FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE GYMNASTIQUE





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INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP COMPETITIONS

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FOREWORD

The work plan for the 36th FIG Rhythmic Gymnastics World Championships in Sofia (BUL) to be held from 10 to 16 September 2018 has been developed between the FIG Headquarters and the LOC, in accordance with the following FIG regulations and rules (as valid in 2018):

- Statutes
- Technical Regulations
- Judges' Rules (General and Specific)
- RG Code of Points (version valid 1st February 2018) and 2018 Newsletters
- Rules for the FIG RG World Championships
- Apparatus Norms
- Advertising and Publicity Rules
- Rules for Accreditation
- Medical Organisation of the FIG Competitions and Events
- Anti-Doping Rules
- Regulations for Award Ceremonies
- Media Guideline
- License Rules
- and subsequent decisions of the FIG Executive Committee and Technical Committee.

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. 11.10 of the Technical Regulations.

Federations which have not fulfilled their financial obligations towards the FIG (e.g. annual membership fees, unpaid invoices, non-refundable entry fee, etc.) and the LOC will not be allowed to participate in these World Championships.

1. FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE GYMNASTIQUE (FIG)

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Sport Information Center and Desk

Emergency phone (printed on the back of each delegate's accreditation card) is: 112.

Sport Information Center: Natasha Koycheva

The Sport Information Desk will be located at the entrance C, level 0 in the Arena Armeec (delegation entrance). It will be in operation during all training, warm-up, and competition times. The Information Desk will be open approx. 30 minutes before the start of the first training and 30 minutes after the last training / competition.

Delegations' Mail Boxes will be set up at the Information Sport Desk.

A special "Mail Box" authority card will be issued during accreditation to each Head of Delegation or his/her Substitute. This card must be shown by the Head of Delegation or his/her Substitute when collecting new information from their Delegation' Mail Box. The Delegation member designated to collect the information from the Delegation' Mail Box will be required to sign each time he/she collects a document.

Information Boards, including Transport, will also be set up at the official hotels' lobbies. The Hotel staff will also be happy to assist your Delegation with further questions and problems.

Liaison Officers

The Official Language will be English. No designated Liaison Officers will be assigned to escort each Federation. Interpretation from and into any other language must be organised by the Delegations.

3. PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME (subject to changes)

DATE / TIME	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
MON. 03 Sept.		
As announced	Arrival of FIG Staff	Hotel
TUE. 04 Sept.		
As announced Arrival of FIG RG Technical Committee Members		Hotel
As needed	Meeting FIG staff and LOC staff	Arena
WED. 05 Sept.		
09:00 - 19:00	FIG RG Technical Committee Meeting	TC room – Arena
As needed	Meeting FIG staff and LOC staff	Arena
THU. 06 Sept.		
As announced	Official arrival day of Delegations for RGI competitions	Accreditation – Arena
09:00 - 19:00	FIG RG Technical Committee Meeting	TC room – Arena
Tbd	Closing ceremony rehearsal - Award ceremony rehearsal	FoP
	Gala and opening ceremony rehearsal	
FRI. 07 Sept.		
As announced	Last arrival day of Judges for RGI competitions	Accreditation - Arena
	Official arrival day of Reference Judges for RGI and RGG competitions	
As scheduled	Training for RGI	Training Halls
09:00 - 10:00	Orientation Meeting for RGI Competitions	Arena Armeec
10:15 – 19:00	FIG RG Technical Committee Meeting	TC room – Arena
Tbd	Gala and opening ceremony rehearsal	FoP
SAT. 08 Sept.		
As scheduled	Training and Podium training for RGI	Training Halls & FoP
All day	Athletes' portrait photo session	Mixed Zone (TBC)
09:00 - 19:00	FIG RG Technical Committee Meeting	TC room – Arena
09:00 - 18:00	Draw for RGI D-Judges (Qualifications with Team ranking and All-Around Final), followed by	Judges' Room – Arena
	Judges' instruction and Judges' oath for RGI	
18:00 - 18:30	Judges' instruction by Swiss Timing	Judges' Room & FoP
20:00 - 22:30	Welcome Dinner for Heads of Delegation and Judges	
SUN. 09 Sept. As scheduled	Training and Podium training for RGI	Training Halls & FoP
MON. 10 Sept.		
As scheduled	Training for RGI	Training Halls & FoP
08:30 – 09:45	Draw for E/T/L Judges and briefing for RGI Qualifications Hoop & Ball	Judges' Room – Arena
10:00 – 11:50	RGI Qualification, group A Hoop and Ball alternatively Break	FoP
12:00 – 13:39	RGI Qualification, group B Hoop and Ball alternatively Lunch break	
15:00 – 16:59	RGI Qualification, group C Hoop and Ball alternatively Break	
17:10 – 18:49	RGI Qualification, group D Hoop and Ball alternatively	
19:00	FIG RG Technical Committee meeting – Judges' evaluations	TC room – Arena
TUE. 11 Sept.		
As scheduled	Training for RGI	Training Halls
08:45 – 09:45	Judges' briefing for RGI Qualifications Hoop & Ball	Judges' Room – Arena
10:00 – 11:59	RGI Qualification, group C Hoop and Ball alternatively	FoP
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	Break	
12:10 – 13:49	RGI Qualification, group D Hoop and Ball alternatively	
12.10 - 13.43	Lunch break	
15:15 – 17:05	RGI Qualification, group A Hoop and Ball alternatively	
13.13 - 17.03	Break	
17:15 – 18:54	RGI Qualification, group B Hoop and Ball alternatively	
19:00 – 19:45	Draw for D/E/T/L Judges for RGI Apparatus Finals Hoop and Ball	
19:00 – 19:45 19:15 – 19:45		ludaaa' Doom Arono
19:15 - 19:45	Opening Ceremony	Judges' Room – Arena
00-00 00-00	Presentation of Hoop Finalists	FoP
20:00 – 20:30	RGI Hoop Final	
~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	Presentation of Ball Finalists	
20:35 – 21:05	RGI Ball Final	
21:05 -	Award Ceremony RGI Hoop Final	
- 21:20	Award Ceremony RGI Ball Final	
Following	FIG RG Technical Committee meeting – Judges' evaluations	Arena – TC room
WED. 12 Sept.		
All day	Official arrival day of Delegations for RGG Competitions	Accreditation – Arena
As scheduled	Training for RGI	Training Halls
08:30 – 09:45	Draw for E/T/L Judges and briefing for RGI Qualifications Clubs & Ribbon	Judges' Room – Arena
10:00 – 11:17	RGI Qualification, group D Clubs and Ribbon alternatively	FoP
11:18 – 12:43	RGI Qualification, group C Clubs and Ribbon alternatively	
	Lunch break	
14:15 – 15:29	RGI Qualification, group B Clubs and Ribbon alternatively	
15:30 – 16:47	RGI Qualification, group A Clubs and Ribbon alternatively	
17:00	FIG RG Technical Committee meeting – Judges' evaluations	TC room – Arena
18:30 – 20:00	Round Table with FIG President	Judges' Room
THU. 13 Sept.		
All day	Last arrival day of Judges for RGG competitions	Accreditation - Arena
As scheduled	Training for RGI	Training Halls
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09:00 – 09:45	Judges' briefing for RGI Qualifications Clubs & Ribbon	Judges' Room – Arena
08:30 - 09:30	Orientation Meeting for RGG Competitions	Arena Armeec
10:00 – 11:14	RGI Qualification, group B Clubs and Ribbon alternatively	FoP
11:15 – 12:32	RGI Qualification, group A Clubs and Ribbon alternatively	
	Lunch break	
14:00 – 15:17	RGI Qualification, group D Clubs and Ribbon alternatively	
15:20 - 16:45	RGI Qualification, group C Clubs and Ribbon alternatively	
18:00 – 18:45	Draw for D/E/T/L Judges and briefing for RGI Apparatus Finals Clubs & Ribbon	Judges' Room – Arena
	Presentation of Clubs Finalists	FoP
19:00 – 19:30	RGI Clubs Final	
	Presentation of Ribbon Finalists	
19:35 – 20:05	RGI Ribbon Final	
20:05	Award Ceremony RGI Clubs Final	
	Award Ceremony RGI Ribbon Final	
- 20:25	Award Ceremony for Team	
- 20.25 20:30	FIG RG Technical Committee meeting – Judges' evaluations	TC room – Arena
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FRI. 14 Sept.	Training and Dadium for BCC	Training Halls 9 5-D
As scheduled	Training and Podium for RGG	Training Halls & FoP
08:30 – 12:30	Training for RGI All-Around Finalists as per schedules	Training Halls

