podium training Accordingly	MAG and WAG Training Apparatus Control WAG Judges' Briefing WAG Warm-up WAG Podium Training (Day 2 - subdivisions 8 to 10) WAG Athletes' portrait photo session and Fujitsu Measurement MTC Meeting MAG Warm-up MAG Podium Training (Day 1 - subdivisions 1 and 2) LOC Rehearsal (march -in and -out and event presentation) MAG Athletes' portrait photo session and Fujitsu Measurement	Training Halls Relevant Halls Online Warm-up Hall Field of Play Competition Hall MTC Room Warm-up Hall Field of Play Field of Play Competition Hall
Sun. Oct. 17 As per schedule As per schedule 09:00-18:00 As per schedule As per Schedule After podium training Accordingly TBD TBD TBD	MAG and WAG Training Apparatus Control WTC Meeting MAG Warm-up MAG Podium Training (Day 2 - subdivisions 3 to 8) LOC Rehearsal (march -in and -out and event presentation) MAG Athletes' portrait photo session and Fujitsu Measurement Opening Press Conference (depending on COVID'19 situation) Media Welcome Reception (depending on COVID'19 situation) Heads of Delegation Welcome Reception (depending on COVID'19 situation)	Training Halls Relevant Halls WTC Room Warm-up Hall Field of Play Field of Play Competition Hall TBD TBD TBD
Mon. Oct. 18 As per schedule As per schedule 09:00-18:00 07:30-08:00 As per schedule As per Schedule 09:15-09:45 09:45-11:00 11:15-12:30 13:00-14:15 14:30-15:45 16:00-17:15 17:45-19:00 19:15-20:30	MAG and WAG Training Apparatus Control MTC Meeting WAG Judges' Briefing WAG Warm-up WAG Qualifications (Day 1) Opening Ceremony Subdivision 1 Subdivision 2 Subdivision 3 Subdivision 4 Subdivision 5 Subdivision 6 Subdivision 7	Training Halls Relevant Halls MTC Room Online Warm-up Hall Field of Play Field of Play Field of Play Field of Play Field of Play Field of Play Field of Play Field of Play Field of Play

DATE / TIME	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
Tue. Oct. 19		
As per schedule	MAG and WAG Training	Training Halls
As per schedule	Apparatus Control	Relevant Halls
07:30-08:00	WAG Judges' Briefing	Online
As per schedule	WAG Warm-up	Warm-up Hall
As per Schedule	WAG Qualifications (Day 2)	Field of Play
09:45-11:00	Subdivision 8	Field of Play
11:15-12:30	Subdivision 9	Field of Play
13:00-14:15	Subdivision 10	Field of Play
12:00-15:00	MTC Meeting	MTC Room
14:30-16:30	Votes deposits for Elections of MAG and WAG Representatives	FIG Secretariat
As per schedule	MAG Warm-up	Warm-up Hall
As per Schedule	MAG Qualifications (Day 1)	Field of Play
17:00-18:40	Subdivision 1	Field of Play
19:10-20:50	Subdivision 2	Field of Play
Wed. Oct. 20		
As per schedule	WAG and MAG Training	Training Halls
As per schedule	Apparatus Control	Relevant Halls
09:00-18:00	WTC Meeting and Judges' Qualifications PCVR	WTC Room
14:30-16:30	In case of 2nd Round: Votes deposits for Elections of MAG and WAG Representatives	FIG Secretariat
As per schedule	MAG Warm-up	Warm-up Hall
As per Schedule	MAG Qualifications (Day 2)	Field of Play
09:20-11:00	Subdivision 3	Field of Play
11:10-12:50	Subdivision 4	Field of Play
13:20-15:00	Subdivision 5	Field of Play
15:10-16:50	Subdivision 6	Field of Play
17:20-19:00	Subdivision 7	Field of Play
19:10-20:50	Subdivision 8	Field of Play
Thu. Oct. 21		
As per schedule	MAG and WAG Training	Training Halls
As per schedule	Apparatus Control	Relevant Halls
09:00-18:00	MTC Meeting and Judges' Qualifications PCVR	MTC Room
10:00-11:00	LOC Rehearsal Victory Ceremonies	Field of Play
14:00-15:30	Election Results of WAG Representative / WAG Athletes' Meeting	Online
15:30-16:30	WAG Judges' Briefing and Draw for All-Around Final	Online
As per Schedule	WAG Warm-up	Warm-up Hall
18:15 -	WAG All-Around Final and Victory Ceremony	Field of Play
After Vict. Ceremony	Medalists' Press Conference	Press Conference Room
Fri. Oct. 22		
As per schedule	MAG and WAG Training	Training Halls
As per schedule	Apparatus Control	Relevant Halls
11:00-13:00	WTC Meeting and Judges' All-Around Final PCVR	WTC Room
13:45-15:15	Election Results of MAG Representative / MAG Athletes' Meeting	Online
As per Schedule	MAG Warm-up	Warm-up Hall
18:00 -	MAG All-Around Final and Victory Ceremony	Field of Play
After Vict. Ceremony	Medalists' Press Conference	Press Conference Room

DATE / TIME	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
Sat. Oct. 23		
As per schedule	MAG and WAG Training and Warm-up	Training/Warm-up Halls
As per schedule	Apparatus Control	Relevant Halls
N/A	NO Observer Tour planned at the moment due to COVID'19 situation	N/A
09:30-12:00	MTC Meeting, Draw for Apparatus Finals (FX, PH, SR), Judges' All-Around Final PCVR	MTC Room
10:00-11:00	Round Table on Medical, Anti-doping Fight and Education	Online
12:05-12:50	WAG Judges' Briefing and Draw for Apparatus Finals (VT, UB)	Online
As per Schedule	MAG and WAG Warm-up on the Field of Play	Field of Play
14:20-	Apparatus Finals (Day 1)	Field of Play
14:20-	MAG Floor Exercise	Field of Play
Immed. after MAG FX	WAG Vault	Field of Play
Immed. after WAG VT	Fujitsu Infinity Award and Victory Ceremonies MAG FX / WAG VT	Field of Play
Immed. after Vict. Cere	MAG Pommel Horse	Field of Play
Immed. after MAG PH	WAG Uneven Bars	Field of Play
Immed. after WAG UB	MAG Rings	Field of Play
Immed. after MAG SR	Victory Ceremonies MAG PH / WAG UB / MAG SR	Field of Play
Sun. Oct. 24		
As per schedule	MAG and WAG Training and Warm-up	Training/Warm-up Halls
As per schedule	Apparatus Control	Relevant Halls
09:30-10:30	FIG President Round Table	Online
10:30-12:00	MTC Meeting, Draw for Apparatus Finals (VT, PB, HB), Judges' Apparatus Finals PCVR	MTC Room
10:30-11:30	WTC Meeting and Judges' Apparatus Finals PCVR	WTC Room
TBD	Closing Press Conference (depending on COVID'19 situation)	TBD
11:40-12:25	WAG Judges' Briefing and Draw for Apparatus Finals (BB, FX)	Online
As per Schedule	MAG and WAG Warm-up on the Field of Play	Field of Play
13:55-	Apparatus Finals (Day 2)	Field of Play
13:55-	MAG Vault	Field of Play
Immed. after MAG VT	WAG Balance Beam	Field of Play
Immed. after WAG BB	Victory Ceremonies MAG VT / WAG BB	Field of Play
Immed. after Vict. Cere	MAG Parallel Bars	Field of Play
Immed. after MAG PB	WAG Floor Exercise	Field of Play
Immed. after WAG FX	MAG Horizontal Bar	Field of Play
Immed. after MAG HB	Victory Ceremonies MAG PB / WAG FX / MAG HB	Field of Play
Immed. after Vict.Cere	Closing Ceremony	Field of Play
N/A	NO Farewell Banquet planned at the moment due to COVID'19 situation	N/A
Mon. Oct. 25		
As announced	Official Departure Day of the Delegations and Judges	As announced
As Needed	MTC Meeting, Judges' Apparatus Finals PCVR and finalization	FIG Hotel
As Needed	WTC Meeting, Judges' Apparatus Finals PCVR and finalization	FIG Hotel
Tue. Oct. 26		
As announced	Departure of the MTC and the WTC	As announced

4. PARTICIPATION RIGHTS AND ACCREDITATIONS

Participation Rights

Please refer to the Directives for details on participation rights, (media) accreditations, maximum delegation size, supplementary accreditations, payment procedures, and insurance deadlines.

