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**INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP COMPETITIONS**  
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**39<sup>TH</sup> FIG RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS**  
**WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Directives**

Dear President,

The FIG is pleased to herein provide you with the Directives for the 39<sup>th</sup> Rhythmic Gymnastics World Championships (WCH) to be held in Sofia (BUL) from 14 to 18 September 2022.

These WCH will be organized following the 2022 FIG Statutes, 2022 Technical Regulations (TR), 2022-2024 RG Code of Points (version May 2022), FIG Framework for Safeguarding Athletes and other Participants from Harassment and abuse in Sport during Events and other Rules, Regulations and Guidelines valid starting 01 January 2022, onwards, any possible amendments by the date of these WCH, and any complements decided in the meantime. All participating Federations commit to abide by the Statutes and all FIG Rules and Regulations. National Federations not respecting them will not be allowed to compete.

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## 1. FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE GYMNASTIQUE (FIG)

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## 2. HOST FEDERATION AND LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (LOC)

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Event Website: <https://www.rgwch2022.com>

## 3. LOCATION OF THE COMPETITION, TRAINING AND WARM-UP HALLS

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The Arena Armeec is a multifunctional sports hall built in 2011. The main function of MSH Arena Armeec Sofia is to provide the best conditions for performing sport activities. The design of the hall responds to all regulations of the international federations and their rules for organising and running World and European Championships as well as high level commercial tournaments.

Competition Arena (Appendix 1)	ARENA ARMEEC 4th kilometer, complex BAN 1, "Asen Yordanov" str. - 1113 Sofia - Bulgaria Tel: + 359.2.9033749 - Fax: +359.02.9033750 Website: <a href="http://www.arenaarmeecsofia.com/the_arena/en">http://www.arenaarmeecsofia.com/the_arena/en</a>  Distance from the official Hotels: between 3 to 10 km, 10 to 25 minutes
Field of Play (Appendix 2)	Capacity: 8'000 seats, as set up for these World Championships Length: 77.20 m Width: 32.80 m Ceiling height: 15.88 m  Equipment: 1 Competition floor (16m x 16m)
Warm-up Hall (Appendix 2)	Behind the dividing curtain Equipment: 2 warm-up floors (14m x 14m)

<p>Training Hall 1 (Appendix 3)</p>	<p>Arena Armeec (Basketball hall)</p> <p>Length: 45 m Width: 20 m Ceiling height: 12.48 m</p> <p>Equipment: 2 training floors all with sound system Choreography zones Ballet bars Space for general warm-up and stretching</p>
<p>Training Hall 2 (Appendix 4)</p>	<p>Arena Armeec – Outdoor Balloon Training Hall</p> <p>Length: 70 m Width: 25 m Ceiling height: 13 m</p> <p>Equipment: 3 training floors all with sound system Choreography zones Ballet bars on both sides Space for general warm-up and stretching</p>
<p>Training Hall 3 (Appendix 5)</p>	<p>Sofia Sports Hall</p> <p>Length: 35 m Width: 37 m Ceiling height: 12-15 m</p> <p>Equipment: 3 training floors all with sound system Choreography zones Ballet bars Medical area Relax area for gymnasts and coaches Video monitoring Massage area Space for general warm-up and stretching</p>

External view



Field of Play:  
(WCH 2018)



Training Hall:



#### 4. PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME (SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION)

DATE / TIME	DESCRIPTION	Armeec
<b>FRI. 09 Sept</b> As announced	Arrival of FIG RG Technical Committee Members	
<b>SAT. 10 Sept</b> 09:00 – 19:00	FIG RG Technical Committee Meeting	TC room
<b>SUN. 11 Sept</b> As announced 09:00 – 19:00	<i>Day 1</i> Official arrival day of RGI & RGG Delegations FIG RG Technical Committee Meeting	Accreditation Center TC Room
<b>MON. 12 Sept</b> <b>09:00 – 10:00</b> 10:30 – 11:30 11:30 – 13:00 13:00 – 15:00 15:00 – 17:30 17:30 – 18:00 As per schedule All day 09:00 – 19:00	<i>Day 2</i> <b>Orientation Meeting RGI &amp; RGG</b> Draw for D-Judges for RGI Qualifications and All-Around Final Draw for D-Judges for RGG All-Around competition (Qualification) Judges' instruction RGI & RGG – Part 1 Lunch break Judges' instruction and Judges' oath (RGI & RGG) – Part 2 Judges' instruction by scoring system specialists (RGI & RGG) RGI Podium Training and RGG Training RGI Athletes' portrait photo session FIG RG Technical Committee Meeting	Conference Hall Conference Hall      Hall & FoP Training Halls/FoP Mixed Zone TC room
<b>TUE. 13 Sept</b> As per schedule All day 10:00 – 11:00 09:00 – 19:00	<i>Day 3</i> RGG Podium Training and RGI Training RGG Athletes' portrait photo session Round Table with FIG RG TC and TC Presidents of Continental Unions FIG RG Technical Committee Meeting	Training Halls/FoP Mixed Zone TBC TC room
<b>WED. 14 Sept</b> As per schedule Early morning All day 18:00 18:30 – 19:05 19:10 – 19:45 Following	<i>Day 4</i> RGI & RGG Training Judges' draw (E/A/T/L/R-Judges) & briefing for RGI Qualifications Hoop & Ball <b>RGI Qualification Hoop and Ball</b> alternatively Judges' draw & briefing for Judges (all) for RGI Apparatus Finals Hoop & Ball <b>Opening Ceremony</b> Presentation of Finalists and <b>RGI Hoop Apparatus Final</b> Presentation of Finalists and <b>RGI Ball Apparatus Final</b> Award Ceremony RGI Hoop Apparatus Final Award Ceremony RGI Ball Apparatus Final FIG RG Technical Committee meeting – Judges' evaluations	Training Halls Judges' room FoP Judges' room FoP      TC Room
<b>THU. 15 Sept</b> As per schedule Early morning All day 18:30 – 19:05 19:10 – 19:45 Following	<i>Day 5</i> RGI & RGG Training Judges' draw (E/A/T/L/R-Judges) & briefing for RGI Qualifications Clubs & Ribbon <b>RGI Qualification Clubs and Ribbon</b> alternatively Judges' draw & briefing for Judges (all) for RGI Apparatus Finals Clubs & Ribbon Presentation of Finalists and <b>RGI Clubs Apparatus Final</b> Presentation of Finalists and <b>RGI Ribbon Apparatus Final</b> Award Ceremony RGI Clubs Apparatus Final Award Ceremony RGI Ribbon Apparatus Final FIG RG Technical Committee meeting – Judges' evaluations	Training Halls Judges' room FoP Judges' room FoP      TC Room