07:30 - 12:40	Draw for RGG D-Judges (General Competition), followed by	Judges' Room – Arena
	Judges' instruction and Judges' oath for RGG	
09:30 – 11:00	Medical and anti-doping Round Table	Arena Armeec
12:40 – 13:00	Judges' Instruction by Swiss Timing for RGG Judges	Judges' Room & FoP
13:00 – 13:45	Draw for E/T/L- Judges and briefing for RGI All-Around Final	Judges' Room – Arena
13:40	Presentation of the Golden Girls	FoP
	Presentation of the All-Around Finalists Group B	
14:00 – 16:48	RGI All-Around Final – Group B (rank 13-24)	
	Presentation of the All-Around Finalists Group A	
17:10 – 19:58	RGI All-Around Final – Group A (rank 1-12)	
20:00 - 20:10	Longines Prize of Elegance	Arena Armeec
20:10 - 20:20	Award Ceremony RGI All-Around Final	TC room – Arena
20:30	Athletes' meeting	
20:45	FIG RG TC meeting – Judges' Evaluation	
SAT. 15 Sept.		
As announced	Departure of RGI Delegations	
08:00 - 12:00	Training for RGG as per schedules	Training Halls
11:15 – 12:00	Draw for D/E/T/L Judges and briefing for RGG General Competition	Judges' Room – Arena
12:15	Presentation of the Golden Girls	FoP
13:00 – 16:00	RGG General Competition Group A, 5 Hoops and 3 Balls + 2 Ropes alternatively	
16:30 – 19:30	RGG General Competition Group B, 5 Hoops and 3 Balls + 2 Ropes alternatively	
19:30 – 19:50	Award Ceremony RGG General Competition	
20:00	FIG RG TC meeting – Judges' Evaluation	TC room – Arena
SUN. 16 Sept.		
08:00 - 13:00	Training for RGG Finalists as per schedules	Training halls
13:30 – 14:45	Draw for D/E/T/L Judges and briefing for RGG Final 5 Hoops and	Judges' Room – Arena
	3 Balls + 2 Ropes Final	
14:15	Presentation of the Golden Girls	
	Presentation of 5 Hoops Group Finalists	FoP
15:00 – 15:40	RGG 5 Hoops Final	
	Presentation of 3 Balls + 2 Ropes Group Finalist	
15: <mark>45</mark> – 16: <mark>25</mark>	RGG 3 Balls + 2 Ropes Final	
16: <mark>25</mark>	Award Ceremony RGG 5 Hoops Final	
- 16:40	Award Ceremony RGG 3 Balls + 2 Ropes Final	
16:40 - 17:20	Closing Ceremony and Gala	
21:00	Farewell Banquet	Residence Boyana
MON. 17 Sept.		
As announced	Departure of RGG Delegations	
09:00 – 19:00	FIG RG Technical Committee meeting – Judges' evaluations	Hotel
TUE. 18 Sept.		
09:00 – 19:00	FIG RG Technical Committee meeting – Judges' evaluations	Hotel
WED. 19 Sept. As announced	Departure FIG RG Technical Committee Members and FIG Staff	

4. PARTICIPATION RIGHT AND ACCREDITATIONS

Please refer to the directives for details on the participation rights and maximum delegation size.