A list including all medical personnel duly approved by the FIG is published on the FIG web site. Medical personnel seeking accreditation for these Individual WCH and who are not on this list must send to the FIG Office (attention Mr. Loïc Vidmer at lvidmer@fig-gymnastics.org) a copy of their medical certificate/diploma duly translated in English or French.

They must also complete as soon as possible but at the very latest at the deadline of the Nominative Registration, the “Form to be accredited as Medical Doctor or Paramedical staff at FIG Events (2015 edition)”, which can be downloaded from the FIG database after creating a profile for medical staff (please refer to the FIG database User instructions available on the FIG administration website). Without this document, the accreditation of the medical personnel will not be released.

Accreditation Principles

FIG Accreditation rules have to be strictly respected. The accreditation identifies individuals in good standing from FIG affiliated federations participating in the event. It indicates and defines individuals' right to access to the different zones as per their functions (Appendix 1 and Appendix 2). All participants and officials are required to wear their Accreditation Cards at all times.

The accreditation is personal, non-transferable and compulsory to have access to the training, warm-up, and competition halls, the official functions (depending on the COVID'19 situation) and the transport system of the LOC. The LOC transport system will be accessible for all accredited persons as accommodation **must** be booked through the LOC due to the COVID-19.

The access in the Warm-up Hall is strictly limited to the gymnasts participating in the specific competition and according to the Warm-up schedule, with the appropriate delegation member (with transferable access card only for the Head of Delegation and Team Manager). The accreditation card is also necessary to pass the security controls.

Any misuse of an accreditation (zone, time, transfer, etc.) will lead to the withdrawal of the accreditation and a fine of CHF 2500.- for each case.

In case of lost or stolen accreditation cards, the LOC and the FIG must be informed immediately to block the accreditation. Lost or stolen accreditations may be replaced at the charge of the card holder (JPY20,000).

The Accreditation Rules will be strictly applied, notably as far as the number of accreditations per federation is concerned. No further accreditations may be issued without the prior approval of FIG. Any additional person is considered as a spectator and must buy entry tickets. Accreditations will not be delivered unless all financial, organizational and insurance obligations have been met.

Delegation Accreditation Center

The accreditation center will be located and open as follows:

From 13 to 14 October 2021

- Location: LOC office near Kokura station in Kitakyushu city
- Opening Hours: In operation depending on the arrival time of the participating Delegations

From 15 to 24 October 2021

- Location: Kitakyushu General Gymnasium
- Opening Hours (subject to changes): from 10:00 to 17:00

The accreditation process of the participating Delegations will take place in the LOC office near the Kokura station in Kitakyushu city. **Up to 2 persons only** will be allowed to visit the Accreditation Center. Transportation between the hotel and the LOC office will be arranged by the LOC. The Accreditation cards will be distributed to the Head of Delegation or his/her Representative only once all the financial requirements have been fulfilled. If Delegations failed to upload all photos before the event and a photo needs to be taken at the Accreditation Center, the person with missing photo must join the Head of Delegation or his/her Representative.

Control and Distribution of Material at Accreditation

At accreditation, the Head of Delegation or his/her Representative must:

- check the correct names of the complete Delegation and present to the LOC the valid passports of all Delegation members for proof of identity and control of Nationality. A copy of the passport of the accredited gymnasts and judges will be made and handed out to the FIG.

- present to the LOC the gymnasts' valid FIG License for further age control and anti-doping purposes.
- confirm the NF contact details onsite (Email and cell phone) for proper delivery of the gymnasts' start lists, judges' lists and results.
- show proof of the cover note or photocopy of the valid insurance policy either in English or in Japanese (if not sent to the LOC in advance).
- finalize the necessary payments if needed (such as accreditation, insurance, hotel accommodations, meals, visa)
- if not done in advance, confirm the accuracy of the Federation National Anthem and National Flag (Appendix 4). It is not necessary to bring them on site.
- upload onto the LOC online system the WAG competitors' floor exercise music (if any) for (Podium) training, warm-up and competition sessions **by 30 September 2021 at the very latest**. **NO** CDs will be collected upon accreditation. However, in case of technical problems or for safety reasons, Delegations will still be requested to submit one spare CD copy of the WAG competitor music at the music desk in the Training Venues **on 14 October 2021 (Ano Dome or Aso Sports Center)**. The CD should include:
 - Name of the Federation (FIG official three letters country code e.g. SUI)
 - Full name of the gymnast
 - Duration of the music for the exercise.
- if a photo has to be taken in Kitakyushu because none has been uploaded to the **LOC** online system, there will be a charge to the federation of **JPY3,000** per person payable at the time of accreditation.

At accreditation, the LOC will also:

- hand out the Transferable Access Cards (TAC) and the SID card
- distribute the "Medical and anti-doping practical information"
- deliver the meal tickets
- distribute the Competitors' Bib numbers
- hand out and display information regarding the gymnasts' safeguarding plan.

Delegation Seating

Depending on the COVID-19 situation, the LOC will reserve a number of seats for the accredited delegation members in the venue (Appendix 2). These seats will be available on a first come, first served basis. Delegates will be requested not to sit in any other spectator seats within the arena unless permitted to do so by a representative of the LOC. Reserved places will also be put at the disposal of Press, Radio, Television, Photographers, authorized officials and guests of honors.

Transferable Access Cards (TAC)

All delegations will be allocated a number of Zones 1 and Zone 3 TACs in conjunction with their primary accreditation card, respecting FIG Accreditation Rules as follows:

- all coaches and medical personnel need to present a TAC in order to access the Competition Area - Field of Play (Zone 1).
- all Heads of Delegation and Team Managers need to present a TAC in order to access the Warm-up Hall (Zone 3).

Additional TACs may be delivered by FIG upon request by the delegation in case of conflicting schedules. The TACs are only transferable within the Federation's official delegation and the appropriate function. Lost or stolen transferable cards will **not** be replaced.

5. INSURANCE

Delegations are requested to send a copy of their insurance coverage note to the LOC by 20 September 2021 at the very latest.

Delegation members with insufficient insurance coverage must inform the LOC **in writing** no later than **20 September 2021**. Please visit <https://www.gymnastics.sport/site/pages/medical-insurance.php> for details on the First Class Assistance provided by FIG for Athletes and Judges.

6. NOMINATIVE REGISTRATIONS

Please refer to the Directives for details on the different steps regarding the Nominative Registration.

As per FIG Code of Ethics art. 2d), during the conduct of their activities, FIG members are expected to display correct conduct and deportment, to strictly follow the FIG Code of Conduct and to declare any conflict of interest between the organisation of which he/she is a member and all other organisations with which the FIG has relationships.

Any close family relative to a competitive gymnast may not judge that gymnast or his/her unit (pair, group, etc.) at any FIG sanctioned event. If a conflict should or could appear, the President of the FIG is to be informed, so appropriate action can be taken. As per EC decision, "close family relative" are defined as follows:

- People who are or were married to, or live in a registered partnership or co-habit with a gymnast.
- People who are related to a gymnast by birth or marriage in direct or in collateral line, including the following persons: grandparent, parent, uncle, aunt, brother, sister, child, grandchild, nephew and cousin.

