## FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE GYMNASTIQUE



## FIG World Challenge Cup Varna, Bulgaria 26 - 29 May 2022



### **DIRECTIVES**

Dear FIG affiliated Member Federation,

Following the decision of the FIG Executive Commission, the Gymnastics Federation of **Bulgaria** has the pleasure to invite your Federation to participate in the aforementioned official FIG World Challenge Cup.

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Anti-Doping Rules FIG Framework for Safeguarding Athletes and other Participants from Harassment and abuse in Sport during Events Media Rules **Apparatus Norms** Rules for Advertising and Publicity Accreditation Rules **Rules for Awards Ceremonies** and subsequent decisions of the FIG Executive Committee Federations which have not fulfilled their financial obligations towards the FIG (e.g. annual membership fees, unpaid invoices, etc.) or the LOC may not be allowed to participate in this World Challenge Cup. Federations which have not fulfilled their financial obligations towards the Local Organizing Committee by the given deadline in these Directives may still have the possibility to participate, but the LOC will not guarantee the hotel booking, meals and local transportation. The Organizing member federation may invite FIG member federations in good **FEDERATIONS** standing at their discretion, but must invite at least all Member Federations INVITED which had: gymnasts ranked 1-50 per apparatus in the Qualifications at the last World Championships (Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games if no World Championships are held in 2021) preceding the respective World Challenge Cup Series. PARTICIPATION AND Only senior gymnasts in good standing with the correct age and holding a valid FIG LICENSE FIG License may participate. The Organizing Committee will be responsible for checking the validity of the gymnasts' licenses. No gymnasts will be accepted without a valid FIG License at the deadline of the Nominative Registration. While the Organizing Member Federation may limit the maximum number of gymnasts per delegation, except for the eligible gymnasts, the maximum size of the invited delegation is as follows: **Delegation member** Men Women Joint Head of Delegation 1 1 1 Team Manager 1 1 2 Coach (max. 1 per gymnast\*) 3 3 6 **Gymnasts** 6 4 10 Medical Doctor 1 1 1 Paramedical staff 1 1 2 2 Judges 4 \* including Wild card and "hors concours" gymnasts **AGE LIMITS** Age limit for MAG: 18 years (born in 2004) or before Age limit for WAG: 16 years (born in 2006 or before Provisional, Definitive and Nominative Registrations must be made exclusively REGISTRATION on-line via the FIG website (http://www.fig-gymnastics.com). These on-line **DEADLINES** registrations will only be accepted from FIG Gymnastics Member Federations. Registrations and payments made after the gymnasts' drawing of lots will not be accepted and the Delegations members concerned will not be authorized to

26th January 2022

Midnight Swiss Time

(4 months prior to the event)

participate.