A list including all medical personnel duly approved by the FIG is published on the FIG website. Medical personnel seeking accreditation for these World Championships and who are not on this list must send to the FIG Offices (attention Mr. Loïc Vidmer at <u>lvidmer@fig-gymnastics.org</u>) a copy of his/her medical certificate/diploma duly translated into 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". This Form 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

The accreditation identifies individuals in good standing from FIG affiliated federations participating in the event. The accreditation is personal and non-transferable. It indicates and defines individuals' right to access to the different zones as per their functions, as well as to the transport system from the LOC.

The access to the Competition Area and Warm-up Hall (Zone 3) is strictly limited to the gymnasts participating in the specific competition and according to the warm-up and competition schedules.

All participants and officials are required to wear their accreditation card at all times. The accreditation card is also necessary to pass the security controls.

Accreditation cards will have 3 different colours in order to identify delegations for Individuals from Groups. Fuchsia for Individual, blue for Group and white for both Individual and Group (for members such as Head of Delegation, Medical personnel, etc) who stay for both events. Accreditations for individual competitions will not be valid for group competitions and vice and versa. Once the individual competitions are finished, Delegation seating only (Zone 6) will be accessible during group competition time exclusively. Accreditations for group delegations will not be distributed prior to the official arrival day for group delegations (12 September 2018).

In case of lost or stolen accreditation cards, the LOC and the FIG must be informed immediately to block the accreditation. They may be replaced at the expense of the card holder (CHF 200.-).

Transferable access cards (TAC)

According to FIG Accreditation Rules, coaches will need to present a TAC to access the Competition Area (Field of Play (FoP), Zone 1) and the medical personnel and head of delegations/team manager will need to present a TAC to access the Warm-up Hall (Zone 3). The TAC is valid only if presented in conjunction with the primary accreditation card. All delegations will be allocated a number of Zone 1 and 3 TACs respecting FIG Accreditation Rules. Additional transferable access cards may be delivered by FIG upon request by the delegation due to competition schedule / conditions.

The TACs are only transferable within the National Federation's official delegation and appropriate function.

Lost or stolen transferable access cards shall not be replaced.

Any misuse of an accreditation (zone, time, TAC, etc.) shall lead to the immediate withdrawal of the accreditation and to a fine of CHF 2'500.- per case to the respective federation. Further steps are possible (e.g. case to be submitted to the Disciplinary Commission).

Accreditation Centre

The Accreditation Centre will be located at the Entrance A0 of the Arena Armeec, situated at the side of the boulevard and open as follows:

- Opening Dates: from 06 to 16 September 2018
- Opening Hours: from 08:00 to 20:00 during the official accreditation days from 09:00 to 18:00 during all other days.

Accreditation Distribution

Accreditations will be distributed at the Accreditation Centre based on the nominative registrations to the Head of Delegation or his/her Substitute. FIG Accreditation rules will be strictly respected and applied notably as far as the number of accreditations and TACs per Federations is concerned. No additional accreditations may be issued without the prior approval of FIG. Any additional person to the nominative list is considered as a spectator and must buy entry tickets. For accreditation changes for Officials after the nominative registration, please refer to Appendix 1, for accreditation cancellation please refer to Appendix 2. Accreditations will not be delivered unless all financial, organisational and insurance obligations have been met.

Control and Distribution of the Required Material

At accreditation Heads of Delegations or their Substitutes will be requested to:

- present to the LOC a valid passport of all Delegation members for proof of identity and control of Nationality. A scan of the passport of the accredited gymnasts will be made and handed out to the FIG.
- finalize the necessary payments if needed (insurance, additional accreditation, etc.)
- show proof of the cover note or photocopy of the valid insurance policy
- check the correct names of their complete Delegation
- verify the accommodation and meal requirements including the Farewell Banquet
- verify the return flight schedules
- hand in the National Flag of their Federation, dimension 2m X 1m
- confirm the accuracy of the Federation National Anthem uploaded by the Federation itself onto the LOC digital platform, and sign the relevant form
- confirm the accuracy of Music uploaded by the Federation itself onto the LOC digital platform, and sign the relevant form

Music: while music for each routine has been uploaded onto the LOC digital platform, Coaches are also requested to always have 1 CD with them as backup for safety reasons or in case of technical problems. All CDs must be labelled as according to point 1.5.8 of the COP.

Photo: if a photo has to be taken in Sofia because none has been uploaded onto the LOC online system, there will be a charge to the federation of 10.00 EUR per missing photo, payable to the LOC at the time of accreditation.

It is recommended that Delegations take the Work Plan, training and competition schedules and starting orders with them, as hard copies will not be distributed on site.

At accreditation the LOC will and hand out to the Head of Delegation or Substitute:

- the revised Work Plan, starting order and/or schedules, if needed only
- the FIG "Medical and anti-doping practical information"
- the diplomas of participation
- the meal tickets, transportation schedules, invoices, delegation package, and invitations
- the Mail Box card

Delegation Seating

The LOC will reserve a number of seats for the accredited delegation members in the Arena (section C 3.4. and C 3.5. – 292 seats). 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 honour.

5. INSURANCE

Please refer to the Directives and to the document "International Assistance Insurance Information" provided by FIG for Gymnasts and Judges published on the FIG online calendar (click <u>here</u>).