Fines

As per FIG TR Section 1, Art. 11.1.2, the fine to be paid to FIG after missing the Nominative Registration's deadlines or after late Nominative Registration is of CHF 1'000.-

FIG licences

Please refer to the Directives

Gymnasts' age limits

- The age of the **MAG competitors** in 2021 is minimum **18 years old** (born 2003) or older.
- The age of the **WAG competitors** in 2021 is minimum **16 years old** (born 2005) or older.

7. JUDGES' BREVET

Only judges with the appropriate and valid category of brevet for their function for this XIV Cycle (2017-2021) will be authorized to judge in Kitakyushu (i.e. Category I, II, III).

8. REGISTRATION CHANGES

Please refer to FIG TR Section 2 Art. 6 for details on the provisions related to registration changes.

Competitors' bib numbers

The LOC will distribute the competitors' bib numbers to the Head of Delegation or his/her Representative at the Accreditation Center upon arrival.

The loss of a competitor's bib number will have to be reported immediately to the SID. The competitor's bib number must be firmly attached to the competition attire during the whole competition. Sponsors' advertisements on competition bib numbers should not be covered and must be clearly visible.

9. VENUE

Please refer to the Directives for pictures, descriptions, and the general plan of the Competition, Warm-up and Training Halls.

Competition Hall:

- The Judges' panels and Apparatus Supervisors will sit in one line outside the Field of Play.
- The apparatus podium will be 80 cm height.
- The venue ceiling height will be 21.32 m and the height of the lighting grid over the Field of Play 14.3 m.
- The necessary equipment for the musical accompaniment of women's FX will be provided.
- Depending on the COVID-19 situation, the spectators' seating capacity will be determined at a later stage.

Warm-up Hall:

- The apparatus used in the Warm-up Hall will be identical to those in the Competition Hall.
- **No** podium will be provided in the Warm-up Hall for any apparatus.
- All apparatus will be anchored to a wooden floor.
- An additional stretching area will be provided next to the Warm-Up Hall.
- The necessary equipment for the musical accompaniment of women's FX will be provided.
- A designated passage for the participants will link the Warm-up Hall to the Competition Hall (see Appendix 2)

Training Halls:

- The apparatus used in the Training Halls will be identical to those in the Competition Hall.
- For MAG and WAG, the apparatus will be anchored to a temporary wooden floor in the Training Halls 1 and 2 (Ano Dome) and to a wooden floor in the Training Hall 3 (Aso Sports Center).
- A general stretching area will be provided next to the MAG and WAG Training Halls 1 and 2. However **NO** general stretching area will be provided in the MAG and WAG Training Halls 3.
- The necessary equipment for the musical accompaniment of women's FX will be provided.

10. TRANSPORTATION AND VISAS

Due to the COVID-19 situation, a special entry visa is required **for all participants** regardless of their nationalities in order to enter Japan and take part in these Individual WCH. The visa application form with all necessary information must be sent to the LOC by the designated deadline to ensure that the visas can be issued in time.

Arrivals

Due to the COVID-19 situation and in accordance with the government policy, the official airports have been **changed** to Tokyo Haneda International Airport and Tokyo Narita International Airport. The LOC personnel will welcome the Delegations at the arrival points in Tokyo with event logo signs. Delegations will therefore be requested to make their ways to meet with them.

Domestic transportation between these official airports and the official hotels in Kitakyushu will be arranged by the LOC. Depending on the arrival time in Tokyo however, the LOC staff will escort the Delegations from their arrival points in Tokyo to then:

- take their domestic flight to Kitakyushu the same day, or
- get to a Hotel in Tokyo and take their domestic flight to Kitakyushu the next morning.

Shared vehicles are planned as a means of transportation for the participating delegations between the Training or Competition halls and the official hotels. Details will be provided upon arrival in Kitakyushu.

Departures

Local transportation from the official hotels to the official airport in Tokyo (Haneda or Narita airports) will be arranged by the LOC based on the flight schedules collected from each Delegation. All Delegations will be asked to present their departure flight information (international flight) at the Accreditation Center. A detailed departure schedule will be distributed in the Delegation mail box.

Transport Office Phone Number



Please refer to the back of the Accreditation card

11. ACCOMMODATIONS

Please refer to the Directives for details on the selection, reservations, payments procedures, and cancellation policy. The description and locations of the official Hotels will be sent by the LOC to each Delegation by Email. The costs incurred for early check-ins and/or late check-outs during the official arrival and departure days **will be covered by the LOC.**

Each Federation will be requested to register via the **LOC** online system their “Accommodation by Name” by **30 September 2021** at the very latest. The name of the hotel allocated to each participating Delegation will be included on the invoice, which will be sent to each Federation **after 17 September 2021**. The final payment to the LOC of all accommodation fees is required to be received **by no later than 30 September 2021 (i.e. payment received on the LOC account)**. Failure to forward the payment by the required date will result in the reservations being cancelled and in the deposit payment being forfeited.

All inquiries concerning accommodation must be addressed directly to the LOC as they will be responsible for handling all corresponding issues.

Check-in Times and Procedures

Each Official Hotel will have received a rooming list from those delegations who have submitted their registration. The room keys and hotel information will be distributed to the delegation upon their hotel check-in.

Credit cards imprints may be made to cover all incidental costs during the Delegation’s stay.

Check-out Times and Procedures

Check-out times will be determined by the LOC based on the flight schedule provide by each Delegation from the official airports in Tokyo (Narita or Haneda airports). Delegations will be allowed to stay in their hotel rooms until the time specified by the LOC. .

Delegations will be responsible for all hotel costs incurred, including all extra costs (such as hotel services, laundry, room service, mini-bar, paid TV movies, telephone calls). Any damages made to the Hotel facilities will be the exclusive responsibility of the Delegation concerned.

12. MEALS

Please refer to the Directives for details on the prices, reservations, arrangements, payments procedures as well as cancellation policy. Due to COVID-19 and depending on each hotel's policy for securing the event's bubble system, breakfast will either be delivered in a meal box to each room or served in a dedicated banquet room. Lunches and dinners will automatically be arranged by the LOC and the costs will have to be covered by the participating Delegations.

Access rights for lunches and dinners will be controlled, in addition to the accreditation card, with meal coupons at the designated area in **Kokura**. A variety of hot and cold food in sufficient quantities will be guaranteed each day. Menus will be designed to be nutritious, tasty, and of excellent quality.

The invoice will be sent to each participating delegations after **17 September 2021**. The final payment of all meals to the LOC is required to be received **by no later than 30 September 2021**.

Besides lunches and dinners, supplementary foods will be prepared free of charge in the competition hall, warm-up hall, judges' lounge, light snacks athletes' area, and training halls (e.g. fresh fruits, energy bar, chocolate, light meal).

At the Competition Venue, meals free of charge (either lunch, or dinner, or both lunch and dinner depending on the Podium Trainings and Qualifications times) for:

- the MAG and WAG Judges during their respective MAG and WAG Podium Trainings
- the working MAG and WAG Judges during their respective MAG and WAG Qualifications.

The final payment to the LOC of the corresponding amount for all meals is required to be received by no later than the date specified in the invoice issued by the LOC. Failure to forward the payment by the required date will result in the reservations being cancelled and in the deposit payment being forfeited. All inquiries concerning meals must be addressed directly to the LOC as they will be responsible for handling all corresponding issues.

Farewell banquet

Due to COVID-19 infection situation at the moment, **NO** Farewell Banquet is planned. If the situation improves and the Farewell Banquet can be organized, details on the location, time, transport service, dress code, food and beverages served for this function would be communicated in due course. Accredited Delegation members would receive a free ticket for the Farewell Banquet. Farewell Banquet would **not** be open to the media, with the **exception** of one ENG crew of the Host Broadcaster.

