FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE GYMNASTIQUE



FIG World Challenge Cup Paris Nouveaux Internationaux de France 16th-17th September 2023



DIRECTIVES

Dear FIG affiliated Member Federation,

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

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HOST FEDERATION	French Gymnastics Federation Michaël Alger 7 ter Cour des Petites Ecuries 75010 PARIS ① +33 1 48 01 24 48 WCCparis@ffgym.fr www.ffgym.fr	
LOCATION	Paris	
DATES	From 16 th to 17 th September, 2023	
VENUE	Accor Arena 8 boulevard de Bercy 75012 PARIS https://www.accorhotelsarena.com/	
APPARATUS SUPPLIER	A detailed list of GYMNOVA equipment to be used for this World Challenge Cup will be published on the FIG web site. For training, warm-up and competition identical apparatus will be used.	
RULES AND REGULATIONS	The competition will be organized under the following FIG rules, as valid in the year of the competition, except for any deviation mentioned in the World Challenge Cup Rules in Artistic Gymnastics: Statutes Code of Ethics Code of Conduct	

Technical Regulations

- License Rules
- Code of Points, relevant Newsletters, and Helpdesk
- General Judges' Rules
- Specific Judges' Rules for Artistic Gymnastics
- Medical Organization of FIG Competitions and Events
- 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.

FEDERATIONS INVITED

The Organizing member federation may invite FIG member federations in good standing at their discretion, but must invite at least all Member Federations which had:

 gymnasts ranked 1-50 per apparatus in the Qualifications at the last World Championships preceding the respective World Challenge Cup Series.

PARTICIPATION AND FIG LICENSE

Only senior gymnasts in good standing with the correct age and holding a valid 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 gymnast 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
Judges	2	2	4

* including Wild card and "hors concours" gymnasts

AGE LIMITS

Age limit for MAG: 18 years (born in 2005) or before Age limit for WAG: 16 years (born in 2007 or before

Note: For MAG: NFs must declare whether their 18 year old gymnasts will compete as junior or senior prior to their first competition for the year concerned.

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Provisional, Definitive and Nominative Registrations must be made exclusively on-line via the FIG website (http://www.fig-gymnastics.com). These on-line 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 participate.

Provisional registration	May 15 th 2023 (complete if needed) (4 months prior to the event) Midnight Swiss Time
Definitive registration	July 15 th 2023 (complete) (2 months prior to the event) Midnight Swiss Time
Nominative registration	August 15 th 2023 (complete) (4 weeks prior to the event) Midnight Swiss Time

Late registrations are subject to fines as follows:

Fine for missing or late Provisional Registration (if any)	CHF 500
Fine for missing or late Definitive Registration	CHF 750
Fine for missing or late Nominative Registration	CHF 500

Registrations made less than 2 weeks prior to the competition will not be accepted and the Delegations members concerned will not be authorised to participate.

ACCREDITATION

All detail for the Accreditation will be sent to registered federation in due time.

In addition, the LOC will distribute information regarding the safeguarding Officer operations plan upon accreditation.

COMPETITION FORMAT

The World Challenge Cup competitions consist of:

Qualifications and Apparatus Finals

Qualifications:

- Participation is limited to 2 gymnasts per NF on each apparatus.
- In addition, the Organizing Member Federation is allowed to name a max. of 4 "hors concours" competitors (from the Organizing Member Federation) in Women's Artistic Gymnastics and a max. of 4 "hors concours" competitors (from the Organizing Member Federation) in Men's Artistic Gymnastics for a total of 8 "hors concours" gymnasts (i.e. while one "hors concours" gymnast can compete on more than one 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:

