

# AZERBAIJAN GYMNASTICS FEDERATION

**“GRACE OF NATURE” INTERNATIONAL  
TOURNAMENT IN RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS  
DEDICATED TO THE 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF  
THE NATIONAL LEADER HEYDAR ALIYEV  
NAKHCHIVAN, AZERBAIJAN  
SEPTEMBER 21 & 22, 2023**



## DIRECTIVES

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Dear Friends,

**Azerbaijan Gymnastics Federation** has the pleasure to invite you to **“Grace of Nature” International Tournament in Rhythmic Gymnastics** to be held in **Nakhchivan on September 21 & 22, 2023.**

<b>LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE</b>	<p>Azerbaijan Gymnastics Federation Contact Person: Shafiga Yolchuyeva Address: MGA – Milli Gimnastika Arenası (National Gymnastics Arena) 178 Heydar Aliyev Avenue Tel: +99412 493 30 11 Mob.: +994 50 591 91 22 E-mail: <a href="mailto:administration@aqf.az">administration@aqf.az</a> Website: <a href="http://www.aqf.az">www.aqf.az</a></p>
<b>DISCIPLINE</b>	<p><b>Rhythmic Gymnastics</b></p>
<b>LOCATION</b>	<p><b>Nakhchivan, Azerbaijan</b></p> <p>Nakhchivan is one of the most ancient cities of Azerbaijan. It was founded around 1500 BC. In the Middle Ages, the well-developed and prosperous Nakhchivan was known for its mineral waters and salt caves. Nakhchivan is distinguished by its healthy climate, therapeutic mineral waters, and rich medicinal plants. The city is also famous for a Museum of Carpets, a Museum of Literature, a Museum of History and a Museum of National Leader Heydar Aliyev. There is also Ashabi-Kahf which is a sanctuary in a natural cave which is located in the eastern part of the city of Nakhchivan, in the Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic of Azerbaijan. Since ancient times, Ashabi-Kahf is considered as a sacred place.</p>
<b>DATE</b>	<p><b>September 21 &amp; 22, 2023</b></p>
<b>VENUE</b>	<p><b>Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic Olympic Sports Complex</b> Aziz Aliyev Street, 1, AZ7000 Nakhchivan, Azerbaijan Tel: +994 (0)136-45-86-62, +994 (0) 136-45-42-65</p> <p>The Nakhchivan Olympic Sports Complex has been operating since June 15, 2002. It occupies 4600 sq.m. There are 13 administrative and ancillary rooms.</p> <p>The complex was renovated and modernized in 2007 and 2010. There are suitable conditions for everyday trainings and hosting national &amp; international competitions here. Within 5 years, there were held International Professional Tournament in Kickboxing dedicated to the 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Leader of the Azerbaijani People Heydar Aliyev (May 11-13, 2018), “Heydar Aliyev Cup” International Tournament in Judo (May 14-16, 2028), “Nakhchivan-Open” Karate-do International Tournament (May 4 &amp; 5, 2019), several training camps in swimming, weightlifting, kickboxing and football.</p>



<b>INVITED CLUBS / COUNTRIES</b>	AGF is pleased to invite the representatives of the Federations & clubs wishing to join the tournament.
<b>FLOOR APPARATUS SUPPLIER</b>	Spieth, FIG ID 547, colour Beige
<b>PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE</b>	<p>September 19: Arrival of delegations          September 20: Training and Podium training          Orientation meeting          Judges' Instruction / Scoring System Instruction for Judges          September 21: Competition day 1          September 22: Competition day 2 &amp; Sightseeing tour          September 23: Departure of delegations</p> <p>Detailed schedule of the competitions will be provided upon arrival.</p>
<b>COMPETTION FORMAT</b>	<p><b>Individual exercises</b></p> <p><b>2008-2010 born – as per FIG Rules</b></p> <p><b>2011 born – as per FIG Rules</b></p> <p>Category A: 3 apparatus by choice          Category B: without apparatus, 2 apparatus by choice          Category C: 1 apparatus by choice</p> <p><b>2012 born – as per FIG Rules</b></p> <p>Category A: 2 apparatus by choice          Category B: without apparatus, 1 apparatus by choice          Category C: 1 apparatus by choice</p> <p><b>2013 born – as per FIG Rules</b></p> <p>Category A: 2 apparatus by choice          Category B: without apparatus, 1 apparatus by choice          Category C: 1 apparatus by choice</p> <p><b>2014 born – as per FIG Rules</b></p> <p>Category A: 2 apparatus by choice          Category B: without apparatus, 1 apparatus by choice          Category C: without apparatus</p> <p><b>2015 born – as per FIG Rules</b></p> <p>Category A: without apparatus, 1 apparatus by choice          Category B: 1 apparatus by choice          Category C: without apparatus</p> <p><b>2016 born – as per FIG Rules</b></p> <p>Category A: without apparatus, 1 apparatus by choice</p>