13. TRAINING AND PODIUM TRAINING

Early or late training opportunities

Unfortunately, based on the government instruction related to the current infection situation, the LOC had to reluctantly decide to cancel all pre-training camps and early or late training opportunities.

Official training schedules

The Official training schedules and the composition of the different training groups are included in Appendix 12 for MAG and WAG (subject to minor modifications). While the MAG Training sessions are free, specific times have been established for the WAG Training sessions.

The LOC will strictly monitor the rotations and training orders of each group and the Delegations will have to respect the designated training times and the allocated training halls. Each gymnast will have minimum 3 ½ hours per day in 2 sessions, one comprising more than one hour and one comprising 2 or more hours. Changes to the official scheduled training hours will **not** be accepted and Delegations will be responsible for following the official training schedules.

After the Qualifications, sufficient training sessions will be available to the gymnasts (and the designated reserves) who have qualified for the All-Around Final and the Apparatus Finals. **No additional training requests will therefore be accepted**. For gymnasts who do not progress beyond the Qualifications as well as for the NFs replacement gymnasts, open and free training session will be foreseen following the Qualifications.

As **NO** separate entrance and **NO** designated area will be provided for the judges close to the training halls, the judges will **NOT** be allowed access in these areas.

Podium training

Please refer to Appendix 12 for information on the MAG and WAG podium training schedules (subject to minor modifications). The MAG and WAG podium trainings will be held in accordance with the starting order of the FIG Draw for the Qualifications and will in principle follow the Qualifications time periods. Podium Training days will be considered as Training Days.

During their allocated Podium Training session time, MAG and WAG gymnasts will be authorized to return to the warm-up hall and use the designated stretching area and the apparatus, with permission from any federation(s) warming-up. Priority will however always be given to the gymnasts warming-up for the next subdivision.

Federations will be required to inform the LOC, at the SID or the Training Venues, of their gymnasts' WAG Floor Exercise starting order for the sake of music playing (Appendix 14) by **14 October 2021 at 21:00** at the latest.

These Podium Training days will be officially open to the media and, if confirmed, to pre-appointed Kitakyushu residents and invited students.

14. WARM-UP BEFORE COMPETITION

Please refer to Appendix 12 for information on the MAG and WAG warm-up schedules (subject to minor modifications).

Before **Podium training, Qualifications, and All-Around Final**, warm-up time in the warm-up Hall will be allocated. Warm-up will be specifically timed for WAG, but will remain free for MAG. For the **All-Around Final**, the designated reserve and the NF's replacement gymnasts will be entitled to use the Warm-up Hall until the start of the All-Around Final.

Prior to the start of the **Apparatus Finals**, a warm-up period of one hour will be provided to the gymnasts (including the designated reserve and then NF's replacement gymnasts) in the Competition Hall. This warm-up period will end at the very latest 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the competition. Then, as the Apparatus Finals progress, warm-up time in the warm-up Hall will be allocated to the gymnasts (including the designated reserve and the NF's replacement gymnasts) until the start of their respective apparatus.

15. COMPETITION (INCLUDING TOUCH WARM-UP)

See Appendix 12 for information on MAG and WAG Competition schedules (subject to minor modifications).

Drawing of Lots

The gymnasts' drawing of lots to decide the starting order of the Qualifications and the Apparatus Finals was conducted on 31 July 2021 during the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games in the presence of MTC President Arturs Mickevics and WTC President Donatella Sacchi. The results were published consecutively. After this draw, no gymnast can be added to the number of gymnasts declared in the Definitive Registration. No additional gymnasts may appear at the accreditation. The FIG, in consultation with the TC and the LOC reserves the right to apply adjustments to the draw and starting order should the Nominative Registrations received or the final number of participants at the time of the competition generate organizational problems in terms of training, podium training, warm-up and competition schedules.

General Principles

Qualifications, All Around Finals, and Apparatus Finals will be held in accordance with the 2020 FIG TR valid in 2021 including Section 2 for Artistic Gymnastic, Reg.5.2, the MAG Code of Points 2017-2020 valid in 2021 (including NSL# 32 to 38), the WAG Code of Points 2017-2020 valid in 2021 (including NSL# 41 to 45 and Help Desk 7th Edition), as well as other FIG technical directives. There will be no Team Finals or Team Ranking from the Qualifications.

These Individual WCH comprise exercises on each of the various apparatus to determine the All-Around World Champion and the World Champion on each Apparatus. For athletes' substitution or withdrawal, please refer to Section 2 Art 6. of the FIG TR.

The Competition Director and the Field of Play Managers will be in charge in all relevant areas. The instructions given by them must be strictly observed, especially during TV broadcast (i.e. in relation with the march -in and -out).

During competition and touch warm-up on the Field of Play, gymnasts, coaches, and judges are absolutely prohibited from using any electronic device to talk, transmit or receive messages (mobile phones, mini-notebooks, computers, etc.) or use any camera or video device. D- Judges may use a personal computer **solely** for their necessary judging information and to record details of exercises for their final report. Gymnasts may use an electronic device in the Field of Play **solely** for the playing of personal music with wired headphones.

Preparation of Apparatus

For the **Qualifications**, the **All-Around Final**, and the **Apparatus Finals**, up to two accredited persons are allowed to start preparing the apparatus as follows:

- At the beginning of the competition for the first rotation, these persons may start preparing the apparatus as soon as the gymnasts' presentation or the march -in music begins.
- for all subsequent rotations, these persons may move to the next apparatus in advance and they may start preparing the apparatus as soon as the rotation music begins

In addition, if necessary for the **Qualifications**, the **All-Around Final**, and the **Apparatus Finals**, any accredited person for MAG and an additional gymnast or coach for WAG may enter the Field of Play to prepare respectively Pommel Horse, Rings, Parallel Bars, and Horizontal Bar for the Men and Uneven Bars for the Women. Once the apparatus is ready, this additional person **must** exit the Field of Play **immediately** or at the very latest at the end of the gymnasts' routine.

Touch Warm-up

For the **Qualifications**, the **All-Around Final**, **AND** the **Apparatus Finals** (as per FIG Council decision in September 2021), a 30-second touch warm-up period per apparatus (with 50 seconds for the Uneven Bars and for Parallel Bars, including the preparation of the bars) will be granted to each gymnast on the Field of Play podium. For **WAG Vault**, while maximum two attempts are permitted in Qualifications and All-Around Final, maximum 3 attempts are permitted both in Qualifications to qualify for the Apparatus Final and in Apparatus Final.

For the **Qualifications** and the **All-Around Final**, the gymnasts will proceed with their touch warm-up on the podium as one group.

For the **Apparatus Finals**, this touch warm-up will be made **in two groups** as per the starting order:

- Gymnasts 1, 2, 3, 4 do their touch warm-up and compete first
- Gymnasts 5, 6, 7, 8 do their touch warm-up and compete second

Qualifications and Starting Order

The gymnasts will be divided into groups as per the gymnasts' drawing of lots results. The location of groups into the various subdivisions and apparatus as well as the starting order of the Federation in the first rotation of each subdivision were decided by the draw. Subsequent rotations will proceed as per the standard rules should the Nominative Registrations permit it.

The MAG **and** WAG gymnasts will exceptionally be authorized to return to the warm-up hall during competitions, without any special approval, in order to share the designated stretching area and the apparatus. Priority will nevertheless always be given to any gymnasts warming-up for the following subdivision. Therefore, permission will be required from any federation(s) warming-up **before** the MAG and WAG gymnasts coming from the Competition Hall may use the stretching area or a specific apparatus. MAG and WAG gymnasts will be fully responsible for being present in the competition hall when required in order to perform their routine on time.