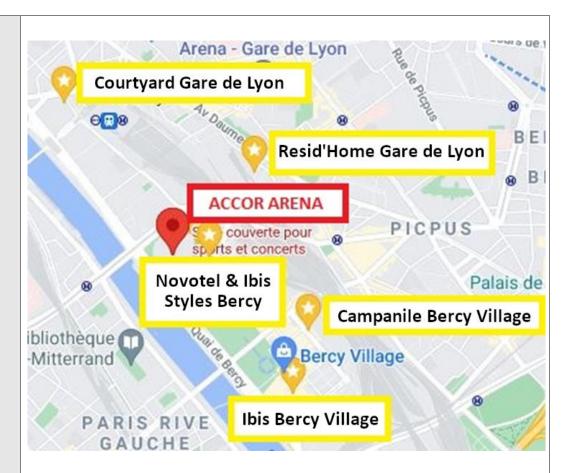
 The best eight gymnasts per apparatus from the qualifications qualify for the Finals

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. **PROVISIONAL** Thursday 14th SCHEDULE Arrival September Accreditation Friday 15th September Training & Podium Training **Orientation Meeting** Saturday 16th MAG & WAG Judges September instruction Qualifications Sunday 17th **Finals** September **Banquet** Monday 18th Departure September **EVENT MANAGER** Michel Boutard michel.boutard@ffqvm.fr 3 +33 6 07 57 85 11 Only journalists and photographs holding an official press card will receive an **MEDIA** accreditation. All media representatives must request an accreditation through www.ffgym.fr The responsible for Media is Mr. Régis WALKER **SOCIAL MEDIA** Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/FFGymnastique/?fref=ts Twitter: https://twitter.com/ffgymnastique Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/ffgymnastique/ **#GymnasticsParis MEDICAL SERVICES** The Organizing Committee will provide first aid medical services. A physiotherapist and medical support will be present during training and competition as well as other staff specialized in first aids.

COVID 19	As the COVID-19 situation is still under observation and unstable around the
COVID 19	world, besides the FIG medical guidelines for the particular event, FIG also still 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.
	Further details will be sent to the registered Federation according to the national policy at the time of the event.
OFFICIAL HOSPITAL	Hôtel Dieu
	1 Parvis Notre-Dame - Pl. Jean-Paul II
	75004 Paris
	① +33 1 42 34 82 34
DOPING CONTROLS	Anti-doping controls will be organised by the International Testing Agency (ITA) on behalf of the FIG and according to the WADA Code, Standards and FIG Anti-Doping Rules
VISA	Please verify immediately with your travel agent or the French Embassy or Consulate in your country if a visa is required for your travel to Paris (France). The Organizing Committee will be happy to assist each Delegation member with an official invitation letter, provided that the request is made before August 15 th 2023 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 https://www.gymnastics.sport/site/pages/medical-insurance.php 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: 20€ 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 sent to the LOC by 15/08/2023, using the link WCC PARIS 2023 ONLINE TRAVEL	
LOCAL TRANSPORTATION	The delegations will be met either at Paris Charles de Gaulle or Paris Orly airports of Paris, at no additional costs within the official dates of the event.	
	Early arrival or late departure can be provided at the cost below:	
	Paris-CDG Airport / LOC Hotel (one way)	
	50€/person if less than 4 people	
	40€/person if more than 4 people	
	Paris-ORLY Airport / LOC Hotel (one way)	
	40€/person if less than 4 people	
	30€/ person if more than 4 people	
	Any train station inside Paris / LOC Hotel (one way)	
	20€/person	
	The hotels will be in a walking distance.	
	The relevant cost for the local transportation must be paid to the appointed Agency Spartner Agency by 15/08/2023.	

ACCOMMODATION



The Agency **SPARTNER** is appointed to care about your booking of accommodation.

Hôtel Novotel Paris Bercy** Superior**

85 Rue de Bercy 75012 Paris

① + 33 1 43 42 30 00

The costs per person/night in this first official hotel are as follows:



250€ (single room, including breakfast) 140€ (twin room, including breakfast)

Walking distance (200 meters from the Arena).

Please be aware that few rooms will be available in this hotel. The rooms will be allocated on a "first come, first serve" basis.

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Hôtel Courtyard Gare de Lyon****

209-211 Rue de Bercy 75012 Paris ① +33 1 80 20 63 00

The costs per person/night in this official hotel are as follows:

220€ (single room, including breakfast) 125€ (twin room, including breakfast)

Walking distance (1km from the Arena).