<b>FRI. 16 Sept</b> As per schedule 13:30 – 14:30 <b>15:00</b> Following	<i>Day 6</i> RGI training for All-Around Finalists and RGG Training FIG RG Technical Committee meeting – Judges' evaluations Judges' draw (E/A/T/L/R-Judges) & briefing for RGG All-Around Competition <b>RGG All-Around Competition 5 Hoops / 3 Ribbons + 2 Balls</b> alternatively <b>RGG All-Around Competition 5 Hoops / 3 Ribbons + 2 Balls</b> alternatively Award Ceremony RGG All-Around Competition Award Ceremony Team Ranking (RGI and RGG combined) FIG RG TC meeting – Judges' evaluations	Training Halls FIG TC room Judges' room FoP  TC Room
<b>SAT. 17 Sept</b> As per schedule 13:30 – 14:30 <b>15:00 – 17:10</b> <b>17:30 – 19:40</b> Following 20:00 – 21:00 TBC	<i>Day 7</i> RGI training for All-Around Finalists and RGG training for Apparatus Finalists FIG RG Technical Committee meeting – Judges' evaluations Judges' draw (E/A/T/L/R-Judges) & briefing for RGI All-Around Final <b>RGI All-Around Final Group B (rank 10-18)</b> <b>RGI All-Around Final Group A (rank 01-09)</b> Award Ceremony RGI All-Around Final Athletes' meeting Rehearsals for the Gala	Training Halls TC room Judges' room FoP  Conference Hall FoP
<b>SUN. 18 Sept</b> TBC As per schedule 13:45 – 14:45 <b>15:15 – 15:58</b> <b>16:03 – 16:46</b> Following 17:15 – 18:00	<i>Day 8</i> Rehearsals for the Gala RGG training for Finalists FIG RG Technical Committee meeting – Judges' evaluations Judges' draw & briefing for Judges (all) for RGG Finals Presentation of the Finalists and <b>RGG 5 Hoops Final</b> Presentation of the Finalists and <b>RGG 3 Ribbons + 2 Balls Final</b> Award Ceremony RGG 5 Balls Final Award Ceremony RGG 3 Ribbons + 2 Balls Gala and Closing Ceremony	FoP Training Halls TC Room Judges' room FoP  FoP
<b>MON. 19 Sept</b> <i>As announced</i> 09:00 – 19:00	<i>Departure of Delegations</i> FIG RG Technical Committee meeting – Judges' evaluations	TC Hotel
<b>TUE. 20 Sept</b> 09:00 – 19:00	FIG RG Technical Committee meeting – Judges' evaluations	TC Hotel
<b>WED. 21 Sept</b> <i>As announced</i>	<i>Departure FIG RG Technical Committee Members and FIG Staff</i>	

Every day: meeting FIG staff and LOC staff

## 5. PARTICIPATION RIGHT AND ACCREDITATIONS

Senior Gymnasts holding a valid FIG License and with the correct age from FIG affiliated member federations in good standing may take part in these WCH.

Participation in the Individual competitions is limited to a maximum of 105 gymnasts. NFs are entitled to participate either with up to 3 Individual gymnasts or with 1 Individual gymnast, based on quota places allocated by Continent. These places are not nominative. NFs qualify for these WCH in their last respective Continental Championships. Refer to the TR 2022, Section 3, Art. 5.

Group competitions are open to all NFs with one Group.