A Federation may insert any registered gymnast into the position drawn for its Federation on the respective apparatus. **The Head of Delegation or his/her Representative must also confirm if the gymnast(s) will perform one or two Vaults.**

The confirmation of the starting order will have to be submitted to the SID **24 hours** prior to the **start** of the MAG and WAG Qualifications at the latest (Appendix 7 and Appendix 8). As MAG and WAG Qualifications take place over one day and a half each, the deadlines of 24 hours are fixed at the latest as follows:

- For WAG Subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7: **17 October 2021 at 09:45**
- For WAG Subdivisions 8, 9, and 10: **18 October 2021 at 09:45**
- For MAG Subdivisions 1 and 2: **18 October 2021 at 17:00**
- For MAG Subdivisions 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8: **19 October 2021 at 09:20**

If a federation does not respect these deadlines, the gymnasts' starting order will be determined based on the gymnasts' bib numbers.

The gymnasts will proceed with their competition as one group.

At the end of the Qualifications, a list of MAG and WAG qualified gymnasts and designated reserves for the All-Around Finals and the Apparatus Finals will be published and distributed. In case of ties, the tie-breaking rules as defined in the FIG TR will apply. Qualified gymnasts for the All-Around Final and the Apparatus Finals may be replaced by their NF with one of its other gymnasts at their discretion in accordance with Section 2 Art 6 of the FIG TR and provided that the said replacement has obtained a superior result to that of the first gymnast of reserve.

All-Around Final and Working Order

In order to qualify for the All-Around Final, the gymnast must have participated in the Qualifications. The best 24 gymnasts from the Qualifications will qualify for the All-Around Final with a maximum of 2 gymnasts per Federation, and with 4 designated reserve gymnasts standing by.

The MAG and WAG competitions working order will take place in accordance with the TR, section 2, Reg. 5.1.7.3

The Head of Delegation or his/her Representative is not required to confirm participation in the All-Around Final, but must inform the SID if he/she refuses a place and therefore withdraws a gymnast at the very latest 24 hours prior to **start** of the MAG and WAG All-Around Final (Appendix 9) as follows:

- For WAG: **20 October 2021 at 18:15**
- For MAG: **21 October 2021 at 18:00**

This applies to the qualified gymnasts and designated reserves.

In case of ties, the tie-breaking rules as defined in the FIG TR will apply.

Apparatus Finals and Starting Order

The best eight gymnasts per apparatus from the Qualifications will qualify for the Apparatus Finals with a maximum of two gymnasts per Federation and with 3 designated reserve gymnasts per apparatus standing by. The MAG and WAG starting order will take place as per the gymnasts' drawing of lots results.

The Head of Delegation or his/her Representative is not required to confirm participation in the Apparatus Finals, but must inform the SID if he/she refuses a place and therefore withdraws a gymnast at the very latest 24 hours prior to the **start** of the MAG and WAG Apparatus Finals (Appendix 9) as follows:

- For MAG and WAG: **22 October 2021 at 14:20 for Day 1**
- For MAG and WAG: **23 October 2021 at 13:55 for Day 2**

This applies to the qualified gymnasts and designated reserves.

In case of ties, the tie-breaking rules as defined in the FIG TR will apply.

Kiss and Cry

Details on the conduct of this Kiss and Cry will be communicated during the Orientation Meeting. The gymnasts will be requested to cooperate with the LOC

16. FIG CERTIFIED APPARATUS

The FIG Certified Manufacturer Supplier for these Individual WCH will be Taishan. The Color of the Floor Exercise mat will be blue. The Apparatus controls will be conducted as per the enclosed schedule. Please refer to the Directives for details on the list of Apparatus used.

17. NEW ELEMENTS, REQUEST TO CHANGE APPARATUS MEASUREMENTS, VAULT NUMBERS

The Head of Delegation or his/her Representative must submit to the LOC at the Training venues (on 14 October 2021 only) or the SID:

- Appendix 5 for “New Elements” prior to the time of the Orientation Meeting or at the latest before the start of Podium Training
- Appendix 6 for “Request to Change Apparatus Measurements” prior to the time of the Orientation Meeting or at the latest during Podium Training
- Appendix 10 for “Vault Numbers” prior to the time of the Orientation Meeting or at the latest one hour before the competitions’ start.

18. WAG MUSIC

The music form will be available for download after each National Gymnastics Federation submits its Nominative Registration. This Excel document will already be partially filled out with the names of the gymnasts submitted at the Nominative Registration. The name of the composer, the title of the music the gymnast will perform to and the name of the artist or interpreter must be added. The structure of the form in itself must not be modified. Once completed, the form must be returned **EXCLUSIVELY by Email in XLS/XLSX format** (at ccachemaille@fig-gymnastics.org) and the LOC. **OTHER FORMAT SUCH AS JPG OR PDF WILL BE REFUSED.** In case of loss, the form may be re-downloaded by clicking on the button with the musical note to be found just to the right of the Registration button as indicated below.



While the LOC guarantees the respect for the rights of author and broadcasting of the musical works, each National Gymnastics Federation will also have to confirm that the Floor Exercise music of their WAG gymnast does not violate any copyrights and that it can be broadcasted within sports. This confirmation will be made by filling-in the aforementioned WAG Music Form and by returning it to FIG (at ccachemaille@fig-gymnastics.org) **by 20 September 2021 until 23:59 Swiss time** at the very latest.

19. JUDGES’ PANEL, JURY OF APPEAL, AND SUPERVISORY BOARD

Refer to Appendix 2 for the judges’ march -in and -out.

D- and R- Judges

While the Difficulty and Reference Judges have been respectively drawn and selected by the MTC and WTC, these judges **will count** in the judges’ quota allowed per Federation.

E- Judges

Each Delegation with 1-3 MAG and 1-3 WAG gymnasts may send up to 1 eligible Execution judge of Category I, II, or III for the XIV Cycle, regardless if R- judge was selected or D- judge was drawn. The total number of D-, R-, or E- judges per NF may however not exceed 2.

Each delegation with 4-6 MAG and 4 WAG gymnasts may send up to 2 eligible E- judges of Category I, II, or III for the XIV Cycle, provided that no R- judge was selected or no D- judge was drawn:

- If 1 R- is selected, then only 1 E- can be assigned
- If 1 D- is drawn, then only 1 E- can be assigned
- If 1 R- is selected and 1 D- is drawn, then no E can be assigned

The MAG and WAG E- judges' draw in Kitakyushu will be conducted in accordance with the principles mentioned in the TR art. 7.10.3 a) Section 1, and as outlined in the General and Discipline Specific Judges' Rules.

Jury of Appeal and Supervisory Board

The Jury of Appeal and Supervisory board consist of two members (one acting as President) and a third person to be designated in accordance with the matter of the appeal. In case of a judge's appeal, a person not involved in the decision of the Superior Jury and in the judging process of the apparatus concerned will be nominated.

20. ANNOUNCEMENTS, ROLL CALLS AND MARCH -IN AND -OUT

During the competitions, the announcements will be made exclusively in English. The warm-up will end 15 minutes prior to the start of the competition session. The first roll call will be conducted in the warm-up hall 10 minutes prior to the start of the respective competitions. The second roll call will be conducted at the entrance of the Competition Hall, 5 minutes prior to the start of the respective competitions. The gymnasts must remain in position and may not leave within these 5 minutes. The competitors are required to follow the instructions of the LOC staff. Please refer to Appendix 2 for the gymnasts march -in and -out. The gymnasts are required to wear their competition attire for march -in and -out. Coaches will be asked to enter the Field of Play by a separate entrance and to carry the bags of their gymnasts to their first apparatus.

