



Lausanne (SUI), December 2019

1st World Cup of the next series for Acrobatics:

World cup Lisbon – Portugal 13-15 September 2019:

This World Cup was overseen by Frank Bohm (Germany), who was the FIG Technical Delegate. Thanks to the LOC – Gymnastics Federation of Portugal, Acro Club of Lisbon and the City of Lisbon who hosted this FIG World cup

12 Federations came to Lisbon with 68 athletes participating.



Participating Federations:

Europe: AUT, AZE, ESP, FRA, GER, HUN, ISR, NED, POR, POL, RUS

Asia: KAZ

Everything was very well organized throughout the event and thanks must also go to the work of all the volunteers which was really appreciated by all participants, judges and officials, even as it was very warm in the competition hall.

11th Asian Acrobatic Championships: 10-12 October 2019

Thanks to AGU, the LOC – Gymnastics Federation of Uzbekistan and the city of Tashkent to take this event, especially because it was for the first time that Uzbekistan organized an International ACRO competition. Congratulations!



Participating Federations:

There were 7 Participating federations at Senior level: KAZ, UZB, PRK, CHN, IND, IRI, HKG

It was an enjoyable experience for all participants.

Hopefully, by the next cycle, all participating countries will have International Acrobatic judges to send with their teams to the competition. This will help the LOC to run this event.



10th European Age Group competition Acrobatic Gymnastics: 24 – 27 October 2019

This was the 1st International ACRO competition in Israel!

Thanks to UEG, the LOC – Gymnastics Federation of Israel, the city of Holon.

The level of organization was very good and well appreciated by all competitors and officials.

Participating Federations:

There were 27 participating National Federations on Age Group level.

Number of participants:

11 -16: 225

12 -18: 204

9th European Acrobatic Gymnastics Championships Juniors and Seniors: 30 October – 03 November 2019

19 Participating National Federations at Junior level.

Number of participants: 171

18 participating National Federations at Senior level.

Number of participants: 122



Pan American Championships: 22 – 24 November 2019

The Mexican Gymnastics Federation hosted the Championships in Monterrey.

It was the first time Mexico hosted an international Acrobatic Gymnastics event.

5 Participating National Federations: BRA, CAN, MEX, PUR, and the USA.



23 pair/groups in the 11-16 age group

12 pair/groups in the 12-18 age group

7 pair/groups in the 13-19 (Junior) age group

2 senior pair/groups – one women's group and one men's pair.

The PAGU Championships followed a new competition format. The changes were very positive and the Acro TC plans to continue the same format for future PAGU Championships.

Every country increased their participation from the 2017 Championships.

Although growth takes time, there are a lot of new countries inside PAGU that



have started Acrobatic Gymnastics and we are excited about the progress.

Level 2 Academies for Acrobatic Gymnastics – Germany

The German Gymnastics Federation hosted a Level 2 academy for Acrobatic Gymnastics in the city of Aalen at the State High Performance Centre for Acrobatic Gymnastics.



Thirteen coaches attended this Level 2 academy. They represented the five countries of Germany, Hungary, Netherlands, Poland and Portugal.

The course leader was **João Tiago Maia** of Portugal who coaches some of the Portuguese National Team members. He and has been a frequent expert for the FIG Age Group Programme, but this is the first time he has taught at an academy. He taught all of the sport science lectures. The main technical expert was Belgian national coach **Sergey Tretyakov**. He has taught several academies and is also on the age-group working group for Acrobatic Gymnastics. He was joined by Spanish National coach **Jorge Méndez**.

Level 1 Academies for Acrobatic Gymnastics – Estonia

The Estonia Gymnastics Federation hosted an Academy for the first time and becomes the 79th federation to host an Academy. This Academy was a Level 1 for Acrobatic Gymnastics held in the capital city of Tallinn.





Fifteen coaches mostly from Estonia attended this Level 1 Academy. They represented the three countries of Estonia, Hungary and Poland.

The course leader was **João Tiago Maia** of Portugal and he taught all of the sport science lectures. The main technical expert was Belgian national coach **Sergey Tretyakov**. He was joined by first time Academy expert **Yves Vander Donckt** of Belgium, who currently lives and coaches in Hungary. He becomes the 266th person to have served as a FIG expert over the years.

Reminder:

Attire – Country Identification on Athletes' Uniforms

Athletes will have to display a flag in **official colours** or the name of their country (or abbreviation, e.g. GBR) on their competition uniform. The minimum overall area is 30 sq. cm.

This must be in place from 1st January 2020.

Clarification

Pairs and Groups – Swing and cannonball start and catch positions are **NOT** considered as horizontal positions.

Clarification

In base position where the hand or foot of the base are on the floor, the top must grip **ONLY** the hand or foot and **NOT** to touch the floor. Otherwise a penalty of 0.5 for additional support will be applied.

Examples:

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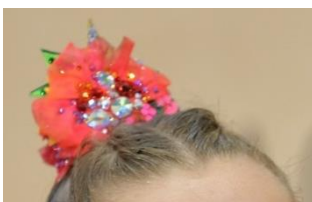


Incorrect



Clarification

The following Crown/hair accessories are **NOT** allowed for safety reasons. (Refer to Article 34.8 in the Code of Points).

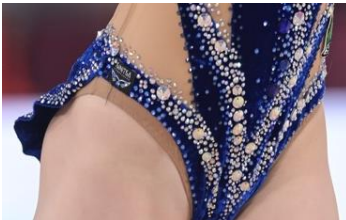
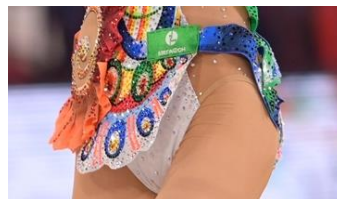




Clarification

The skirt should be all around and not partly.

The following styles are **NOT** allowed.



Calendar of Acrobatic Events 2020

- 1) World Cup Maia – Portugal: 6-8 March
- 2) International tournament WARS & SAWA – Warszawa 20-22 March
- 3) FIG Acro Technical committee meeting: Lausanne - 16-19 March
- 4) World Cup Sofia – Bulgaria: 3-5 April
- 5) World Cup Puurs – Belgium: 10-12 April
- 6) 11th WORLD AGE GROUP COMPETITION – Geneva (SUI) 20-26 May
- 7) 27th WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS ACRO – Geneva (SUI) 29-31 May
- 8) FIG Acro Technical Committee meeting: Analysis WAGC and W.CH.: Lausanne - 24-25, meeting 26-27 June
- 9) FIG Acro Technical Committee meeting: Lausanne - 4-7 October

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