



DIRECTIVES

ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS AGE GROUP Balkan Championships



Sofia (BUL)

September 19-21, 2024

Dear President,

The Bulgarian Gymnastics Federation (BGF) is pleased to herein provide you the Technical Regulations for the **3rd Artistic Gymnastics Age Group Balkan Championships** (AGBC) to be held in **Sofia (BUL)** from **19 to 21 September, 2024**. These AGBC will be organized by the rules of the FIG MAG and WAG Code of Points 2022-2024, including the Modifications for Junior Competitions.

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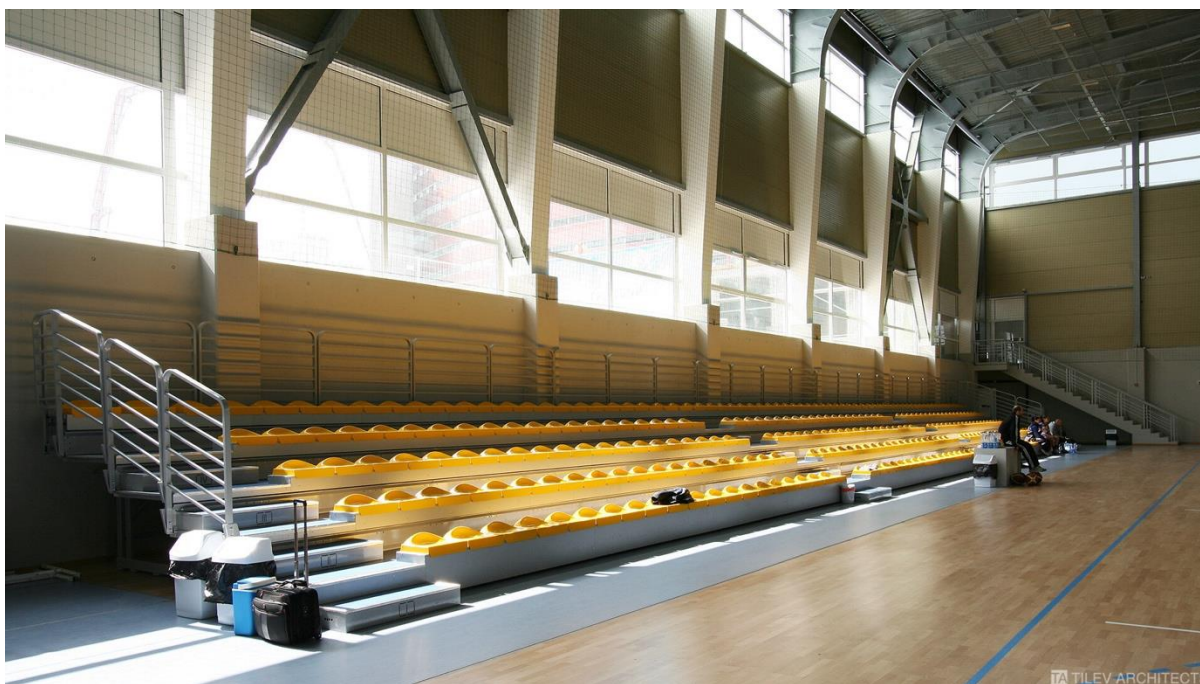
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4. LOCATION OF THE COMPETITION AND TRAINING HALL

Competition Hall	Venue Capacity: 200 seats
	Address: Arena Sofia – Training Hall, boulevard “Asen Yordanov” № 1



Picture of the Competition Venue

5. PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

DATE / TIME	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
17 September 2024 Tuesday	Arrival of the BG EC Members Meeting BG Staff - LOC Staff	BG Room
17 September 2024 Tuesday 9:00-9:30 As per Schedule 10:00-18:00	Official Arrival of the Delegations Apparatus Control Free MAG and WAG Training (if necessary)	Competition Hall

18 September 2024 Wednesday		
10:00-18:00	MAG and WAG Training	Competition Hall
10:00-12:00	Apparatus Control MAG Training Subdivision 1	
12:00-14:00	MAG Training Subdivision 2	
14:00-16:00	WAG Training Subdivision 1	
16:00-18:00	WAG Training Subdivision 2	
17:30-18:45	WAG Judges Meeting MAG Judges Meeting (Judges DRAW)	W. Judges Room M. Judges Room
19:00-20:00	Orientation Meeting	
19 September 2024 Thursday		
As per Schedule	WAG Training	Competition Hall
12:00-13:00	Apparatus Control MAG Judges' Briefing	MAG Judges' Room
	MAG Qualifications for Apparatus Finals, All-Around Finals, Team Finals	Competition Hall
13:00-14:00	Warm-up	
14:00-16:00	Subdivision 1	Competition Hall
16:00-17:00	Warm-up	
17:00-19:00	Subdivision 2	
19:10-19:30	Victory Ceremonies <i>MAG All-Around Finals (separately Junior, Youth and Pre-Youth Age Group) and Team Finals</i>	FOP
20 September 2024 Friday		
As per Schedule	MAG Training	Competition Hall
	Apparatus Control	