Delegation members with insufficient insurance cover must inform the LOC in writing by **08 August 2018** at the very latest.

6. NOMINATIVE REGISTRATIONS

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

Deadline to submit the Nominative Registration – step 1: **08 August 2018** Deadline to submit the Nominative Registration – step 2: **22 August 2018**

As per the FIG rules, the fine to be paid to FIG for missing or late nominative registration (after the deadline of **08 August 2018**) is of CHF 1'000.-.

As per FIG Code of Ethics art. 2d), during the conduct of their activities, FIG members are expected to display correct deportment, 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 group 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. People and/or Judges shall therefore 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

7. MUSIC AND MUSIC FORM

Music

The Music must be uploaded onto the LOC digital platform (format .mp3 <u>only</u> (new requirement)) by **22 August 2018** at the very latest. Passed this deadline, the LOC online platform will be closed.

During competitions and training sessions, the music will be played by computer only. It is the responsibility of each Delegation to ensure that coaches and gymnasts listen to their music during the Podium training, and the Head Delegation to sign to confirm that he/she is happy with the recording.

Music Form:

Due to the specific current Bulgarian legislation on the music rights, the usual FIG Music Form linked to the FIG nominative registration will <u>not be used</u> for this event. The LOC has developed a specific Music Form (appendix 3) which fulfil the music rights in Bulgaria. This Music Form must be duly completed with all requested information, sealed, signed and returned to the FIG and LOC by **08 August 2018** 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 **22 August 2018** at the very latest.

While the LOC guarantees the respect for the rights of author and broadcasting of the musical works, each Federation will also confirm by filling-in the aforementioned Music Form and by returning it to the FIG and LOC that the music of their gymnasts does not violate any copyrights and that it can be broadcasted within sports.

The structure of the form in itself must not be modified. Once completed, the form must be returned **<u>exclusively</u>** by e-mail in <u>.xls/.xlsx</u> format. Other format such as .jpg or .pdf will be refused.

8. CHANGE OF START LIST

Please refer to Section 1 Regulation 4.2 of FIG Technical Regulations for details on the provisions related to the changes of Start lists, refer to Appendix 4.

REMINDER:

If any individual gymnast gets injured or ill after the second step of the Nominative Registration until 24 hours prior to the start of the Qualification, the replacing gymnast will have to perform all apparatus the sick or injured gymnast was registered for, and will fill the same position(s) in the draw (starting order) of the replaced gymnast.

9. VENUE AND TRAINING FACILITIES

Please refer to the Directives for location of the competition, training and warm-up halls.

Specificities of the	1 Competition Floor 16 x 16 m on the ground (no podium)		
Field of Play			
(level 0)	Color of the Competition hall: dark blue		
Specificities of the	Located at the back of the FoP behind a dividing black curtain.		
Warm-up Hall (level 0)	2 Floors 14 x 14m		
	Measuring table and scale for the check of the Hand Apparatus Iron and ironing table Television and watch Water No music equipment		
Specificities of the Training Hall (level -1)	2 Floors 14 x 14 m (and not 3 as announced in the Directives) Ballet bars, general warm-up and stretching/choreography zones Music equipment for both floors		
	4 changing rooms 6 toilet facilities Massage area Iron and ironing table Coffee and water		
External Tent	Built on the parking of the Arena Armeec		
	4 Floors 14 x14 m		
	Ballet bars, general warm-up and stretching/choreography zones Music equipment for all floors Iron and ironing table Coffee and water		
Sofia Training Hall	Located at 6 - 10 min. drive from Arena Armeec		
	3 floors 14x14 m		
	Ballet bars, general warm-up and stretching/choreography zones Iron and ironing table Coffee and water		

Free wifi will be available in the Arena for Delegations only. Additional information will be distributed in due time to the participating Federations and will be found in the LOC Bulletin.

10. TRANSPORTATION AND VISAS

Please refer to the Directives for details on Transportations and Visas.

Deadline for Delegations to upload their arrival and departure information onto the LOC online platform: **08 August 2018** at the very latest.

Arrival

The LOC personnel will be present at all arrival points with greeting signs to welcome the Delegation members. Delegations will be requested to make their ways to meet with them. Federations which have fulfilled their financial obligations towards the FIG and the LOC will be driven to their respective hotel. The LOC will inform them in advance about the best moment to complete the accreditation process. Every delegation will receive an appointment to facilitate and speed up the accreditation procedure. If a delegation decides to complete the accreditation procedure at another time, the LOC will not provide any transportation and will give priority to those countries who arrive at the agreed time.

Federations which have not fulfilled their financial obligations towards the FIG and the LOC will be driven directly to the Accreditation Center and will have to wait, as accreditations will be given on a "first come, first serve" basis.

Departure

If entitled, shuttle transportation will be coordinated by the LOC from the Official Hotels to the airport of Sofia or Sofia main railway station, based on the information collected from the Delegations and confirmed by the Head of Delegation during the accreditation. A detailed schedule for departures will be sent by e-mail on due time and displayed on the board at the official hotels.

Transportation Office and Phone Number

The Transportation Office will be located at the Arena Armeec, entrance C (for delegations), level 0, closed to the Sport Information Desk and will be operational as follows:

- Opening Dates: from 06 to 16 September 2018
- Opening Hours: from 08:00 to 19:00

The transport office phone number (printed on the back of each delegate's accreditation card) is:

+ 359 878 100 091 (from a foreign mobile operator) 0878 100 091 (from a Bulgarian mobile operator) Transportation Manager: Mr. Iliya Zaprianov

11. ACCOMMODATIONS

Please refer to the Directives for details on the selection of hotels, payment, etc. Deadline for Delegations to submit the Accommodation (names-to-rooms assignment) onto the LOC online platform: **08 August 2018** at the very latest.