Category B: 1 apparatus by choice

Category C: without apparatus

**2017 born – as per FIG Rules**

Category A: without apparatus

Category B: without apparatus

### **Group exercises (4-6 gymnasts)**

**2011-2012 born:** 1 apparatus by choice – as per FIG Rules

**2013-2015 born:** 1 apparatus by choice – as per FIG Rules

**2016-2017 born:** without apparatus

DB – min. 3 – max. 5

DA (collaborations) – min. 5 – max. 10 – 0.30 points each

Duration of the routine – max. 2 min.

The rest of the criteria should be as per FIG Rules.

### **Award Ceremony**

#### **Individual exercises**

2008-2010 born - All-Around, Separate Apparatus

2011 born - category A / B – All-Around, Separate Apparatus, category C – Separate Apparatus

2012 born - category A / B – All-Around, Separate Apparatus, category C – Separate Apparatus

2013 born - category A / B – All-Around, Separate Apparatus, category C – Separate Apparatus

2014 born - category A / B – All-Around, Separate Apparatus; category C – Separate Apparatus

2015 born - category A – All-Around, Separate Apparatus; category B – Separate Apparatus; category C

2016 born - category A – All-Around, Separate Apparatus; category B – Separate Apparatus; category C

2017 born - category A / B

#### **Group exercises**

2011-2012 born - Separate Apparatus

2013-2015 born - Separate Apparatus

2016-2017 born - Separate Apparatus

**The winners will be defined as per results of the Qualifications.**

**Only 1 athlete per country / club will be awarded in apparatus finals.**

**All the participating gymnasts will be awarded with participation diplomas and presents.**

The maximum size of invited delegation is as follows:

Priority will be given to FIG Brevetted judges.

### **SIZE OF DELEGATION**

	Individual	Group
Coach	No limit	No limit
Gymnasts	No limit	No limit
Judges	Max. 2 (per country)	

<b>AGE LIMITS</b>	2008-2017 born				
<b>JUDGES AND JUDGES' PANELS</b>	Judges having at least National judging category in the current 2022-2024 Olympic Cycle can judge at the competition.				
<b>REGISTRATION DEADLINES</b>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Definitive registration</td> <td>July 25, 2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nominative registration</td> <td>August 18, 2023</td> </tr> </table> <p>Definitive and Nominative entry forms shall be sent to the LOC's following e-mail address: <a href="mailto:performance@aqf.az">performance@aqf.az</a></p>	Definitive registration	July 25, 2023	Nominative registration	August 18, 2023
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<b>DRAWING OF LOTS</b>	The gymnasts' drawing of lots will take place after the closing date of the nominative registration and the participating countries will be informed of the starting order accordingly.				
<b>LICENSE</b>	Gymnasts of the host country (starting from 7-year-old) should have valid AGF license.				
<b>ENTRY FEES</b>	<p>The non-reimbursable cost for the Entry Fee is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 60 EUR per individual gymnast (each)</li> <li>• 110 EUR per group</li> </ul> <p>At the time of the Nominative registration (<b>by August 18, 2023</b>) the participating federations must pay 100% of the entry fee to the LOC. Entries without payment of the entry fees will be considered as invalid and will be refused</p>				
<b>ACCOMMODATION</b>	<p><b>Tabriz hotel 5*</b> Address: 17 Heydar Aliyev Avenue, Nakhchivan / 7000 Tel: <a href="tel:+9940365447701">(+994036) 544 77 01</a> Website: <a href="https://www.tebrizhotel.com/">https://www.tebrizhotel.com/</a></p> <p>The costs <b>per room</b> at Tabriz hotel are as follows:  <b>65 EUR</b> – (single room, including breakfast)  <b>110 EUR</b> – (twin room, including breakfast)  <b>130 EUR</b> – (triple room, including breakfast)  <b>150 EUR</b> – (quadruple room, including breakfast)</p> <p><b>Duzdagh hotel 5*</b> Address: Duzdagh Mines road, Nakhchivan Tel: +994 60 204 00 33 Website: <a href="https://duzdaq.com/en/">https://duzdaq.com/en/</a></p> <p>The hotel located near Duzdagh cave within the area of Duzdagh Physiotherapy Center. The cave is a very effective medicine for allergies and also in the treatment of asthma and has a strong effect in the healing of bronchial diseases.</p> <p>The costs <b>per room</b> at Duzdagh hotel are as follows:  <b>60 EUR</b> – (single room, including breakfast)  <b>105 EUR</b> – (twin room, including breakfast)  <b>125 EUR</b> – (triple room, including breakfast)  <b>145 EUR</b> – (quadruple room, including breakfast)</p> <p>The prices charged for the hotel rooms cannot exceed the usual hotel rates.</p> <p>While the Accommodation Form must be submitted to the LOC via SmartScoring Digital Platform (<a href="https://gymdatadata.online/">https://gymdatadata.online/</a>) <b>by August 4, 2023</b> at the very latest, the Hotel rooms will be allocated on a "first come, first served" basis. Appropriate access code will be sent to each participating Federation after the deadline of the Definitive Registration. The contact email for accommodation is <a href="mailto:administration@aqf.az">administration@aqf.az</a>.</p>				
<b>MEALS</b>	<p><b>Tabriz hotel</b> Lunch – 15 EUR Dinner – 17 EUR</p>				