Provisional

registration

	Definitive	26 <sup>th</sup> March 2022		
	Definitive registration	(2 months prior to the event)		
	<i></i>	Midnight Swiss Time		
	Nominative	26 <sup>th</sup> April 2022		
	registration	(4 weeks prior to the event) Midnight Swiss Time		
	Late registrations are subject to fines as follows:		,	
	Fine for missing or la	ate Provisional Registration (if any)	CHF 500	
	Fine for missing or late Definitive Registration CHF 750			
	Fine for missing or la	ate Nominative Registration	CHF 500	
	Registrations made less than 2 weeks prior to the competition will accepted and the Delegations members concerned will not be author participate.			to
ENTRY FEES	The non-reimbursable cost for the Entry Fee (approved by the FIG) is of 30 EUR per gymnast. At the time of the Definitive entry (2 months prior to the event) 100% of the entry fee must be paid to the LOC. The entry fee is not refundable. Entries without payment of the entry fees will be considered as invalid and will be refused.			
ACCREDITATION	Each federation will be taken to the accreditation desk upon arrival. In order to accelerate the accreditation procedure, please send to the Local organizing committee by email at <a href="mailto:gymnasticsevents@gmail.com">gymnasticsevents@gmail.com</a> a photo of each delegation member together with the Nominative registration. The specification of the photo should be as follows: File format: JPG, JPEG		ing ach	
	Dimensions: 190 pixels wide x 250 pixels high			
	File name: NOC_Surname_Firstname If a photo has to be taken during the accreditation because none has been sent within the deadline or sent in the unofficial requested format, there will be a charge of 10 EUR for each photo taken at the accreditation desk.			ent
	During the accreditation the Head of Delegation must present the following:  Passports of all members of the delegation Insurances of all members of the delegation National anthem (on CD) and national flag (150 x 100 cm) Competitors' music WAG (CD 1copy) Proof for full payment of the costs due to the LOC Transport - Departure License of the gymnast			
	Cup Regulations will In addition, the LOC w	vill distribute information regarding the s		
COMPETITION	operations plan upon accreditation.  The World Challenge Cup competitions consist of:			
FORMAT				
	Qualifications and Apparatus Finals			
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apparatus, not more than one "hors concours" gymnast can compete on an apparatus). They must be named at the time of the closing of the nominative registration and they cannot qualify for the Finals. They are not eligible to receive World Challenge Cup points, they must not appear on the official results lists and they will have to start first at every apparatus. FIG Apparatus Finals rules will be applied for vault. In case of a tie at any place, the tie-breaking rules as set up in the Technical Regulations, Section 2, shall be applied. Finals: The best eight gymnasts per apparatus from the qualifications qualify for the Finals Participation is limited to 2 gymnasts per NF on each apparatus. In addition to the 8 finalists, if the Organizing Member Federation is not represented in the Finals (men or women), it has the right of maximum 2 wild cards as follows (1 man and 1 woman gymnast only at one apparatus each). These "Wild Card Gymnasts" must have participated at the respective apparatus in the qualification. "Wild Card Gymnasts" will receive medals and prize money. FIG Apparatus Finals rules will be applied for vault. In case of a tie at any place, the tie-breaking rules as set up in the Technical Regulations, Section 2, shall be applied. The gymnasts' drawing of lots for all FIG World Challenge Cup events will take DRAWING OF LOTS place on site, during the orientation meeting or during a separate function organized for that purpose with invitation to all participating NFs. At the time of the nominative registration, the apparatus on which the gymnast will compete must be mentioned. Modifications can be made until accreditation. Gymnast may be changed and apparatus can be added as long as 2 gymnasts/apparatus/NF is respected. 24 May 2022 Delegations' arrival / Free Training **PROVISIONAL** SCHEDULE 25 May 2022 Orientation Meeting / Official training per schedule/ **Judges Meeting** 26 May 2022 Judges Meeting / Opening Ceremony / Qualification MAG (FX-PH-SR) & WAG (VT-BB) 27 May 2022 Judges Meeting / Qualification MAG (VT-PB-HB) & WAG (UB-FX) 28 May 2022 Judges Meeting / Finals MAG (FX-PH-SR) & WAG (VT-BB) /Award Ceremony 29 May 2022 Judges Meeting / Finals MAG (VT-PB-HB) & WAG (UB-FX)/ Award Ceremony/ Farewell Party 30 May 2022 Departure of all delegations Iliya Yanev - Local Competition Director **EVENT MANAGER** iliayanev@gmail.com