12. MEALS

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Please refer to the Directives for details on orders, payment, etc.

Delegations having booked their meals with the LOC will have to show the coupons received at accreditation together with the accreditation card to enter the meals zone.

The LOC will not provide any meal to the judges. It is the responsibility of the National Federations to order and pay for the meals of their judges.

The LOC will provide for the Delegations free water, coffee and fruits in the training halls, water only in the warm-up hall, and for the judges throughout the event small drinks, fruits and snacks.

Farewell Banquet

Please refer to the Directives for details on orders, payment, etc.

The Farewell Banquet will be held at the President Residence Boyana, House No 2. Additional information will be given in due time to the participating Federations and will be found in the LOC Bulletin.

Bus transfers will be organized from the Hotels to the Banquet and back as needed. Transport Information will be distributed via the delegation mail boxes and the LOC Bulletin.

The dress code will be "Cocktail".

Deadline for Delegations to pay additional tickets: **08 August 2018** at the very latest.

13. FINANCIAL

Within 2 weeks after the deadline of the Nominative registration (08 August 2018) each participating Federation will receive from the LOC their balance due, based on the provision mentioned in the Directives regarding the fines for changes made after the deadlines or for late payments.

14. TRAINING – PODIUM TRAINING – EARLY OR LATE TRAINING

Training

The Official detailed training schedules has been organized in accordance with the Technical Regulations.

The training and competitions schedules will be published on the FIG online calendar and on the Event website in due time.

Delegations must respect the designated training times and the allocated training carpets. Changes to the official scheduled training hours will not be accepted. Each individual gymnast/group have the same possibility of training session. After the qualification competition, training will be available to those individual gymnasts/groups who have qualified for the All-Around and Apparatus Final competitions only.

Podium training

Only on Podium training days, individual gymnasts and/or groups will perform their exercises on the floor where the competition will take place.

Early or late training opportunities:

Delegations arriving earlier or departing later than the official arrival and departure dates are requested to contact the LOC in order to receive information on early training opportunities if needed in local facilities. All costs and logistical arrangements related to these early or late training opportunities will have to be covered by the National Federations concerned. No early or late training will be available at the official competition or training venues. As these opportunities are very limited, early or late training opportunities will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Groups arriving earlier than the official arrival day for Group will not have the possibility of trainings in the official competition and/or training halls together with the respective Individual gymnasts of the same country (or others).

15. COMPETITION FORMAT AND PROGRAMME

Competitions will be conducted in accordance with the 2018 FIG Technical Regulations including Section 3 for RG, the current RG Code of Points and other technical directives of the FIG.

Individual Competitions

Qualifications with Team ranking

Each team must perform a total of 10 exercises and the classification is made by adding the 8 best scores registered by the gymnasts of the team. The competition programme for 2018 is as follows:

- 3 Hoop exercises
- 3 Ball exercises
- 2 Clubs exercises
- 2 Ribbon exercises

All-Around Final

Group B (gymnasts ranked 13-24 from the Qualification) start the All-Around Final competition, followed by Group A (gymnasts ranked 1-12 from the Qualification).

All-Around Finalists will stay in the competition area after their last routine (fourth apparatus) to watch the competition. Dedicated seating will be allocated specially for them.

Further detailed information will be given at the Orientation Meeting.

Apparatus Final

The best 8 gymnasts (maximum of 2 per National Federation) of Qualifications, on each of the 4 apparatus of the programme are designated to participate in the Individual Apparatus Finals.

Group Competitions

These World Championships will represent the **first Olympic Qualification** for the **2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo** (JPN). The best three (3) Federations from the results of the General Group Competition (qualification) will qualify one (1) Group quota place for their NOC.

General Competition - All-Around ranking

Each Group shall present one exercise with 5 Hoops and the other one with 3 Balls + 2 Ropes.

Each National Federation may enter 5 to 6 gymnasts for the total programme of group exercises (2 exercises and 2 finals). In case of 6 gymnasts, all 6 gymnasts must take part in at least one exercise. Should one gymnast not take part in any exercise, the group is disqualified.

The group composition must be submitted for both exercises at the time of the nominative registration.

The identity of each gymnast will be checked before entering the competition floor for both exercises. The coach will be informed should the group composition not correspond to the one submitted. He/she will be given the possibility to modify the group composition to be in accordance with the one declared. Should the coach let his/her group compete with a different composition will result in the disqualification of his/her group from the respective exercise(s). As a result, the group will not be ranked in the All-Around Ranking List nor in the Ranking List of the routine it was disqualified from.

Modifications of the group composition can be accepted on site only with a medical certificate verified by the official FIG doctor.

Final using one type of apparatus, Final using two types of apparatus

The Groups placed in the first 8 places of the Qualifications for either of the 2 routines, shall take part in the respective Final.

Presentation of the Finalists

Individual and Group gymnasts will be presented before their respective Apparatus Final(s). The timing for these presentations are already considered in the training and competition schedule. Further detailed information will be given at the Orientation Meeting.

The Competition Director and the Floor Manager will be in charge of the competitions, warm-ups and training areas. All instructions given by them must be strictly observed, especially during TV broadcast.

During competition and warm-up on the FoP, 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.

Gymnasts' drawing of lots

Based on the Definitive registrations the <u>drawing of lots</u> for Qualifications and Finals was conducted on 21 June 2018 at the FIG Headquarters in Lausanne.

The FIG in consultation with the LOC reserves the right to apply minor adjustments to the draw and starting order should the nominative registrations received or the final number of participants at the time of the competition generates organisational problems in terms of training, podium training, warm-up and competition schedules.