21. SCORING

Swiss Timing will provide the official scoring equipment for these Individual WCH. The Swiss Timing equipment will be used for the data management of the gymnasts' start lists, judges' lists, scores, and results. While the IRCOS system will be used in accordance with FIG Rules, the start list of competitors, the list of judges and the results will be distributed electronically via Email (and possibly the event "Portal" if available).

Invalid Results marks

Please refer to FIG TR Section 1 Art. 8.5 and the Appendix to the Code of Points for details on the designations and implications of invalid results marks, namely "Did Not Start" (DNS), "Did Not Finish" (DNF), "0" score, or "Disqualified" (DSQ).

22. INQUIRY

As per Art. 8.4 of the TR, inquiries for the difficulty scores are allowed, provided that they are made verbally immediately after the publication of the score or at the very latest before the score of the following gymnast is shown. For the last gymnast of a rotation, this limit is one minute after the score is shown on the score board.

The person designated to receive the verbal inquiry (Inquiry Officer) has to note the time of receiving it and this starts the procedure. Only the accredited coaches in the competition area are entitled to submit an inquiry. **The expected score must be mentioned on the inquiry form for the inquiry to be accepted.** Areas close to the podium where the coach of the competing gymnast can observe the exercise will be designated (Appendix 2). Late verbal inquiries will be rejected. A federation is not allowed to complain against a gymnast from another federation. Inquiries for the Execution scores are not allowed.

The inquiry must be confirmed as soon as possible in writing (Appendix 11), but within 4 minutes at the latest after the verbal inquiry. This procedure requires **an agreement** of payment of CHF 300.-- for the first inquiry; CHF 500.-- for the second inquiry and CHF 1'000.-- for the third and all subsequent inquiries, lodged by the Federation throughout the WCH (and not starting from "1" again at each competition phase). Federations are not requested to pay cash **as cash money is not allowed on the Field of Play**. Should the inquiry not be confirmed in writing within 4 minutes, the procedure becomes obsolete.

After review of the inquiry, should the final score be higher, this sum will not be invoiced by FIG to the Federation. However, should the final score remain **unchanged or be lower**, the sum will be invoiced and transferred to the FIG Foundation. Every inquiry must be examined by the Superior Jury and a final decision (which may not be appealed) must be taken at the very latest:

- at the end of the rotation for the Qualifications and the All-Around Final
- before the score of the following gymnast is shown for the Apparatus Finals.

Additional information are laid down in the Appendix to the Code of Points.

Fujitsu Judges' Support System Measurement-Gymnasts' Portrait Photo Session (FIG/Sports Presentation)

After each podium training session, the FIG portrait photo, sports presentation photo, and the Fujitsu body dimension measurement sessions will take place right after each other in the proximity of the stretching area (Appendix 2).

23. CEREMONIES

Opening Ceremony

The Opening Ceremony presenting the FIG and NF Flags on the large screen, as well as playing the Host Country National Anthem and delivering the Oaths (i.e. Judges', Athletes' and Coaches') and speeches will take place on **18 October 2021** from 09h15 to 09h45 in the Kitakyushu General Gymnasium, 1st Stadium.

Further detailed information will be given during the Orientation Meeting.

Victory Ceremonies

The victory ceremonies will be held as per the schedule enclosed and carried out in accordance with the FIG Rules for Award Ceremonies. The Victory Ceremonies will be conducted on a large stage within the Field of Play, rather than on the FX podium. The persons requested to attend the victory ceremonies **and be present in time for the line-up prior to the ceremonies** will be as follows:

All-Around Finals	Gymnasts ranked 1 st to 8 th
Apparatus Finals	Gymnasts ranked 1 st to 3 rd

The gymnasts will be required to wear their **national tracksuits**. The national flags of the best gymnasts will be displayed on the large screen and the national anthem of the World Champions will be played. The following awards will be granted to the top 8 per Finals:

1 st position	1 gold medal and 1 diploma per gymnast
2 nd position	1 silver medal and 1 diploma per gymnast
3 rd position	1 bronze medal and 1 diploma per gymnast
4 th to 8 th position	1 diploma per gymnast

Due to the COVID-19 situation, gymnasts will be required to wear a mask during the Victory Ceremonies. They will be allowed to take their mask off only during the photo session for a short period of time.

Closing Ceremony

The closing Ceremony will be part of the final session on **24 October 2021** immediately after the conclusion of the Apparatus Finals in the Kitakyushu General Gymnasium, 1st Stadium.

Depending on the COVID-19 situation, at the end of the Closing Ceremony the FIG flag will be handed over to a representative of the 51st FIG Artistic Gymnastics World Championships to be held in Liverpool (GBR) in 2022.

Distribution of Diplomas, Souvenir Plaques, and Certificates

While the diplomas and souvenir plaques will be distributed in the Delegation mail boxes, the certificates will be sent to each NF via Email by the LOC.

24. FUJITSU INFINITY AWARD

The Fujitsu Infinity Award will honor one Federation for MAG and one Federation for WAG on their achievements at these Individual WCH. The selection will be made by considering the results obtained, overcoming challenges, artistry, virtuosity, spirit and infinite possibilities for greater future success. The top 5 Federations based on the number of MAG and WAG gymnasts qualified for the All-Around Final and the Apparatus Finals will meet the minimum selection criteria. Each discipline will be considered separately and ties will not be broken. The final selections will be made by the FIG President, an event Ambassador and Fujitsu. The award, consisting of one trophy for MAG, one trophy for WAG, as well as a USD \$10,000.00 total cash prize will be presented during the Apparatus Finals on Saturday, 23 October, 2021. The total cash prize will be distributed equally to the gymnasts qualified to the Finals from the winning MAG and WAG Federations as per the following example:

- MAG Winning Federation: out of a total of 6 participating gymnasts, **3** gymnasts qualified to the All-Around Final and/or the Apparatus Finals.
- WAG Winning Federation: out of a total of 4 participating gymnasts, **2** gymnasts qualified to the All-Around Final and/or the Apparatus Finals.

A total of **5** gymnasts will equally split the total cash prize equivalent to an award of US\$2,000.00 each.

The money will be transferred to the winning Federations for distribution to the gymnasts.

25. MEDICAL SERVICES

The medical service is provided by the LOC according to the FIG Rules "Medical Organisation of the FIG Competitions and Events". Upon the Individual WCH accreditation, the document "Medical and anti-doping practical information" will be handed out to each delegation. It contains information regarding the access to medical care and mentions useful contact details in case of emergency.

IMPORTANT NOTE: in order to receive medical treatment in Japan, a “guardian” must accompany any participants of minority age (i.e. 19 years old or younger) at the time of entry into Japan. All NFs must therefore ensure that:

- one of their delegation members will be authorized by the Parent/Legal Guardian of the participants of minority age to serve as “guardian”,
- a Letter of Consent, duly signed by the Parent/Legal Guardian, the NF and the Delegation member who will act as “guardian” is prepared. This Letter of Consent will be required for any medical treatment being administered to the participants of minority age by a medical organization (Appendix 15). A delegation member serving as a “guardian” has to be responsible for always carrying this Letter of Consent in order to present it when required at the hospital.

26. DOPING CONTROL AND THERAPEUTIC USE EXEMPTIONS

Under the supervision of the FIG, doping controls will be organized according to the current WADA Code, WADA International Standards and FIG Anti-Doping Rules. The doping controls may take place **at any time**. As per the applicable FIG Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) procedure in effect concerning the participation at FIG Events, any gymnast in need of a TUE is responsible, together with his/her Federation, to submit his/her request to the FIG no later than 30 days before the start of this competition. No TUE request will be accepted nor approved on spot, except for duly justified emergency cases. Should you need further assistance about TUE requests, please contact the FIG at antidoping@fig-gymnastics.org.