12:00-13:00	WAG Judges' Briefing	WAG Judges' Room
	WAG Qualifications for Apparatus Finals, All-Around Finals, Team Finals	Competition Hall
13:00-14:00	Warm-up	
14:00-16:00	Subdivision 1	
16:00-17:00	Warm-up	Competition Hall
17:00-19:00	Subdivision 2	
19:10-19:30	Victory Ceremonies <i>WAG All-Around Finals (separately Junior, Youth and Pre-Youth Age Group) and Team Finals</i>	FOP
21 September 2024 Saturday		
08:00-09:00	WAG Judges' Briefing and Draw for App. Finals	Competition Hall
08:00-09:00	MAG Judges' Briefing and Draw for App. Finals	Competition Hall
09:00-10:00	MAG and WAG Warm-up	W. Judges Room
10:00-13:00	MAG and WAG Apparatus Finals (1/2) <i>MAG: FX, PH, SR</i> <i>WAG: VT, UB</i>	M. Judges Room
14:00-15:00	MAG and WAG Warm-up	Competition Hall
15:00-18:00	MAG and WAG Apparatus Finals (2/2) <i>MAG: VT, PB, HB</i> <i>WAG: BB, FX</i>	Competition Hall Competition Hall
19:30-22:00	Farewell Banquet	
22 September 2024 Sunday	Departure of the Delegations	

6. PARTICIPATION RIGHTS AND ACCREDITATIONS

Junior Gymnasts holding a valid FIG License until the end of the competitions (if necessary) and with the **correct age** from FIG affiliated Federations in good standings may take part in Balkan Championships.

The Federations is permitted to send a team of min. three (3) to max. six (6) and one (1) reserve gymnast. If the Federations don't nominate a team, have right nominate just an individual gymnasts.

The competition running with junior FIG rules. Except Vault, where the Pre-Youth age groups (MAG age 12-13), (WAG age 10-11) can use two Springboards!

Maximum Delegation Size

A Delegation is requested to submit its Delegation composition through the **LOC** on-line registration system. The maximum size of each Delegation:

Function – DEL	MAG	WAG	Mixed
Officials (regardless if participation with full teams or individual gymnasts)			
Head of Delegation / Head of Delegation and NF President	1	1	1
Medical Doctor	1	1	2
Full Teams (for Delegations with 6 gymnasts)			
Gymnasts	6	6	12
Reserve Gymnasts	1	1	2
Coach	2	2	4
Judge	2	2	4

AGE LIMIT OF GYMNASTS

- The age of the **MAG gymnasts** in 2024 must be max. **2 gymnasts age of 12 or 13 years old (Pre-Youth)**, max. **2 gymnasts age of 14 or 15 (Youth)** and max. **2 gymnasts age of 16 or 17 years old (Juniors)**

(Born 2012 or 2011, 2010 or 2009 and 2008 or 2007).

- The age of the **WAG gymnasts** in 2024 must be max. **2 gymnasts age of 10 or 11 years old (Pre-Youth)**, max. **2 gymnasts age of 12 or 13 (Youth)** and max. **2 gymnasts age of 14 or 15 years old (Juniors)**

(Born 2014 or 2013, 2012 or 2011 and 2010 or 2009).

REGISTRATIONS AND ENTRY FEES

Definitive Registration

The definitive registrations must be completed by entering the composition of the Delegation **until 18 July 2024** at the very latest

Nominative Registration

The nominative registration must be completed by entering the composition of the Delegation **1 month before competition (until 18 August 2024)**.

Nominative modifications **2 weeks before competition (until 4 September 2024)**

LICENSES

The LOC will be responsible for checking the validity of the junior gymnasts' Licenses if it is necessary!

7. JUDGES

Each Delegation must send two (2) or possible three (3) MAG Judges and two (2) or three (3) WAG Judges of Category I, II, III, IV, or National.

8. DRAWING OF LOTS

The drawing of lots will decide the starting order of the Qualifications and the Apparatus Finals. The drawing for Qualifications will take after 18 July in Sofia by LOC. The gymnasts' drawing of lots will take before the competition.

9. COMPETITION FORMAT AND PROGRAMME

Each team consists in total min. of three (3), (1-1-1), or max. six (6), (2-2-2) gymnasts from each age group (Pre-Youth, Youth and Juniors).

The team shall provide for max. **six (6) gymnasts**. Min. three (3), or max. six (6) gymnasts may compete on any single piece of apparatus and the **1-1 highest scores from** age (Pre- Youth, Youth and Juniors) on each apparatus will be taken into account for the team total.

Maximum of **2 gymnasts (without limited number of age groups)** per country may qualify for the Apparatus Finals. To the apparatus Final goes eight (8) gymnast with the best eight (8) scores from all Categories.

10. EQUIPMENT

The Manufacturer Supplier will be **Spieth**.