	<p><b>Duzdagh hotel</b> Lunch – 15 EUR Dinner – 17 EUR</p> <p><b>Competition venue</b> Lunch – 20 EUR</p> <p>The Meal Request must be submitted to the LOC via SmartScoring Digital Platform (<a href="https://gymdata.online/">https://gymdata.online/</a>) <b>by August 18, 2023</b> at the very latest. 100% of the costs for the meals must be paid to the LOC <b>by August 18, 2023</b>. The contact email for meals is <a href="mailto:administration@aqf.az">administration@aqf.az</a>.</p>
<b>FINAL BANQUET</b>	<p>The Organization of Farewell Banquet is planned to be held <b>on September 22</b>. All accredited participants will be invited to the Banquet.</p>
<b>CANCELLATION POLICY</b>	<p><b>Accommodation</b> Rooms cancelled after <b>August 4, 2023</b> until arrival of the delegations on site or “no shows” will be subject to a cancellation fee of 100% of the total accommodation cost.</p> <p><b>Meals</b> Meals cancelled after <b>September 5, 2023</b> will be subject to a cancellation fee of 100% of the total meal cost.</p>
<b>INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION</b>	<p>The invited participating federations must pay for the air travel costs of their delegation members.</p> <p><b>Foreign Federations / Clubs</b> There are 2 options for travel to Nakhchivan:</p> <p><b>Option 1</b> There is direct flight from Istanbul to Nakhchivan on official arrival date – September 19. On the way back, there is also direct flight from Nakhchivan to Istanbul on September 23. The participating delegations can find good connection to travel from Istanbul directly to Nakhchivan (and back from Nakhchivan to Istanbul). The costs of whole travel (including destination to Nakhchivan) should be borne by participating Federation/Club.</p> <p><b>Option 2</b> The delegations which could not catch flight directly from Istanbul to Nakhchivan and back, will be assisted with air transportation from Baku to Nakhchivan, if they have duly informed the LOC about this matter by <b>August 4, 2023</b>. In this case, the participating Federations / clubs will bear the costs of the air travel to and from Baku. The costs of Baku-Nakhchivan-Baku route will be borne by the LOC.</p> <p><b>For the gymnasts / clubs of the host country (from Azerbaijan)</b> The travel from Baku to Nakhchivan for the participants/clubs from Azerbaijan should be organized by the participating clubs/organizations. The costs also should be borne by the participants.</p> <p>The Travel Details must be submitted to the LOC via SmartScoring Digital Platform (<a href="https://gymdata.online/">https://gymdata.online/</a>), access code will be sent to each participating Federation after the deadline of the Definitive Registration) <b>by August 4, 2023</b>. The contact email for travel is <a href="mailto:administration@aqf.az">administration@aqf.az</a>.</p>
<b>LOCAL TRANSPORTATION</b>	<p>The LOC will organize airport transfers to the hotels and back. Shuttle buses will be available from the hotels to the Competition Venue (training venue is within the competition venue) and back.</p>
<b>VISA</b>	<p>Please verify immediately with your travel agent or Embassy or Consulate of Azerbaijan in your country if a visa is required for your travel to Azerbaijan.</p> <p>The LOC will be happy to assist each Delegation member with an official letter of invitation, provided that the request is made to the LOC online via SmartScoring Digital</p>