Quota places *	Europe	Asia	America	Africa	Oceania
NFs with 2-3 individual gymnasts	12	5	3	1	1
NFs with 1 individual gymnast	26	7	3	2	1

### Maximum size of delegation

The maximum size of each delegation, together with the number of transferable access cards (transferable within the Federation's official delegation) as per FIG Rules for Accreditation is as follows:

Function	RGI	RGG	Total
Head of Delegation / Head of Delegation and NF President	1	1	1
NF President as Guest (not as Head of Delegation) <sup>1</sup>	1	1	1
Accompanying Person of NF President <sup>1</sup>	1	1	1
Team Manager			
- Individuals only	-	-	-
- Group only	-	1	1
- 2-3 Individuals and 1 Group	1	1	2
Coaches (maximum one coach per Individual gymnast but never more coaches than gymnasts, including additional coach(es) and choreographer)	2	2	4
Additional coach or choreographer <sup>1</sup>	1	1	1
Gymnasts	3	6	9
Judges	1	1	2
Medical Doctor	1	1	1
Paramedical Staff	1	1	2
Additional Paramedical Staff <sup>1</sup>	-	1	1
Guest or VIP Guest for Individual gymnasts and/or for Group <sup>1</sup>	1	1	2
<b>Transferable access cards</b>			
Zone 1 for coach	1-2 <sup>2</sup>	1-2 <sup>3</sup>	4
Zone 3 Head of Delegation or Team Manager	1	1	1

<sup>1</sup> Accreditation at the charge of the Federation

<sup>2</sup> One for delegations with 1 individual and 2 for delegations with 2-3 individuals

<sup>3</sup> If 2 coaches are accredited for Groups

Request for free accreditation (FIG EC members, FIG Council Members, FIG and former FIT and IFSA Honorary members, Former Champions, Observers for the next RG WCH, etc) and for supplementary Accreditations as per the accreditation rules may be delivered **provided that a request is sent in writing to the FIG** by the time of the definitive registration, **20 July 2022 at the very latest**.



According to the FIG Accreditation Rules, Reg. 1.3.4:

Guests or VIP Guests who have their accommodation booked through the LOC have access to the delegation seats (VIP seating and VIP lounge for VIP Guest) and the event transportation system (T3), and they are invited to the Banquet.

Guests or VIP Guests who do **not** have their accommodation booked through the LOC have access **only** to the delegation seats (VIP seating and VIP lounge for VIP Guest). They are not entitled to use the event transportation system and are not invited to the Banquet.

Additional Delegation accreditations:

Function	Price If booked through the LOC	Price If NOT booked through the LOC
Additional coach or choreographer	EUR 180	EUR 220
Additional paramedical staff	EUR 180	EUR 220
NF President as Guest if not Head of Delegation	EUR 180	EUR 220
NF President as VIP Guest if not Head of Delegation	EUR 200	EUR 250
Accompanying Person of NF President	EUR 200	EUR 250
VIP Accompanying Person of NF President	EUR 200	EUR 250
Delegation Guest	EUR 180	EUR 220
Delegation VIP Guest	EUR 200	EUR 250

Organizers of the next RG WCH:

Function	Price If booked through the LOC	Price If NOT booked through the LOC
Observers – maximum 6 accreditations including VIPs	Free	Free
VIP Observers – maximum 2	Free	Free

Organizers of future multi sports games, RG WCH and RG Continental Championships (if assigned, or in case of candidature / bidding contracts) other than the next RG WCH:

Function	Price If booked through the LOC	Price If NOT booked through the LOC
Observers	EUR 180	EUR 220
VIP Observers	EUR 200	EUR 250

#### Media Accreditation

International and local media representatives as well as federations' communications staff who are interested in covering the event can register online at <https://media.gymnastics.sport/>.  
**Registration timeline:** 09 – 23 August 2022

In addition, National Federations are requested to send a confirmation letter for their editorial staff and photographers to the FIG Media Department at [mediafig@fig-gymnastics.org](mailto:mediafig@fig-gymnastics.org), by **17 August 2022** at the latest.

The FIG Accreditation Rules and Media Rules have to be strictly respected.

## **6. AGE LIMIT OF GYMNASTS**

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All participants must be minimum 16 years old in the year of the event (i.e. born in 2006 or earlier).

## **7. REGISTRATIONS AND ENTRY FEES**

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Registrations can only be made by FIG affiliated NFs in good standing, via the FIG online platform (click [here](#)) and by using the National Gymnastics Federations' login (e-mail) and password.

## Provisional Registration

There will be no Provisional registrations for this event.

## Definitive Registration

The definitive registrations must be completed from 13 July until **20 July 2022** (23h59 CET) at the very latest.

Definitive registrations received in the FIG Office after the drawing of lots will be refused (i.e. the gymnasts will not be allowed to compete).

## Nominative Registrations – Step 1

The nominative registrations must be completed from 21 July until **17 August 2022** (23h59 CET) at the very latest.

For NFs participating with 2-3 Individuals, particular attention must be given to the apparatus chosen, as well as to the starting order of the gymnasts. Unit 1 is the first gymnast of her NF to start at the prescribed apparatus, Unit 2 the second to compete.

## Nominative Registrations – Step 2

Each NF will have the possibility to modify, if necessary, the apparatus and the starting order (for NFs with 2-3 Individuals) submitted at the nominative registration - step 1 for its Individual gymnasts. For this purpose, the online nominative platform will reopen from 18 August until **31 August 2022** (23h59 CET) to allow the NFs concerned to submit the necessary modifications.

Past this deadline, the online platform will be closed and no further modifications related to the apparatus chosen or to the starting order will be accepted. In the case an adjusted starting order is not received by the deadline of 31 August 2022, the initial Nominative registration submitted by 17 August 2022 will be used.