27. PRIZE MONEY

The following Prize Money will be allocated to the medalists:

MAG All-Around Final:	1 st CHF 5'000 2 nd CHF 3'000 3 rd CHF 1'000	WAG All-Around Final:	1 st CHF 5'000 2 nd CHF 3'000 3 rd CHF 1'000
MAG Apparatus Finals (par apparatus):	1 st CHF 3'000 2 nd CHF 2'000 3 rd CHF 1'000	WAG Apparatus Finals (par apparatus):	1 st CHF 3'000 2 nd CHF 2'000 3 rd CHF 1'000

28. MEETINGS, INSTRUCTIONS, AND ROUND TABLES

Orientation Meeting

The Orientation Meeting will be held **online** on **14 October 2021** from **20h00 to 21h00**. Delegation representatives have to attend this meeting with a maximum of 3 MAG and 3 WAG accredited members per delegation, including the Head of Delegation or his/her Representative. Judges may not represent their country at the Orientation Meeting. Important information about the organization of these Individual WCH will be given by the LOC and the FIG. This Meeting will be held exclusively in English. Participation is compulsory as per TR, Section 1, Reg. 5.11. Unjustified failure to attend this meeting will result in a sanction of CHF 1'000.- against the Federation to be paid to the FIG.

As prior registration is required, each Federation is kindly requested to:

- use the link to be sent at a later stage by the FIG
- go to the registration page
- add the country name, the participant name, and the individual Email address.

This link can either be used multiple times or shared in order to register the participants. After registering, each participant will receive a confirmation Email with all necessary information. Please contact Pierre Droz at pdroz@fig-gymnastics.org if technical assistance is required.

During this Orientation Meeting, any questions will need to be made through the chat feature. A copy of the presentation will in principle be sent shortly after the meeting.

Judges' Instructions, Briefings, Draw and Podium Training

Due to the COVID-19 situation, all the Judges' Meetings, Instructions, Briefings, and Draw will be held **online** in accordance with the schedule indicated under point 3 of this Work Plan. All the judges are required to take part in these Meetings, Instructions, and Briefings as well as be present at the roll call or else, they will **not** be authorized to judge. As prior registration is required, each judge is kindly requested to:

- use the link to be sent at a later stage by the FIG
- go to the registration page
- add the country name, the participant name, and the individual Email address.

After registering, each participant will receive a confirmation Email with necessary information. Please contact Pierre Droz at pdroz@fig-gymnastics.org if technical assistance is required

The draws of the Judges' Panels for the Qualifications and Finals (following in principle the Qualifications and the judges' evaluations) will be conducted by the MTC and WTC.

All MAG and WAG judges (D-, E-, and R-) are required to attend all podium subdivisions to be eligible for participation in all phases of the competition.

The judges must respect the dress code mentioned in the Code of Points. They will receive warnings and possibly other sanctions.

TC Meeting and Post Competition Video Review (PVCR)

A continued evaluation of the judges' work will be carried out by the Superior Juries. This will be done by observation and scoring by the responsible members of the Superior Juries during the competitions and by a global video analysis after the competitions by the Technical Committee. In case mistakes are established, the guilty judges will be punished accordingly.

Scoring Briefings

The Scoring Briefings will be held during the MAG and WAG online Judges' Instructions and if needed on the Field of Play during the MAG and WAG Podium Training days.

Elections of the MAG and WAG Athletes' Representatives and MAG and WAG Athletes' Meetings

The elections of the MAG and WAG Athletes' Representatives for the period extending from 2022 until 2025 will be made according to the FIG Statutes and based on the candidatures received. Not more than one representative in the FIG athletes' commission per Federation will be allowed.

Due to the COVID-19 situation, the candidate presentations will be made online only. These presentations will be available for viewing through a link that will be provided by the FIG at a later date.

Athletes only will be authorized to cast their vote by using Appendix 13 (one vote per National Federation) and by depositing it in a ballot box located in FIG Secretariat at the Competition Venue on 19 October 2021 from 14:30 to 16:30 exclusively. If a second round is necessary, the Federations will be informed accordingly that same day. **Athletes only** will then be invited to cast their vote for the second round by using Appendix 13 again (one vote per National Federation) and by depositing it in the same ballot box located in FIG Secretariat at the Competition Venue on 20 October 2021 from 14:30 to 16:30 exclusively. The results will be announced at the opening of the respective MAG and WAG Athletes' Meetings scheduled to take place online as follows:

- for MAG: on **22 October 2021** from 13:45-15:15
- for WAG: on **21 October 2021** from 14:00-15:30

The MAG and WAG Athletes' online Meetings will be open to **two** athletes per member federation and the designated FIG officials.

As prior registration is required, each Federation is kindly requested to:

- use the link to be sent at a later stage by the FIG
- go to the registration page
- add the country name, the participant name, and the individual Email address.

This link can either be used twice or shared in order to register the two participants. After registering, each participant will receive a confirmation Email with all necessary information. Please contact Pierre Droz at pdroz@fig-gymnastics.org if technical assistance is required.

Heads of Delegation Welcome Reception (TBC)

Depending on the COVID'19 situation, the Heads of Delegation Welcome Reception may take place on **17 October, 2021** at a location and time to be confirmed at a later stage. All information regarding this official Welcome Reception will be provided at the Accreditation.

MAG Round Table

Due to the COVID'19 situation, **NO** MAG Round Table will be organized during these individual WCH.

WAG Round Table

Due to the COVID'19 situation, **NO** WAG Round Table will be organized during these individual WCH.

Round Table New ART WCH Format

Due to the COVID'19 situation, **NO** Round Table on the new ART WCH Format will be organized during these Individual WCH. Instead, an informative presentation will be prepared and sent by the FIG to all National Federations in principle by the end of 2021.

Round Table on Medical, Anti-doping Fight, and Education

The FIG Anti-doping, Medical, and Scientific Commission will invite delegation's medical staff, coaches and Heads of Delegation to a Medical Round Table to be held **online** on **23 October 2021** from 10:00 to 11:00 and presented by Dr. Yasunobu IWASAKI, President of the FIG Anti-doping, Medical and Scientific Commission. This Round Table is **highly recommended** and is meant to provide valuable information on doping and its consequences and various medical topics.

As prior registration is required, each Federation is kindly requested to:

- use the link to be sent at a later stage by the FIG
- go to the registration page
- add the country name, the participant name, and the individual Email address.

This link can either be used multiple times or shared in order to register the participants. After registering, each participant will receive a confirmation Email with all necessary information. Please contact Pierre Droz at pdroz@fig-gymnastics.org if technical assistance is required.

FIG President Round Table

Participating Delegations are invited to participate in the FIG President Round Table to be held **online** on **24 October 2021** from 09:30 to 10:30 and presented by FIG President Morinari Watanabe.

As prior registration is required, each Federation is kindly requested to:

- use the link to be sent at a later stage by the FIG
- go to the registration page
- add the country name, the participant name, and the individual Email address.

This link can either be used multiple times or shared in order to register the participants. After registering, each participant will receive a confirmation Email with all necessary information. Please contact Pierre Droz at pdroz@fig-gymnastics.org if technical assistance is required.

Judges' Leisure Day

Due to the COVID'19 situation, **no** Judges' leisure day will be offered.

29. MEDIA AND TV

Media representatives of FIG member federations

As per the Japanese government policy, national federations' communications staff are as of now **NOT** allowed **onsite** due to the COVID-19 situation.

Information regarding remote coverage opportunities as well as potential changes to the permission of entry into Japan in case the situation improves will be communicated in due time.

Media Positions

Mixed Zone

Gymnasts must exit the Field of Play through the Mixed Zone after podium training sessions and competitions. This is where journalists collect flash quotes from the competitors.