MEDIA	Event Media Officer: Krastina Ivanova Tel.: +359 88 808 8854 Email: krastina.ivanova@bnr.bg
SOCIAL MEDIA	Event's website: <a href="https://gymnastics.bg">https://gymnastics.bg</a> Facebook page: VARNA FIG World MAG & WAG Challenge Cup Instagram page: varna_world_cup
MEDICAL SERVICES	An ambulance, doctors and physiotherapists will be available at all stages of Training, warm up and competition
COVID 19	Besides the FIG medical guidelines for the particular event, FIG also requires all the participants to follow the standard precautions.  The FIG requires all participants, judges and officials to take standard precautionary measures, such as frequent hand-washing, wearing masks or face coverings at all times and keeping a physical distance of at least 1.5 metres whenever possible.
	The only situation in which the safety distance does not have to be respected is when a coach provides assistance (catch, lead, spotting) during an athlete's performance. This phase must be kept as short as possible and the assisting person is obliged to wear a mask throughout.
	Gymnasts do not need to wear a mask or face covering while they are performing at the training venue or on the FOP and keeping a physical distance of at least 1.5 metres whenever possible.
OFFICIAL HOSPITAL	Medical Center for Rehabilitation and Sports Medicine of Varna Varna, 39A Seliolu str. tel. +35952 613 781
DOPING CONTROLS	email: <a href="mailto:mcrsm@abv.bg">mcrsm@abv.bg</a> The Organizing Member Federation will provide at its own charge a minimum of 6 doping controls, 3 for Women and 3 for Men.
VISA	Please verify immediately with your travel agent or the <b>Bulgarian</b> Embassy or Consulate in your country if a visa is required for your travel to <b>Bulgaria</b> . The Organizing Committee will be happy to assist each Delegation member with an official invitation letter, provided that the request is made before <b>26</b> <sup>th</sup> <b>March 2022</b> to the LOC.
	The request must include the function, full name, gender, date of birth, citizenship and passport number, passport expiry date, the arrival and departure dates of the Delegation Member as well as the city the visa application support letter must be sent to.
INSURANCE	The Host Federation, the LOC and the FIG will not be held responsible for any liabilities in case of accidents, illness (including COVID-19), repatriation and the like.
	The FIG Technical Regulations foresee that all participating Federations are responsible for making their own arrangements to have the necessary valid insurance coverage against illness, accidents and repatriation for all the members of their Delegation.
	Basic insurance (sickness, accident and repatriation) in your country of residence is compulsory in order to be able to benefit from coverage by FIG IMSSA subsidiary insurance. Please also refer to <a href="https://www.gymnastics.sport/site/pages/medical-insurance.php">https://www.gymnastics.sport/site/pages/medical-insurance.php</a> for additional information regarding the FIG IMSSA insurance for Athletes and Judges.

	If the note has not been sent in advance to the LOC (which is strongly recommended), the LOC will verify the insurance coverage upon arrival of the delegation members (e.g. cover note or photocopy of the valid policy).
	The insurance must be valid at least starting from the arrival day of the delegation and must last for the delegations' entire stay
	Delegation members with insufficient insurance coverage must inform the LOC in advance. The LOC will subsequently offer insurance coverage at the Federations own charge as follows: <b>10 euro</b> per person/day.
INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION	The invited participating federations must pay for the travel costs of their delegation members.
	The Travel Schedule Form must be returned to the LOC by 26th April 2022.
LOCAL TRANSPORTATION	Federations that have arranged accommodation through the Organisers will be transferred by bus from Varna Airport or Varna railway station to the official hotels, and from the official hotels to and from the competition venue and vice versa.
	Otherwise the cost of € 50 (per delegation member) for the local transportation must be paid to the OC by <b>26</b> <sup>th</sup> <b>April 2022</b> .
ACCOMMODATION	All accommodations through the LOC include:  > Accommodation
	Breakfast
	> Dinner
	> Banquet
	Transport from Varna Airport or Varna railway station to the competition venue or hotel and back
	<ul> <li>Transport from the hotel to the competition venue and back.</li> </ul>
	Category I Hotel – Official Hotel (5*)
	The costs per <b>person</b> / night in this first Official Hotel are as follows:
	<b>140,-</b> € (single room, including breakfast and dinner)
	<b>110,-</b> € (single room, including breakfast and dinner)
	Category II Hotel – Second Hotel (4*)
	The costs per <b>person</b> / night in this second Hotel are as follows:
	<b>110,-</b> € (single room, including breakfast and dinner) <b>90,-</b> € (single room, including breakfast and dinner)
	90,- € (Single 100m, <u>including breaklast and diffier</u> )
	Category III Hotel – Third "Low cost" Hotel (3*)
	The costs per <b>person</b> / night in this second Hotel are as follows: <b>90,-</b> € (single room, <u>including breakfast and dinner</u> ) <b>80,-</b> € (single room, <u>including breakfast and dinner</u> )
	The prices charged for the hotel rooms will not exceed the usual hotel rates. While the Accommodation Form must be returned to the LOC by <b>26<sup>th</sup> March</b> at the very latest, the Hotel rooms will be allocated on a "first come, first served" basis.  The invited participating federations must pay for the accommodation expenses of their delegation members. The costs for the extra persons are the same as for the official delegation members.
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	The costs for the accommodations must be paid to the LOC as follows: At the time of the Definitive registration, <b>26</b> th <b>March 2022</b> , 50% of the accommodation costs must be paid to the LOC. Entries without the payment of the 50% of the Accommodation costs will be considered as invalid and will be refused. The remaining 50% of the Accommodation costs must be paid by <b>26</b> th <b>April 2022</b> .
	Cancellation policy: By 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2022 – 100 % refund From 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2022 to 26 <sup>th</sup> April 2022 – Cancellation fee: 50% of the total price of the cancelled rooms for the requested period of accommodation From 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2022 – no refund
MEALS	The invited participating federations must pay for the meals' expenses of their delegation members.
	Delegations that book their accommodation through the LOC have accommodation, breakfast and dinner in their package.
	Tickets for lunch (20,-€/person/lunch) can be purchased through the LOC.
	The Meals Form must be returned to the LOC by <b>26</b> <sup>th</sup> <b>April</b> , <b>2022</b> at the very latest. The costs for the meals must be paid to the LOC by the same date, <b>26</b> <sup>th</sup> <b>April</b> , <b>2022</b> .
	No refund will be made after the deadline of the Nominative registration.
FINAL BANQUET	Delegations that book their accommodation through the LOC are invited free of charge to the Final Banquet.
	Delegations having not booked their accommodation through the LOC may purchase tickets to the Final Banquet at 30 euro per person.
	The tickets of the Final Banquet will be available for purchase at LOC office for 30 euro and must be paid to the LOC during the accreditation at latest.
FIG TECHNICAL DELEGATE AND EC MEMBER	The FIG Technical Delegates will be designated by the FIG.
	The FIG Technical Delegates will serve as Presidents of the Superior Jury.  Each Judge's panel will be composed as follows:
JUDGES AND PANELS	Lacit duage 3 parter will be composed as follows.
	• 2 D judges (min cat. 2)
	Minimum 4 E judges (min cat. 3)
	The number of judges' panels will be decided by the organizing member federation depending on the number of participating competitors and judges. Not more than one judge per Federation per panel will be permitted (except for time and line judges).
	The judges' panels are set up by a draw from the judges present at the event. The draw must be directed by the MAG and WAG Technical Delegates. The participating member federations must send minimum one qualified judge for MAG if they participate with male gymnasts and one qualified WAG judge if they participate with female gymnasts.
	The Organizing Member Federation will apply a fine of CHF 2'000 per missing judge (to be paid to the LOC) should a federation fail to bring the required number of judges. This fine must be paid to the LOC by <b>26</b> <sup>th</sup> <b>April 2022</b> .