## Nominative Registrations of Coaches

As per FIG official communication dated 31 March 2021, no coaches will be accepted in these WCH without a valid coach-sport profile at the deadline of the Nominative Registration – step 1. In order to be considered, the coach-sport profile (including all relevant documents) must be submitted in the FIG database by **03 August 2022** (23:59 CET) at the very latest (two weeks prior to the deadline for Nominative Registration – step 1).

## Entry Fees

The non-reimbursable registration fees to be paid to the FIG are of:

CHF 50.- per Individual Gymnast  
CHF 200.- per Group

The total amount of the entry fees must be paid until the date of the definitive registration deadline, by **20 July 2022** at the very latest.

## FIG Fines

The fines after missing the Registrations deadlines or after late Registrations are as follows (as per the TR, Section 1, Reg. 11.1.2):

Fine after missing the Definitive Registration deadline or after late Definitive Registration (until the gymnast's drawing of lots)	CHF 1'500
Fine after missing the Nominative Registration deadline or after late Nominative Registration	CHF 1'000

Please note that the regulation concerning the fines will be strictly respected.

## 8. LICENSES

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The LOC 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.

In order to be considered, Licence application forms (new or renewal) must be submitted at least one (1) month prior to the deadline for nominative registration.

Please consult [FIG License Rules](#) for additional information in this respect.

## 9. JUDGES AND JURY OF APPEAL

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### Judges

Each delegation may send one RGI and/or one RGG FIG brevetted judge category 1, 2 or 3.

Federations participating with:

- Individual(s) only may register one (1) judge with a valid category of RGI FIG brevet
- A Group only may register one (1) judge with a valid category of RGG FIG brevet
- Individual(s) and a Group may register two (2) judges. One judge with a valid category of RGI FIG brevet and a second judge with a valid category of RGG FIG brevet. It can also be the same judge.

In order to have a clean Field of Play (FoP), the Line Judges will seat at the Technical Table and use a video control system.

The RGI and RGG judges' draws will be conducted in Sofia in accordance with the provisions of the 2022 FIG General Judges' Rules, including Reg. 7.10.3 b) of the 2022 FIG TR.

Judges are requested to arrive in Sofia one day before the Judges' Instruction at the very latest, and to be available until the last day of the respective competition (RGI and/or RGG) they have been registered at by their Federation.

Judges are allowed to watch the Podium training sessions from the delegation seating only.

### Reminder:

According to the 2022 Code of Ethics art. 2d) and the 2022 General Judges' Rules, art. 1, judges shall recuse themselves if:

- they are or were married to, or live in a registered partnership or co-habit with a gymnast
- they 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.

### **Jury of Appeal and Supervisory Board**

The Jury of Appeal consist of two members of the Executive Committee (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 routine concerned will be nominated.

The composition of the Jury of Appeal will be communicated in the Work Plan.

## 10. GYMNASTS' DRAWING OF LOTS

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The gymnasts' drawing of lots will decide the starting order of the qualification competitions and the finals. It will take place within two weeks after the deadline of the definitive entry. The exact date, time and location will be announced in due course by the FIG to the parties concerned which are entitled to be present at the draw.

## 11. COMPETITION FORMAT AND PROGRAMME

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The competition will be conducted according to the 2022 FIG TR, Section 3 for RG, Reg. 5.

### **Individual**

#### Qualification:

NFs have the right to choose the number of exercises to be performed per gymnast according to the following requirements:

NFs participating with 2-3 Individuals:

- minimum 1 and maximum 4 routines per gymnast
- maximum 2 routines per apparatus per NF
- total of 8 routines per NF

NFs participating with 1 Individual:

- maximum 1 routine per apparatus per gymnast
- total of 3 or 4 routines per gymnast

#### All-Around Final

Group B (gymnasts ranked 10-18 from the Qualification) start the All-Around Final competition, followed by Group A (gymnasts ranked 1-9 from the Qualification).

#### Apparatus Finals

The 8 best gymnasts from Qualifications on each of the 4 apparatus can participate.

### **Group**

#### All-Around competition and qualifications for Finals

Each Group shall present 1 routine using 5 Hoops and 1 routine using 3 Ribbons + 2 Balls.

#### Apparatus Finals

The 8 best Groups from Qualifications on each of the 2 apparatus Final can participate.

### **Team Ranking**

NFs with 2-3 Individuals and a Group will be part of the Team Ranking.

The Team Ranking is established by adding the 8 scores of the Individual Qualifications and the 2 scores of the Group All-Around competition.

## 12. ATHLETES' BIOGRAPHIES

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Athlete biographies are available online under this [link](#) at and will be updated before the WCH.

## 13. ATHLETES' PORTRAIT PHOTO SESSION

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In order for FIG to promote your athletes and sponsors in the best possible way, an **official and compulsory athlete photo session** for Individual and for Group gymnasts will be organised during the Podium trainings.

## 14. AMBASSADOR

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The name of the Rhythmic Gymnastics Ambassador will be communicated later. She will help promote this major Event. She will present medals, especially the gold medal to the Individual All-Around winner. She will also be available for photo shoots and autograph sessions, meeting with athletes, interview requests and other activities from the FIG and the LOC on site.

## 15. PUBLICITY

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As the Code of Points foresees deductions should the FIG Publicity Rules for Advertising and Publicity on attire and equipment not be respected, each federation may fill-in the online FIG Publicity form ([FIG Rules for Advertising and Publicity Appendix F](#)) if deemed necessary by **17 August 2022** (23:59 CET) at the very latest in order to have it approved.