11. VISA (if necessary)

Please verify immediately with your travel agency or the Bulgarian Embassy or Consulate in your country if a visa is required for your travel to Bulgaria.

The LOC will be happy to provide each Delegation member with a free entry visa, provided that the visa request is made to the LOC through the Visa Application form by email **18 July 2024** and includes a clear copy of the valid passport (i.e. picture page with specific information), the identity of the applicants, the function, full name, gender, date of birth, citizenship and passport number, passport expiry date, as well as the arrival and departure dates of the Delegation Member.

12. TRANSPORTATION

International transportation

The international transportation to **Sofia** will be at each Delegation's own expense. The LOC strongly recommends that each Federation takes cancellation insurance for their international transportation.

Local transportation

Accredited Delegations who will:

Submit the travel schedule information for arrivals and departures the Travel Form by email **until 04 September 2024** at the latest.

Accredited Delegations will be provided with local transportation between **Sofia** Airport and the official hotel. This service will be organized by the LOC.

A shuttle service will also be available for the local transportation of all accredited persons (if applicable) between the official hotel as well as any other official functions as needed.

13. ACCOMMODATION

The LOC is delighted to provide Delegation members with the five star Marinela Hotel Sofia for full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner).



Single bedroom:

130 € (per room, per night, incl. full board)

Double bedroom:

198 € (per room, per night, incl. full board)

Triple bedroom:

282 € (per room, per night, incl. full board)

Reservations

The LOC will provide each Federation with a form for accommodation and meal reservations in official hotel.

Accommodation and meal **by number**: submit the reservation request through the Accommodation Form by email **until 18 July 2024** at the latest.

Accommodation and meal **by name**: submit the reservation request through the Accommodation Form by email **until 18 August 2024** at the latest.

Payment for the accommodations and meal options must be made through bank transfer (**or after the arrival time in cash**) to:

Beneficiary	Zapryanov Travel Ltd.
Bank	UNITED BULGARIAN BANK
Address	9 Pop Bogomil str. 1202 Sofia, Bulgaria
Iban	BG90 UBBS 8155 1086 9379 30
SWIFT / BIC	UBBSBGSF

All bank fees in connection with the bank transfers must be covered. Please state the name of your Federation, the contact person and the payment purpose of the transfer **until 18 August 2024** - AGBC Accommodation and Meal. The payment must be made in **EUR**.

The prepayment to the LOC of 50% of the total costs of the accommodations and meal must be made at the time you submit the Accommodation, Room Numbers and Meal to the LOC or by no later than **18 July 2024**. Following the reception of the booking and the deposit payment, a confirmation will be sent to you by the LOC detailing all reservations particulars and the final balance.

The final payment to the LOC of the remaining 50% of all accommodation options and meal will be required by no later than **18 August 2024**. Failure to forward the payment by the required dates will result in the accommodation and meal reservations being cancelled and the deposit payment being forfeited.

All personal expenses (such as hotel services, room services, telephone etc.) are not included. Any charges incurred must be settled directly with the hotel prior to departure. Any outstanding accounts will be the Member Federation responsibility.

Cancellation Policy

The LOC strongly recommends that each Federation takes cancellation insurance for their accommodations and meal.

- Rooms and meal cancelled **until 18 August 2024** will be subject to a cancellation fee of 0%. **After 19 August 2024 – no refund.**

MEALS

Reservations

Meals are already included in the room prices of official hotel during their stay in **Sofia: “Full board reservation”** includes **3 meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner)**.

Farewell Banquet

Accredited Delegation members will receive a free ticket for the Farewell Banquet.

14. INSURANCE

The Host Federation and the LOC are not held responsible for any liabilities in case of accidents, illness, repatriation, and the like. The 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. The LOC will verify the Delegation members' insurance upon arrival (e.g., coverage note or photocopy of the valid policy).

15. SUMMARY OF THE DEADLINES AND PAYMENT

Items		Date
Definitive Registration		until 18 July 2024
Nominative Registration		until 18 August 2024
Nominative modifications		until 04 September 2024
WAG Music		until 04 September 2024
E-mail TO LOC		
Items		Date
Visa Request (if necessary)		until 18 July 2024
Travel Schedule for Arrivals and Departures		until 4 September 2024
Accommodation by numbers		until 18 July 2024
Accommodation by names		until 18 August 2024
WRITTEN LETTER or e-mail TO LOC		
Items		Date
Insufficient Insurance Coverage (if applicable)		until 11 September 2024
PAYMENT TO LOC		
Items		Date
Accommodation and meal Costs first 50%		Until 18 July 2024
Accommodation and meal Costs last 50%		Until 18 August 2024

16. WAG MUSIC

The National Gymnastics Federation will have to confirm that the Floor Exercise music of their WAG gymnast does not violate any copyrights. This confirmation will have to be made through by email **until 04 September 2024**.

Sofia 01.06.2024.

Sincerely Yours,



Mr. Krasimir Dunev
BGF President



Mr. Iordan Iovtchev
BGF Secretary General