While there is no obligation for a gymnast to STOP for interviews, it is compulsory for them to pass through the Mixed Zone according to the FIG TR, Reg. 4.10.15.

Federations are responsible for the proper and timely appearance of their gymnasts at press and media opportunities, such as the Mixed Zone and press conferences. Any federation whose athletes do not appear as stated above will be fined for each infraction. The amount of the fine has been fixed by the FIG Council in 2002 at CHF 2'000.-.

Cooperation with the press is most appreciated. To assist gymnasts to talk to the press, each participating federation may ask for one Mixed Zone Card, which allows staff to accompany gymnasts on the athletes' lane of the mixed zone. The cards are distributed onsite by the FIG or LOC Media staff.

Training halls

Due to the COVID-19 situation, no media are allowed in the training halls.

Warm-up halls

Warm-up halls are a No Go Zone for the media. Access will not be authorised. The Host Broadcaster will capture footage of the prominent athletes prior each final. The HB will incorporate the footage into the World Feed as appropriate.

Podium training

All accredited media representatives have free access around the Field of Play (outside the perimeter) during the official podium training sessions. ENR card holders are accepted with cameras.

Victory ceremonies

After the playing of the national anthem, gymnasts are requested to face all directions, together, to wave to the spectators and to allow photographers to take photos of all medallists.

Press conferences

The holding and timing of the opening and closing press conferences for these World Championships are to be confirmed. Medallists' press conferences are scheduled following the men's and women's All-Around Finals.

Publicity on Competition Attire – National Emblems

Publicity and national emblem rules on attire and equipment must be strictly respected as per the FIG Advertising Rules. As the Code of Points foresees deductions should the FIG Publicity Rules not be followed, each NF were able to fill in the online Publicity form if deemed necessary by 17 September 2021 in order to have it approved. Please refer to the Directives for additional information on the Publicity Rule Chart.

Athletes images for improved Sport Presentation

The FIG has developed a system that allows us to use athletes profile photos for improved sport presentation during our WCH. The images will be shown on the scoreboards and video screen in the competition hall, during the TV broadcast and on the FIG website as part of the [athletes' biographies](#). In order for us to promote your athletes and sponsors in the best possible way, an **official and compulsory athlete photo session** for all gymnasts will be organised on Podium training days (15 to 17 October 2021). Your athletes are requested to wear their national tracksuit and any visible branding must meet the FIG Advertising Rules.

Television

Live television production of the Finals is guaranteed. Competitors are requested to strictly follow the instructions of the Local Organising Committee.

Cameras and video recording

In order to protect media rights, personal video or TV cameras and recording in the competition hall including from the spectators' **and delegation seating** is permitted solely for personal, private, non-commercial and non-promotional purposes, with the exclusion of licensing, broadcasting and/or publishing any such video and/or sound recordings including on social media and the internet. The only exceptions are the host broadcaster, rights holders and IRCOS cameras. All exercises on each apparatus will be recorded in high definition by digital video cameras (IRCOS). Photos without flash may be taken from the seats in the competition hall. In the training and warm-up halls, coaches may only take videos of their own gymnasts.

30. GYMNASTICS AMBASSADOR

Two Gymnastics Ambassadors - one for MAG, one for WAG - will attend these Individual WCH. In principle and depending on the COVID-19 situation, they will present medals, including the gold medal to the All-Around winners. They will also be available for photo shoots, autograph sessions, meeting with athletes, interview requests and other activities from the FIG and the LOC on site.

31. SAFEGUARDING

From the event's official date of arrival until the official day of departure, participants (gymnasts, coaches, judges and any other delegation members) have the opportunity to contact by phone or Email a Safeguarding Officer in case of harassment, abuse of any type, if they are worried or do not feel comfortable. There will be one LOC Safeguarding Officer as well as one person from the FIG. The FIG contact number is: +37 254 442 282 and will be reachable from the accreditation day as well as via What'sApp. The LOC Safeguarding contact will be communicated upon arrival of the delegations.

32. FAN ZONE

Due to the COVID'19 situation, **no** Fan Zone will be offered.

33. GENERAL INFORMATION

Currency

The currency in Kitakyushu (JPN) is the JPY (Japanese Yen). Please make sure to prepare the local currency (Japanese yen) before your departure. Due to the COVID-19 countermeasures stops by the money exchange office at the airport or in the city will not be authorized.

Power Supply

- Voltage: 100V
- Frequency: :50Hz/60Hz (Kitakyushu is 60Hz)
- Socket: Type A



Weather in Kitakyushu in October

Average minimum: 17.9°C / 64.2°F
Average wet days: 14 (≥ 0.0mm)

Average maximum: 23.8°C / 74.8°F
Average daily sunshine: 6 hours

GMT

During the event, local time in Kitakyushu will be JST, i.e. GMT/UTC + 9 hours.

34. SUMMARY OF REMAINING DEADLINES AND APPENDICES

For the FIG (see also Appendices below)

FIG Online System	Opening	Closing
Nominative Registration	20 July 2021	20 September 2021 until 23:59 Swiss time
Nominative Registration Reopen	27 September 2021	04 October 2021 until 23:59 Swiss time
WAG Music Data	After Provisional Registration	20 September 2021 until 23:59 Swiss time

For the LOC (see also Appendices below)

LOC Online System	Deadline
Travel Schedule for Arrivals and Departures	4 September 2021 (NEW)
Accommodation Names	30 September 2021
Music Uploads (mp3)	30 September 2021
Sending or Written Request to LOC	
Copy of insurance coverage note	20 September 2021
Insufficient Insurance Coverage (if applicable)	20 September 2021
Payment to LOC	
Accommodation Costs	30 September 2021
Meals Costs	30 September 2021

Appendices

Appendix 1	Overview	Through the Work Plan
Appendix 2	FOP and Seating Positions	Through the Work Plan
Appendix 3	Accreditation Modification	From 05 Oct.. to Accreditation: ccachemaille@fig-gymnastics.org From accreditation to 24 Oct: SID
Appendix 4	National Anthem/National Flag	Through the LOC
Appendix 5	New Elements	To Training Venues on 14 October 2021 only or to SID prior to time of Orientation Meeting or before start of Podium Training
Appendix 6	Request to Change Apparatus Measurements	To Training Venues on 14 October 2021 only or to SID prior to time of Orientation Meeting as well as during Podium Training
Appendix 7	MAG Confirmation of Starting Order for Qualifications	Sub 1-2: 18 October at 17:00 to SID Sub 3-8: 19 October at 09:20 to SID
Appendix 8	WAG Confirmation of Starting Order for Qualifications	Sub 1-7: 17 October at 09:45 to SID Sub 8-10: 18 October at 09:45 to SID
Appendix 9	Gymnast's Withdrawal for All-Around Final and Apparatus Finals	MAG AA Final: 21 October at 18:00 to SID WAG AA Final: 20 October at 18:15 to SID MAG/WAG AF Day 1: 22 October at 14:20 to SID MAG/WAG AF Day 2: 23 October at 13:55 to SID

Appendix 10	Vault Numbers	To Training Venues on 14 October 2021 only or to SID prior to time of Orientation Meeting or 1h before competitions' start
Appendix 11	Inquiry	Through the Work Plan
Appendix 12	MAG/WAG Schedules (subject to minor modifications)	Through the Work Plan
Appendix 13	Elections of the Athletes' Representative	1 st Round: FIG Secretariat at the Competition Venue on 19 October 2021 from 14:30 to 16:30 2 nd Round if needed: FIG Secretariat at the Competition Venue on 20 October 2021 from 14:30 to 16:30
Appendix 14	Floor Exercise Starting Order for WAG Podium Training	To SID or Training Venues on 14 October until 21:00 at the latest
Appendix 15	Letter of Consent for Minority	At the time of entry into Japan



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