While the Publicity Rule Chart is available on the FIG website under "[Rules](#)" for additional information, NFs may also contact [tv@fig-gymnastics.org](mailto:tv@fig-gymnastics.org) for further assistance if required.

## 16. EQUIPEMENT

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### Floor:

The Manufacturer Supplier is Spieth Gymnastics GmbH, reference FIG ID 547, colour beige.

The dimensions are:

- 16 x 16 m for the competition (performance area 13 x 13 m)
- 14 x 14 m for training and warm-up (performance area 13 x 13 m)

### Replacement Apparatus

The replacement Apparatus provided by the LOC will be from Sasaki.  
References will be communicated in the Work Plan.

## 17. HAND APPARATUS

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The list of the RG hand apparatus with valid certificates is published on the FIG website ([here](#)) and updated regularly. Make sure that your gymnasts use only FIG certified hand apparatus for this event and for any other FIG recognized FIG competitions, as they **will not be allowed** to compete with an apparatus which does not comply with the FIG norms.

Random checks will be carried out throughout the event by a representative of FIG and a representative of the GYMLAB - Freiburg Test Institute.

## 18. VISA

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Please verify immediately with your travel agent or the Bulgarian Embassy in your country if a visa is required for your travel to Bulgaria. The LOC will be happy to assist each Delegation member with an official invitation letter, provided that the Visa request is made to the LOC via email **ONLY** (at [bulrg\\_office@fbqr.org](mailto:bulrg_office@fbqr.org)) before **20 July 2022**. It is not guaranteed by the LOC that the requests made after this deadline will be fulfilled. 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.

Bulgaria will apply a visa-free system for holders of valid Schengen visas.

General visa information can be obtained at:

<https://www.mfa.bg/en/services-travel/consular-services/travel-bulgaria/visa-bulgaria>.

## 19. TRANSPORTATION

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### International Transportation

The international travel to Sofia (SOF) will be at each delegation's own expenses. The FIG and the LOC strongly recommend that each Federation take cancellation insurance for their international transportation.

The LOC recommend each Federation to book changeable and refundable fights at this stage.

### Local Transportation

The LOC offer free local transportation to the official hotels and back for all accredited persons (if applicable) from:

1. International Airport of Sofia (13 km from the official hotels, 5 - 25 minutes by car)
2. Sofia Central Railway
3. Sofia Bus station

Event local transportation service from the official hotels to the venue and back, as well as to any other official activities and back, will be provided to all delegations that stay at one of the official hotels, book their accommodation through the LOC and submit via the LOC online platform their Travel Schedule for Arrival and Departure by **17 August 2022**.

The LOC will apply an extra charge of EUR 50 up to 4 people and EUR 100 for more than 4 people for each extra transportation for Delegations arriving or departing in a different date than the official arrival/departure dates mentioned in the general programme (article 4).

Delegations that do not stay at one of the official hotels, did not book their accommodation through the LOC and did not submit their Travel Form in due course, will not be entitled to use the event local transportation service and will be responsible to be on time!

## 20. ACCOMMODATION

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### General Information

The LOC is delighted to provide the FIG and official delegations members with the below selection of hotels.

The FIG and the LOC strongly recommend that the NFs to book their accommodation through the LOC.

NFs can book a hotel via the LOC online platform among the ones proposed. Rooms will be allocated in accordance with the type booked. These rooms will be assigned strictly in order of booking receipt (first-come, first-serve). NFs should therefore request their accommodation reservations as a matter of priority and well in advance of the due date of **20 July 2022** as rooms are limited. While NFs are welcome to let the LOC know the name of their preferred hotel, the final allocation will however be the full responsibility of the LOC. If the desired Hotel is not available since it is already fully allocated, NFs will be informed by the LOC in order to discuss alternative options and change Hotel.

All personal expenses (in terms of hotel services, laundry, room services, telephone, mini bar, etc.) will have to be settled to the hotels upon departure. **Please note that the hotels will request a valid credit card or a deposit upon arrival.**

The Accommodation (names-to-rooms assignment) has to be submitted to the LOC via the LOC online platform by **17 August 2022** at the very latest.

Please note that all rates are per person and per night and include breakfast, applicable taxes, service charges, and local transportation.

The following hotel prices are valid up to the accommodation deadline of **20 July 2022**.

### **FIG Official Hotel and Hotel for Judges**

Grand Hotel Millennium Sofia 5\*\*\*\*

Address: 1463 Sofia, 89V Vitosha blvd

Tel.: +35924456789

Website: <https://grandhotelmillenniumsafia.bg>

Single Exclusive room	EUR 200
Double/Twin Exclusive room	EUR 130

Distance to airport: 14,8 km - approx. 22 min. (by car)

Distance to competition venue: 6 km - approx. 10 min. (by car)

### **For Delegations – 1<sup>st</sup> category**

Hotel Novotel Sofia 4\*\*\*\*

Address: 1784 Sofia, 115 Tsarigradsko Shosse blvd.