The Organizing Member Federation is responsible that there are enough FIG brevetted judges present with the appropriate valid category of brevet for their function. Should there not be sufficient judges as per the on-line nominative registration, the Organizing Member Federation must propose to the FIG for approval the name of neutral additional judges to complete the panels (plus 2 reserves, 1 for MAG and 1 for WAG). These judges, once approved, have to be invited at the cost of the Organizing Member Federation. Such invitation must be made through the respective Member Federation. Should the Organizing Member Federation fail to propose names for additional judges, the FIG Office in consultation with the TC Presidents concerned will invite these judges at the cost (in terms of international and local travel, accommodation and meals) of the Organizing Member Federation. For additional judge's requirements see the Specific Judges' Rules.

Should IRCOS not be available, the Organizing Member Federation will provide

#### VIDEO CONTROL SYSTEM

Should IRCOS not be available, the Organizing Member Federation will provide another video control system which allows to treat inquiries and records all exercises of the competition in a quality which allows to judge the exercises.

#### **PRIZE MONEY**

The organising member federation must pay the minimum Prize Money of a total of CHF 28'000.- for each World Challenge Cup event as follows, per apparatus:

The Prize Money, free of any deductible taxes, will be distributed in **CHF** as follows:

Ranking	Amount CHF
1	800
2	600
3	400
4	300
5	250
6	200
7	150
8	100

No prize money, medals and World Challenge Cup points will be given, if there are less than 4 participating federation per apparatus.

If after application of the tie-breaking rules as set up in the Technical Regulations, Section 2, there is still a tie, the prize money of the tied ranks will be added and divided by the number of ties

#### ASSIGNMENT OF POINTS FOR THE WORLD CHALLENGE CUP SERIE

At the end of each competition, World Challenge Cup points are assigned on each apparatus to the competitors by name as follow:

Rank	World Challenge Cup Points
1	30
2	25
3	20
4	18
5	16
6	14

7	12
8	10
9	8
10	7
11	6
12	5

In case of a tie at any rank, the number of points of the equal ranks are added and divided by the number of ties.