16. KISS & CRY

The number of persons authorised in the Kiss & Cry is:

- Individual competition: 1 gymnast and 1 coach with TAC only
- Group competition: 5 or 6 gymnasts and 2 coaches with TAC only

This rule has to be strictly respected; any violation of it will result in a fine and further steps are possible (e.g. case to be submitted to the Disciplinary Commission). Further information will be given at the Orientation Meeting.

17. CONTROL OF HAND APPARATUS

Following the decision of the FIG Executive Committee at its meeting held on 09 and 10 May 2018 in Istanbul (TUR), the transition period – for gymnasts only - concerning the changes of the Apparatus Norms for the Hand Apparatus has been changed from 01 September 2018 to 01 January 2019. Please refer to the Official Communication sent by the Sports Department on 08 June 2018.

Therefore the procedure to check the Hand Apparatus will be as in the past. This means that all gymnasts will have to present their Hand Apparatus to be checked with the measuring table prior to competing. If they are compliant with the norms, they will be labelled with the official sticker attached to each apparatus. Gymnasts will not be allowed to compete with Hand Apparatus which do not fulfil the measurements and criteria as requested.

The gymnasts will have the possibility to have a preliminary check during training sessions.

During the competition, the checking procedure will take place before each exercise. A further check may take place at the end of the exercise at the request of the Superior Jury.

Further detailed information will be given during the Orientation Meeting.

Contrary to what was announced previously, the FIG test Institute will not continue tests measurements of the balls.

18. FIG CERTIFIED APPARATUS

The Manufacturer Supplier will be Spieth, RG floor "Beijing" 1790280. The competition floor will be color light beige.

19. SUPERIOR JURY, JUDGES' PANELS AND JURY OF APPEAL AND SUPERVISORY BOARD

Superior Jury

The whole Technical Committee forms the Superior Jury, the RG TC President being its President.

Judges

Please refer to the Directives.

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 DURING COMPETITIONS

During the competitions, the announcements will be made in Bulgarian and in English.

21. SCORING

Longines will provide the official scoring equipment and IRCOS for the video control.

Start list of competitors, list of judges, intermediate results and final result book will be distributed via e-mail to the National Federations' official e-mail address and to their Head of Delegation's e-mail address, through the event "Portal" as well as displayed at the Sport Information Desk and in the lobbies of the official hotels.

Federations are kindly requested to send by e-mail to the FIG (attn. <u>smartinet@fig-gymnastics.org</u>) the exact contact name, phone number and e-mail address of their Head of Delegation or Substitute while in Sofia for proper delivery of official documents. Deadline: **22 August 2018** at the very latest.

22. INQUIRY

As per Art. 8.4 of the TR and the clarifications published in FIG Official Communication on 9 July 2018, 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 individual gymnast or group is shown. For the last individual gymnast/group 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 <u>must</u> be mentioned on the inquiry form for the inquiry to be accepted. An area close to the Kiss & Cry where the coach of the competing gymnast can see the score of the exercise will be designated. Late verbal inquiries will be rejected.

A National Federation is not allowed to complain against a gymnast from another federation. Inquiries for Execution scores are not allowed.

The inquiry must be confirmed as soon as possible in writing but within 4 minutes at the latest after the verbal inquiry and requires an agreement of payment of USD 300.-- for the first inquiry, USD 500.-- for the second inquiry, USD 1'000.-- for the third and all subsequent inquiries, lodged by the same Federation throughout the World Championships (and not starting from "1" at each competition phase). Should the inquiry not be confirmed in writing within 4 minutes, the procedure becomes obsolete.

Federations shall not pay cash when submitting an inquiry as cash money is prohibited on the FoP.

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 for the All-Around competitions
- before the score of the following individual gymnast/group is shown for the Apparatus Finals

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.

Since in Rhythmic Gymnastics the D-score is divided into two parts – Body Difficulty (DB - D1-D2) and Apparatus Difficulty (DA - D3-D4), each part is considered as a distinct score and must be challenged separately (either DB and DA or only DB or DA). Thus, if DB and DA of the same routine are challenged, the coach has to submit two inquiries with the respective forms. DB will be considered as first inquiry, DA as second inquiry.

23. CEREMONIES

Opening Ceremony

The official Opening Ceremony will take place in the Arena Armeec.

Gymnasts from participating Federations will take part in the official Opening Ceremony but they are kindly invited together with all Delegation members to watch it.

The Judges', Coaches' and Athletes' Oath will be read during the Opening Ceremony according to the Technical Regulations, 2018 edition, Reg. 7.12.1, 7.12.2 and 7.12.3.

Award Ceremonies

The awards ceremonies will be held as per the schedule mentioned in the provisional programme and carried out in accordance with the FIG Regulations for Award Ceremonies. The gymnasts requested to attend the award ceremonies will be as follows:

Team Competition	All individual gymnasts from Teams ranked 1 st to 3 rd
Individual Apparatus Finals	Individual gymnasts ranked 1 st to 3 rd
Individual All-Around Finals	Individual gymnasts ranked 1 st to 8 th
Group General Competition	Group ranked 1 st to 3 rd
Group Apparatus Finals	Group ranked 1 st to 3 rd

The following awards will be granted to the top 8 per Final:

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

The gymnasts must wear their correct competition attire for the Award Ceremony.

The national flags of the best 3 individual gymnasts or groups will be hoisted and the national anthem of the top individual gymnast(s), and group(s) will be played.

Please ensure that your Federation's medalists are in time for the line-up prior to the ceremonies. An individual gymnast or a group who is absent with unjustified reason will be disqualified.

The diplomas for the gymnasts who will not be on the podium during the Award Ceremony (Team ranked $4^{th} - 8^{th}$ and Group All-Around ranked $4^{th} - 8^{th}$ place) will be distributed in the delegations' boxes.