Tel.: +35929043000

Website: <https://www.hotelnovotelsafia.bg>

Single Superior room	EUR 150
Double/Twin Superior room	EUR 100
Triple Superior room	EUR 80

Distance to airport: 7,5 km - approx. 11 min. (by car)

Distance to competition venue: 2,3 km - approx. 5 min. (by car)

### **For Delegations – 2<sup>nd</sup> category**

Hotel and Spa Tsarsko Selo 4\*\*\*\*

Address: 1415 Sofia, 72 Okolovrasten pat str.

Tel.: + 35928160101

Website: <https://tsarskoselo-bg.com/>

Single room	EUR 100
Twin room	EUR 75

Distance to airport: 17,5 km - approx. 23 min. (by car)

Distance to competition venue: 9,3 km - approx. 17 min. (by car)

### **For Delegations – 3<sup>rd</sup> category**

Hotel Triada 4\*\*\*\*

Address: 1574 Sofia, 5 Venera str.

Tel.: + 35929706777

Website: <https://hoteltriada.com/>

Single room	EUR 80
Twin room	EUR 60
Triple room	EUR 45

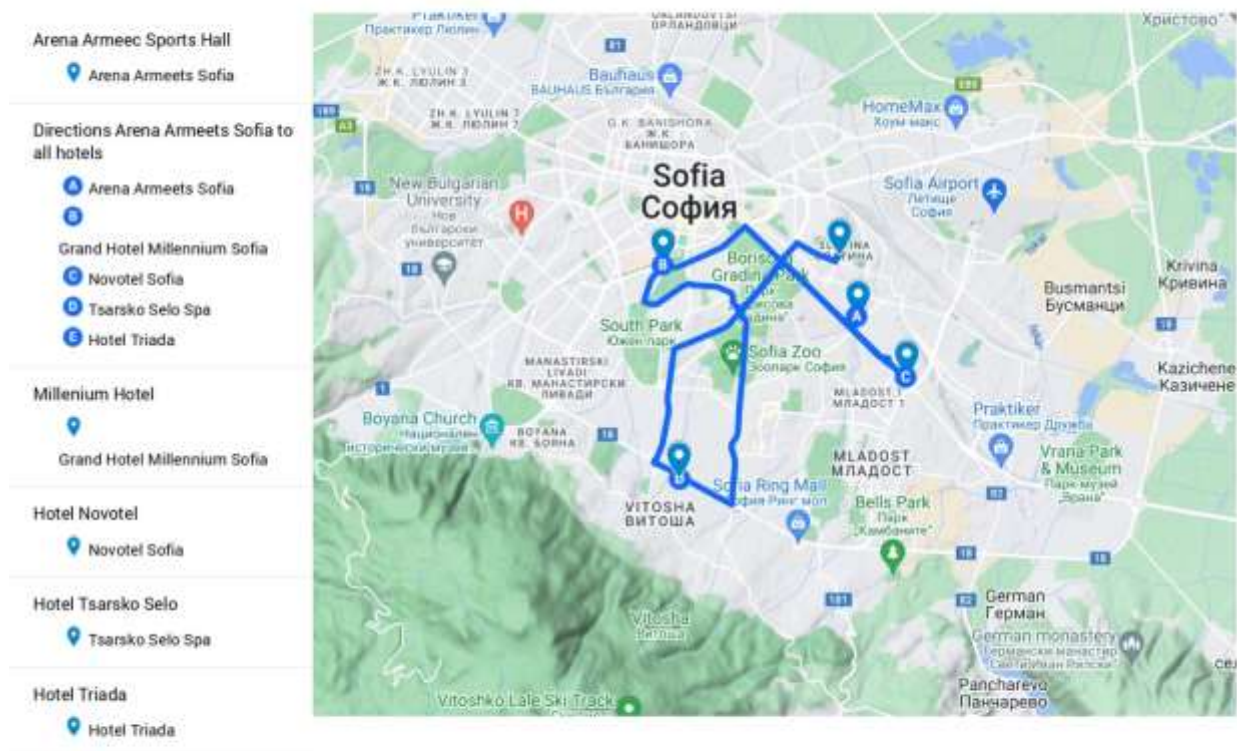
Distance to airport: 2,5 km - approx. 6 min. (by car)

Distance to competition venue: 7 km - approx. 13 min. (by car)

Map showing the Venue and Hotels:

[Map of Venue and Hotels](#)

## Map Hotels/Venue



## 21. MEALS

Breakfast is included in the price of each room. The Meal Plan (lunch and dinner) is not compulsory and the delegations are free to make their own meals arrangements for lunch and dinner. Lunch will be taken only in the Arena (one big restaurant for delegation members and a separate restaurant for the FIG Authorities and working Judges) Dinner will be taken only at the respective hotel.

Bookings of lunch and dinner must be made via the LOC online platform as soon as possible but by **20 July 2022** at the very latest.

Access control rights to lunches and dinners will be controlled by meal coupons.

The price for one meal ticket is as follows:

- 20 EUR per lunch
- 35 EUR per dinner in Hotel for Judges and the FIG
- 30 EUR per dinner in Hotel 1<sup>st</sup> Category
- 25 EUR per dinner in Hotel 2<sup>nd</sup> Category
- 20 EUR per dinner in Hotel 3<sup>rd</sup> Category

To optimize as well as possible the Meals plan, breakfast, lunch and dinner time will be determined in accordance with the training and competition schedules. They will be mentioned in details in the Work Plan.



## Farewell Banquet

Accredited Delegation members (with the exception of E- and R- media), who stay at one of the official hotels and book their accommodation through the LOC will receive a free ticket for the Farewell Banquet.