In case that less than four federations participating per apparatus, no World Challenge Cup points will be given.

Based on the World Challenge Cup points assigned, separate men's and women's World Challenge Cup Ranking Lists are established on each apparatus as follow:

World Challenge Cup Ranking Lists		
MAG	WAG	
Floor Exercise	Vault	
Pommel Horse	Uneven Bars	
Still Rings	Balance Beam	
Vault	Floor Exercise	
Parallel Bars		
Horizontal Bar		

These Ranking Lists are established after the first World Challenge Cup event of the year and end with the last World Challenge Cup event of the year.

#### WINNER OF THE ANNUAL WORLD CHALLENGE CUP SERIES

The winner of the annual World Challenge Cup Series is the gymnast with the highest number of points on the respective apparatus after the last event of the year, taking into consideration the best results (maximum 3), regardless of the number of competitions the athletes participated in.

Should there be a tie after the last competition, it will be broken as follows:

- a. The ranks of the max. three (3) counting exercises will be added and the gymnast with the lowest total prevails.
  - Note: in case of a tie in the ranks to determine the three counting exercises, the exercises with the highest final scores will prevail.
- b. If the tie remains, the final scores of the max. three (3) counting exercises will be averaged and the gymnast with the highest average prevails.
- c. If the tie remains, the total E-scores of the max. three (3) counting exercises (max. six (6) scores for Vault) will be averaged and the gymnast with the highest average prevails.
- d. If the tie remains, the total D-scores of the max. three (3) counting exercises (max. six (6) scores for Vault) will be averaged and the gymnast with the highest average prevails.

A special award ceremony must be held at the last World Challenge Cup Competition of the year in which the World Challenge Cup series winners shall receive a Cup.

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		oryanov Travel Ltd.	
	•	op Bogomil str.	
		22 Sofia, Bulgaria	
		92RZBB91551086937930	
	SWIFT/BIC: RZ	BBBGSF	
	Each participating member Federation is kindly requested to integrate the payment's purpose as follows: Country XXX, World Challenge Cup Varna 2022  Example: BUL, World Challenge Cup Varna 2022  The participating federation is responsible for covering all bank fees in connection with the bank transfers.		
MARKETING	FIG advertising and publicity nor	ms must be respected	
TELEVISION	For the World Challenge Cup co	mpetitions television coverage is compulsory.	
	The Organizing Member Federation must guarantee the production of a basic feed (international signal). Please refer to Reg 12.3 of Rules for the FIG World Challenge Cup Series 2022, 2023, 2024 in Artistic Gymnastics for additional information.		
	Bulgarian National Television		
	Bulgarian National Television		
	29, San Stefano str., 1504 Sofia - Bulgaria International Activity Department: intl_relations@bnt.bg		
	Sports Editors' office: sport@bnt.bg Contact person: Mr. Evgeni Nikolov		
	Mobile phone: +359 898 710 997		
CAFFOLIADDING		until the official day of departure of the event,	
SAFEGUARDING		s, judges and any other delegation members)	
		y phone or e-mail the LOC Safeguarding Officer	
	in case of harassment or abuse of any type or if they are worried or do not feel		
	comfortable.		
	The information regarding the LOC Safeguarding Officer will be communicated upon arrival of the delegations.		
		Iden Rules of Gymnastics" – the FIG campaign	
		protection in Gymnastics - will be displayed in	
		ng and warm-up halls and public zones.	
DEADLINES	Provinional Pogistration (on line	26 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	
SUMMARY	Provisional Registration (on line)	26 January 2022 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	
	Definitive Registration (on line)  Nominative Registration (on line)		
		26 April 2022 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	
	Visa Request Form Travel Schedule Form		
	Accommodation Form	26 <sup>th</sup> April 2022 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	
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	Meals Form	26 <sup>th</sup> April 2022 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	
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	Payment of the Meals	26 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	
	Payment of the Final Banquet	26 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	
	Payment of the fine for missing	judge 26 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

We welcome your delegation members at the sea capital of Bulgaria - Varna city to experience unforgettable moments.

Sincerely Yours,

Sofia, 10.06.2021

Place and date:

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