Gala

An e-mail with explanations on the running of the Gala will be sent very soon to the Federations. Additional detailed information will be given at the Orientation Meeting.

Closing Ceremony

At the end of the Closing Ceremony the FIG flag will be handed over back to the President of the FIG and given to the Secretary General of the AZE Federation who will host the 2019 RG World Championships in Baku.

24. LONGINES PRIZE OF ELEGANCE

The prestigious Longines Prize for Elegance will honour the Individual All-around gymnast judged to be the most elegant. The basis for evaluating, judging and awarding the Prize of Elegance will include emotional appeal extending beyond technical considerations to beauty charm and charisma as well as grace and harmony of the movements. The winner of the Longines Prize for Elegance will receive a statue by Swiss artist Jean-Pierre Gerber, a Longines watch, as well as a check. The prize will be presented immediately before the Award Ceremony for the Individual All-Around Final.

25. MEDICAL SERVICES

The medical service will be provided by the Medical Centre "Sportmed" which was also at the 32nd FIG Trampoline Gymnastics World Championships and Age Group Competition in Sofia (BUL) in 2017, according to the FIG Rules "<u>Medical Organisation of the FIG Competitions and Events</u>".

Please review the document "Medical and anti-doping practical information" handed out at accreditation as it contains information regarding the access to medical care and mentions useful contact details in case of emergency.

The Official hospitals will be:

Name:	University Multi-profile Hospital for Active Treatment and Emergency Medicine "Nikolay Ivanovich Pirogov"
Address:	21 Totleben Blvd, Sofia – Bulgaria
Name:	Acibadem Tokuda Hospital Sofia
Address:	51B Nikola I. Vaptsarov Blvd, 1407 Sofia – Bulgaria
Name:	University Hospital "Sofiamed"
Address:	16 G. M. Dimitrov Blvd, 1797 Sofia – Bulgaria

The official LOC Medical Doctor will be Dr. Mariela Sirakova (FIG Anti-doping, Medical and Scientific Commission Member).

26. ANTI DOPING CONTROL AND THERAPEUTIC USE EXPEMPTIONS

Under the supervision of the FIG, anti-doping control will be organized according to the valid WADA Code, Standards and FIG Anti-Doping Rules.

The anti-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.

27. PRIZE MONEY

The following Prize Money will be paid by the FIG in CHF to the National Federations concerned by bank transfer at the end of the World Championships:

Team Ranking (per Team)	Gold Silver Bronze	CHF 5'000 CHF 3'000 CHF 2'000
Individual All Around	Gold Silver Bronze	CHF 5'000 CHF 3'000 CHF 1'000
Individual Apparatus (per apparatus)	Gold Silver Bronze	CHF 3'000 CHF 2'000 CHF 1'000
Group All Around (per Group)	Gold Silver Bronze	CHF 10'000 CHF 6'000 CHF 4'000

The following additional Prize Money/Support will be paid by the FIG in USD\$ to the National Federations concerned by bank transfer at the end of the World Championships:

Group General Competition	1 st place	USD 10'000	
(CI, All-Around)	2 nd place	USD 6'000	
	3 rd place	USD 4'000	
	4 th place	USD 3'000	
	5 th place	USD 3'000	
	6 th place	USD 3'000	

In case of a tie, the prize money/additional prize money of the respective ranking will be added and divided by the number of tied individual gymnasts or groups.

28. MEETINGS – INSTRUCTIONS – OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS

Orientation Meeting

The Orientation Meeting held exclusively in English will take place at the Arena Armeec in the Conference room at level -1. Important information concerning the detailed organization of the World Championships will be given by the LOC and the FIG.

<u>Participation is compulsory</u> as per Technical Regulations, Section 1, Reg. 5.12. Unjustified failure to attend this meeting will result in a sanction of CHF 1'000.- against the Federation to be paid to the FIG.

Delegation representatives have to attend this meeting with a <u>maximum of 2 accredited members</u> per Delegation, including the Head of Delegation or his/her Substitute.

Judges who wish to attend the Orientation Meeting will be part of the 2 delegation members and may not represent their country.

Judges' Instructions, Meetings, Briefings and Draw

All the judges are required to take part in the judges' instruction, briefings and subsequent meetings. Judges who do not participate will not be authorized to judge and will receive warnings and possibly other sanctions as well.

For competition, Judges must respect the FIG dress code (blue skirt or trousers and blue jacket, white shirt, no tank top, minimum short sleeves).

TC Meeting and Video Analysis

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

Longines Instruction

The Swiss Timing Instruction will be held in the Judges' meeting room and in the Competition Area as mentioned in the general programme.

FIG President Round Table

Heads of Delegation, Coaches and Judges for a total of maximum 3 per Delegation are invited to participate in the Round Table presented by FIG President Morinari Watanabe. For confirmation of participation, please use Appendix 5. Deadline **07 September 2018.** Exact day, time and location will be communicated later.

Round table on Medical aspects and fight against Doping

Dr. Michel Léglise, FIG Honorary Vice President and President of the FIG Anti-Doping, Medical and Scientific Commission invite all Medical doctors and Paramedical Staff to his round table. It is meant to provide valuable information on Medical and Anti-doping fight and the following topics will be developed:

- fight against doping: a challenge for all
- overview and updated information regarding risk assessment
- problems in daily practice
- results of WADA collaboration and FIG involvement

For confirmation of participation, please use Appendix 6. Deadline: **07 September 2018.** Further information will be given at the Orientation Meeting.

Athletes' Meeting

The FIG and its Athletes' Representative for Rhythmic Gymnastics, Ms. Liubou Charkashyna, would like to invite athletes from all participating Federations to the Athletes' Meeting to:

- give information on the last changes of the Rules
- approach the topic of doping
- share ideas about the future of Rhythmic Gymnastics

All gymnasts are more than very welcome.