All other persons wishing to attend the Banquet will be able to do so, provided that a request is sent to the LOC via the LOC online platform. The request and the amount of 50 EUR per person must be paid in full to the LOC by **17 August 2022**.

## 22. FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS – PAYMENT

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### Payments to FIG:

The non-reimbursable registration fee as mentioned under section 7 must be paid to FIG.

Registrations without the appropriate payment of the registration fee at the time of the Definitive Registration (funds received by the FIG) will be considered invalid (i.e the gymnasts will not be allowed to compete).

NFs which have not fulfilled their financial obligations towards FIG (e.g. annual membership fees, unpaid invoices etc.) will not be allowed to participate in this WCH either.

Each participating member Federation is kindly requested to clearly state payment's purpose as follows:

**NF    Event ID    Discipline    Event    level    Year    Host Country**

Example: SUI 16058 RG WCH 2022 BUL

Failing to do so will lead to an unidentified fund transfer and may cause your federation to appear not to have met its financial obligations.

The participating federation is responsible for covering all bank fees in connection with the bank transfers.

The payment must be made in **CHF** only. Total amount of the FIG entry fees to be paid to:

### Bank transfer:

Beneficiary	Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique Av. de la Gare 12 A CH-1003 Lausanne/Switzerland
Bank Account / IBAN	CH40 0027 2272 5630 1649 0
IBAN	UBS Switzerland SA Place St-François 16 CH-1002 Lausanne/Switzerland
SWIFT/BIC	UBSWCHZH80A

### Credit card

Should you wish to pay by credit card, please contact the FIG Finance Department ([finance@fig-gymnastics.org](mailto:finance@fig-gymnastics.org)) and provide the following information:

**NF    Event ID    Discipline    Event    level    Year    Host Country**

Example: SUI 16058 RG WCH 2022 BUL

### - Amount and currency

- **e-mail address** to be used for receiving the link which will allow you to directly enter the credit card details.

Payments to the LOC:

Federations which have not fulfilled their financial obligations towards the LOC by the given deadlines herein mentioned may still have the possibility to participate, but the LOC will not guarantee the hotel booking, meals and local transportation.

The 100% of the costs for accommodation, meals, additional banquet tickets, supplementary accreditation and LOC fines must be paid to the LOC from **01 August to 19 August 2022**:

Failure to receive the payment by the required dates will result in the reservations being cancelled and fines being applied.

Accommodation and Meals cancellation fees when notice is given:

Date	Cancellation fee
Until 20 July 2022	No charge
From 21 July until 17 August 2022	50% of the total amount due
After 18 August 2022	100 % of the total amount due

**LOC is kindly asking the NFs to respect the deadlines and to note that all cancellation fees will be applied.**

The details of the bank account to which these costs are to be paid will be communicated in the Work Plan.

## 23. INSURANCE

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The Host Federation, the LOC and the FIG will not be held responsible for any liabilities in case of accidents, illness, repatriation and the like.

The FIG TR foresee that all participating Federations are responsible for making their own arrangements to have the necessary valid insurance coverage against illness, accidents and for 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 the [IMSSA documents](#) for additional information regarding the FIG IMSSA insurance for Athletes and Judges.

A copy of the insurance must be sent to the LOC well in advance but no later than **17 August 2022**. If the note has not been sent in advance to the LOC (which is strongly recommended), the LOC will verify the Delegation members' insurance upon arrival at the latest (e.g., coverage note or photocopy of the valid policy in **English** only). Insurance notes in other languages will automatically be refused. 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 writing no later than **17 August 2022**. The LOC will subsequently offer insurance at the Federations' own charge as follows: **EUR 25** per person and per day.

## 24. COVID-19 COUNTERMEASURES

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All accredited persons are requested to strictly follow the [FIG Medical Guideline for FIG Competitions and Events](#) and another medical guideline prepared by LOC.

When more behavioral guidelines based on vaccination are established worldwide, the LOC will introduce the system by following the guidelines.

The LOC Medical Guideline will be published and updated accordingly on the relevant sports calendar section of these WCH on the FIG website.

## **25. SAFEGUARDING AND PROTECTING PARTICIPANTS IN GYMNASTICS**

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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 and/or the FIG Safeguarding Officers in case of harassment or abuse of any type or if they are worried or do not feel comfortable.

The information regarding the Safeguarding Officers will be communicated during the Orientation Meeting.

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.

## **26. OFFICIAL HOSPITAL**

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The Official hospitals will be:

Name: Acibadem City Clinique  
Address: 1407 Sofia, 51B Nikola Vaptsarov blvd.  
Tel: +35924034000

Name: N.I. Pirogov  
Address: 1606 Sofia, 21 Gen. Totleben blvd.  
Tel: +35929154303

The name of the Medical Doctor will be communicated in the Work Plan.

The official hospital as well as the medical personnel assigned duly accept the International SOS (IMSSA insurance card) for all gymnasts holding a valid FIG License as well as for all judges with an International FIG Judges Brevet valid at the time of this WCH.

## **27. DOPING CONTROLS**

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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 her Federation, to submit 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](mailto:antidoping@fig-gymnastics.org).

## **28. MUSIC**

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The Music must be uploaded (.mp3 only) as soon as the LOC online platform is open but by **31 August 2022** at the very latest. Passed this deadline, the LOC online platform will be closed.