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Hôtel Ibis Style Bercy***

77 rue de Bercy 75012 PARIS

①+33 1 53 46 50 50

The costs per person/night in this official hotel are as follows:

190€ (single room, including breakfast) 110€ (twin room, including breakfast)

Walking distance (150 meters from the Arena).

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Hôtel Ibis Bercy Village***





19 Place des Vins de France 75012 Paris

) +33 1 49 28 06 06

The costs per person/night in this official hotel are as follows:

185€ (single room, including breakfast) 105€ (twin room, including breakfast)

Walking distance (1 km from the Arena).

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17 Rue Baron le Roy 75012 Paris 3 +33 1 44 67 75 75

The costs per person/night in this official hotel are as follows:

180€ (single room, including breakfast) 100€ (twin room, including breakfast)

Walking distance (800 meters from the Arena).

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Residhome Paris Gare de Lyon ***

47 Rue Jorge Semprún 75012 Paris

) +33 1 40 04 54 00

The costs per person/night in this official hotel are as follows:

165€ (single room, including breakfast) 90€ (twin room, including breakfast)

Walking distance (1 km from the Arena).





	The prices charged for the hotel rooms will not exceed the usual hotel rates. While the Accommodation booking must be made online by July 15th 2023 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.	
	Please make your accommodation reservation using the following link WCC PARIS 2023_ONLINE ACCOMMODATION	
	50% of the total amount of the booking must be paid at the date of the booking on 15/07/2023. The remaining balance is due by 15/08/2023.	
	From 16/08/2023, no reimbursement will be made.	
MEALS	The agency SPARTNER is appointed to care about your booking of meals. The invited participating federations must pay for the meals expenses of their delegation members. The meals will be organized at the Hotel Ibis Styles.	
	The cost per meal is 26€. Please make your accommodation booking using the following link WCC	
	PARIS 2023_ ONLINE MEALS	
	The costs for the meals must be paid to the appointed Agency SPARTNER by August 15 th 2023, by bank transfer.	
	From 15/08/2023, no reimbursement will be made.	
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.	
JUDGES AND PANELS	Each Judge's panel 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 23/07/2023.

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.

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 EURO 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.		
BANK ACCOUNT	The registered Federations will receive the relevant bank information at the		
INFORMATION	moment of the bookings.		
	Each participating member Federation is kindly payment's purpose as follows: WCC Paris 2023. The participating federation is responsible for connection with the bank transfers.		
MARKETING	FIG advertising and publicity norms must be respect	cted	
TELEVISION	For the World Challenge Cup competitions television	on 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.		
	The Host Broadcaster will be:		
	Sport en France		
	https://www.sportenfrance.com/		
	Contact		
	Romain Schindler		
	Deputy Manger romainschindler@sportenfrance.com 1 + 33 6 30 09 76 87		
SAFEGUARDING	From the official date of arrival until the official day of departure of the event, participants (gymnasts, coaches, judges and any other delegation members) have the opportunity to contact by 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. In addition, posters of the "10 Golden Rules of Gymnastics" – the FIG campaign to raise awareness about youth protection in Gymnastics - will be displayed in several locations, including training and warm-up halls and public zones.		
DEADLINES		1-10-1000	
SUMMARY	Provisional Registration (online)	15/05/2023	
	Definitive Registration (online) Nominative Registration (online)	15/07/2023 15/08/2023	
	Visa Request Form	15/08/2023	
	Online Travel Schedule	15/08/2023	
	Online Accommodation	15/07/2023	
	Online Meals Form	23/08/2023	
	Payment of the Accommodation Costs (50%)	15/07/2023	
	Payment of the Accommodation Costs (Balance)	15/08/2023	
	Payment of the local transportation	23/08/2023	
	Payment of the Meals	23/08/2023	
	Payment of the fine for missing judge	23/07/2023	

Sincerely Yours,



Paris, June	20 th 2022
Place and date:	

James Blateau President of the FIG affiliated NF (FRA)