Further detailed information will be given at the Orientation Meeting.

29. WELCOME DINNER

The LOC is delighted to invite FIG Authorities, Heads of Delegation and Judges to a Welcome Dinner. All information regarding this official welcome reception and the bus transport will be given during the Orientation Meeting.

Dress code: Cocktail

30. MEDIA AND TV

Media accreditation

The FIG delivers a limited number of media credentials (max. 2 ES-F and 1 EP-F) per federation to the communications staff of FIG member federations. The registration deadline was **27 June**, **2018**.

Media representatives as well as federations' communications staff can register online at <u>https://media.gymnastics.sport</u> in order to submit a late request for media credentials for the World Championships. In addition, federations are requested to send a confirmation letter for their editorial staff and photographers to the FIG Media Department at <u>mediafig@fig-gymnastics.org</u>.

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

Mixed Zone

After podium training sessions and competitions, gymnasts must exit the Field of Play (FoP) through the Mixed Zone. This is where journalists collect flash quotes from the competitors.

Federations are responsible for the proper and timely appearance of their medallists in the Mixed Zone.

There is no obligation for a gymnast to stop in the Mixed Zone, however, cooperation with the press is most appreciated. <u>To assist gymnasts to talk to the press, each participating federation</u> may ask for one Mixed Zone Card (MZC). The cards are distributed onsite by the FIG Media staff.

Training halls

Media representatives are welcome in the training halls. However, they are kindly requested to remain in the designated areas (Zone 10) and not to disturb the training.

Warm-up halls

Warm-up halls are a No Go Zone for the media. Access will not be authorised.

Podium training

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

Award 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.

Medallist press conferences

When medallist press conferences are planned, the participation of the respective gymnasts is compulsory according to the FIG Technical Regulations 2018, Reg. 4.11.15. Federations are responsible for the proper and timely appearance of their medallists. Any federation whose athletes do not appear as stated above will be fined immediately for each infraction. The amount of the fine has been fixed by the FIG Council in 2002 at CHF 2'000.-.

The cancellation of a press conference is the responsibility of the FIG Media Operations Officer. In case a medallist is selected for doping control, he or she must attend the award ceremony and the press conference prior to the control.

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 television rights, personal video or TV cameras and recording is prohibited in the competition hall including from the spectators' seating. 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). The official FIG IRCOS footage will be available for sale to all FIG member federations.

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.

Publicity on competition attire –National Emblems

Publicity and National Emblem Rules on attire and equipment must be strictly respected as per FIG Advertising Rules. As the Code of Points foresees deductions should the FIG Publicity Rules not be followed, each National Federation may fill in the online Publicity form if deemed necessary by **08 August 2018** in order to have it approved.

Athletes' images for improved sports presentation

Please refer to our official communication from 5 February 2018 that you can find by clicking on this link: <u>https://goo.gl/mYd9fY</u>

Information on an **official and compulsory athlete photo session on 8 September** for gymnasts whose portrait photos have not been submitted prior to the championships will be announced at the orientation meeting.

31. GYMNASTICS AMBASSADOR

Maria Petrova (BUL), who won three consecutive World All-Around titles between 1993 and 1995, has been chosen as Rhythmic Gymnastics Ambassador for the World Championships by the FIG in conjunction with the Local Organising Committee. She will present medals, especially the gold medal to the All-Around winner. She will also be available for photo shoots and autograph sessions, meeting with athletes, interview requests and other activities on site.

32. SECURITY CHECK

The security check will be made by visual recognition, by verifying the accreditation card and possible bag and body check.

33. TOURIST INFORMATION

Ticketing

The online Tickets sale are available by clicking <u>here</u>. During the competition, days tickets can be purchased at the Arena Armeec Ticket office.

Currency:

The BUL currency is the BGN (Lev)

Power supply:

Voltage 220 volts; frequency 50 Hz. An adapter might be needed.



GMT: +2 Hr

34. SUMMARY OF REMAINING DEADLINES

For FIG

	Deadline
Nominative Registration – 1 st step (online)	08 August 2018
Nominative Registration – 2 nd step (online)	22 August 2018
Online Publicity (not compulsory) (Paper Form)	08 August 2018
Music Release Form (Paper Form)	08 August 2018
Music Release Form if changes occurred between nominative registration	
step 1 and step 2 (Paper Form)	22 August 2018
Contact details of the Head of Delegation or Substitute on site (by e-mail)	22 August 2018
FIG President Round Table – confirmation of participation	07 September 2018
Medical Round Table – confirmation of participation	07 September 2018

For the LOC

	Deadline
Travel details (online)	08 August 2018
Accommodation (names-to-rooms assignment) (online)	08 August 2018
Insufficient insurance Coverage	08 August 2018
Photo for Accreditation (online)	08 August 2018
Music Release Form – Paper Form	08 August 2018
Music Release Form if changes occurred between nominative registration step 1 and step 2 (Paper Form)	22 August 2018
Music for Individuals and for Groups (online)	22 August 2018

Payments to the LOC

	Deadline
100% Payment of the Accommodation Costs	08 August 2018
100% Payment of the Meals	08 August 2018
Payment of Supplementary Accreditations	08 August 2018
Additional Banquet tickets	08 August 2018
Music upload	22 August 2018

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Appendix 1: Request for Accreditation Change for Official

Appendix 2: Request for Accreditation withdrawal without replacement

Appendix 3: Music Form

Appendix 4: Request for Change of Start List

Appendix 5: FIG President Round Table - confirmation of participation

Appendix 6: Medical Round Table - confirmation of participation