The music file shall be named as follows:

- The name of the nation (official abbreviation of the country – 3 letters)
- The first and last (with Capital letter) name of the individual competitor
- The category (RGI or RGG)
- The apparatus

Example

RGG\_BUL\_Group\_5Hoops.mp3

RGI\_BUL\_LAST NAME\_First Name\_APPARATUS.mp3

If the music upload is not completed by **31 August 2022** (i.e. at the Nominative Registration – step 2) and needs to be done on site, an additional service fee of EUR 50 will be charged by the LOC and payable during the accreditation process.

## **29. MUSIC FORM**

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While the LOC guarantees the respect for the rights of author and broadcasting of the musical works, each NF will also have to confirm that the music used does not violate any copyrights and that it can be broadcasted within sports. This confirmation will have to be made by filling-in the online Music Form at the time of the nominative registration via the FIG online platform. This Music Form must be duly completed with all requested information otherwise it will be rejected. The Form must be sealed, signed and returned to the FIG and the LOC by **17 August 2022** at the very latest.

If a change occurs between Nominative Registration step 1 and step 2, a revised Music Form must be sent to both FIG and LOC by **31 August 2022** at the very latest.

## **30. NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FLAG**

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The LOC will prepare a national anthem and flag of each participating Federation. Each participating Federation will later be contacted by the LOC to confirm them.

## **31. ROUND TABLES**

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Details on the Round Tables during these WCH will be included in the Work Plan.

## **32. ATHLETES' MEETING**

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The FIG and its Athletes' Representative for Rhythmic Gymnastics, Ms. Syiana Vasileva, invite athletes from all participating Federations to the Athletes' meeting. All gymnasts are more than very welcome.

## **33. WORK PLAN**

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The Work Plan will be published on the FIG online calendar six weeks at the latest before the start of the competitions.

### 34. LOC ONLINE PLATFORM

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LOC online platform link: [www.reg.rgwch2022.com](http://www.reg.rgwch2022.com)

The LOC online platform will open one week after the deadline of the Definitive registration. Before its opening, the LOC will provide by e-mail each Federation with a link, sign in details to access the platform and instructions on how to access and use the LOC online platform. The platform will allow each Delegation to create a profile for each of its delegation member.

After having received the log-in details to access the LOC online platform, NFs will be able to:

- Book accommodation and meals
- Submit travel schedule information (arrival and departure)
- Upload photos of each Delegation member
- Upload music files for each gymnast.

**Please not that, definitive, nominative registrations as well as any kind of modifications within the delegations (name changes, function changes etc) must be submitted via the FIG online platform to be official.**

### 35. THE GAMES OF THE XXXIII OLYMPIAD PARIS 2024 (FRA) – QUALIFICATION

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These WCH also represent:

- The 1<sup>st</sup> Olympic Qualification for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games (FRA) for Individual and for Groups.

Please refer to the [Paris 2024 Qualification System](#) for additional information.

### 36. INFORMATION SOFIA

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Sofia is the capital and largest city of Bulgaria. 1.4 million people live in the city and 1.68 million people live in its metropolitan area. The city is at the foot of Vitosha Mountain in the western part of the country. Being in the centre of the Balkan peninsula, it is midway between the Black Sea and the Adriatic Sea, and closest to the Aegean Sea.

Weather in Sofia in September

Average max: Temperature 23°C (73.4 °F)

Average min: Temperature 12°C (53.6 °F)

Currency: Bulgarian lev (BGN)

The fixed rate against EUR established by the Bulgarian National Bank is as follows:

1 EUR = 1,96 BGN

1 BGN = 0,51EUR

The banks and currency exchange offices apply very small differences to the rates.

## 37. SUMMARY OF THE DEADLINES AND PAYMENTS

### For the FIG

	Deadline
Definitive Registration - online	<b>20 July 2022</b>
Nominative Registration – step 1 - online	<b>17 August 2022</b>
Nominative Registration – step 2 - online	<b>31 August 2022</b>
Written request for Supplementary Accreditations	20 July 2022
Coach-sport profile registration	03 August 2022
Media accreditation	17 August 2022
Music Release Form – paper Form	17 August 2022
Online Publicity (not compulsory)	17 August 2022
Music Release Form – paper Form (if changes between step 1 and step 2)	31 August 2022

### Payments to the FIG

	Deadline
Payment of the FIG Registration Fees	20 July 2022

### For the LOC (online)

	Deadline
Accommodation (number of rooms)	20 July 2022
Meal Plan	20 July 2022
Visa Request – by email	20 July 2022
Travel details	17 August 2022
Accommodation (names-to-rooms assignment)	17 August 2022
Insufficient insurance Coverage	17 August 2022
Music Release Form	17 August 2022
Music for Individuals and for Groups	24 August 2022
Photo & passport copies for Accreditation	24 August 2022
Music Release Form – paper Form (if changes between step 1 and step 2)	31 August 2022

### Payments to the LOC

Accommodation Costs (100%)	01-19 August 2022
Meals (100 %)	01-19 August 2022
Accreditations at the charge of the Delegations	01-19 August 2022

Sincerely Yours,

FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE GYMNASTIQUE



Nicolas Buompane  
Secretary General

#### Appendices:

- Appendix 1: Arena Armeec General overview
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