	<p>Platform system by <b>August 18, 2023</b>. The log-in details to access the LOC online system will be sent after the definitive entry deadline.</p> <p>More information on visa can be obtained from the LOC's following e-mail: <a href="mailto:administration@aqf.az">administration@aqf.az</a></p>
<b>INSURANCE</b>	<p>The Host Federation and the LOC will not be held responsible for any liabilities in case of accidents, illness (including COVID-19), repatriation and the like.</p> <p>The 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.</p> <p>The LOC will verify the insurance upon arrival of the delegation members (e.g.cover note or photocopy of the valid policy).</p> <p>Delegation members with insufficient insurance cover must inform the LOC in advance.</p> <p>The LOC will subsequently offer insurance at the Federations own charge as follows: 15 EUR per person/day.</p>
<b>ACCREDITATION</b>	<p>Accreditation cards will be distributed at the Accreditation Centre situated at the Competition Venue upon arrival of the delegations. The following items will be checked there with the Heads of Delegations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The passport of gymnasts and all members of the delegations</li> <li>• Fulfilment of all financial obligations</li> <li>• Transport – Departure</li> <li>• The medical insurance for the members of the delegations</li> <li>• National anthem and national flag</li> </ul> <p>In order to accelerate the process of the accreditation, each participating Federation is kindly requested to upload photos and passport copy of each member of its delegation (gymnasts, head of delegation, team manager, judges, coaches, medical staff and etc.) onto the SmartScoring Digital Platform (<a href="https://gymdata.online/">https://gymdata.online/</a>).</p> <p>The deadline for the photos upload (identity colour photo in JPG format, size – 45mm x 35mm, resolution: 800x600plx) is <b>August 18, 2023</b>. Please clearly indicate the corresponding full name (with correct spelling) in the file title.</p> <p>Uploading of photos in due time will prevent the delegations from waiting at the accreditation centre.</p> <p>In addition, the LOC will distribute information regarding gymnasts' safeguarding plan.</p>
<b>FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS</b>	<p>Participating clubs which have not fulfilled their financial obligations towards the LOC by the given deadline in the Invitation/Directives may still have the possibility to participate, but the LOC will not guarantee the hotel booking, meals and local transportation.</p> <p>Participating clubs which have not fulfilled their financial obligations towards the Organizing Member federations upon arrival will not be accredited.</p>
<b>BANK ACCOUNT INFORMATION</b>	<p>Beneficiary: Azerbaijan Gymnastics Federation Beneficiary's account: AZ75PAHA38190EURHC0190012035 Bank: "PASHA Bank", Baku, Azerbaijan SWIFT PAHAAZ22</p> <p>Correspondent: Raiffeisen Bank International AG Account with Institution: Am Stadtpark 9, 1030 Vienna Correspondent account: 1-55.081.095 SWIFT BIC: RZBAATWW</p> <p>Each participating member Federation is kindly requested to integrate the payment's purpose as follows: <b>"Grace of Nature" International Tournament in Rhythmic Gymnastics</b></p> <p>The participating federation is responsible for covering all bank fees in connection with the bank transfers.</p>
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<b>SOCIAL MEDIA</b>	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/azegymnastics">https://www.facebook.com/azegymnastics</a> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/c/AzerbaijanGymnasticsFederation">https://www.youtube.com/c/AzerbaijanGymnasticsFederation</a> <a href="https://twitter.com/azegymnastics">https://twitter.com/azegymnastics</a> <a href="https://www.instagram.com/azegymnastics/">https://www.instagram.com/azegymnastics/</a> <a href="https://www.tiktok.com/@azerbaijanygmnastics">https://www.tiktok.com/@azerbaijanygmnastics</a> <a href="https://t.me/azegymnastics">https://t.me/azegymnastics</a>																		
<b>MEDICAL SERVICES</b>	The Local Organizing Committee will provide first aid medical services.																		
<b>COVID-19</b>	Although the situation with COVID-19 is under control, there is still quarantine in the country. Closer to the event, the necessary information regarding the COVID-19 preventive measures will be communicated to the delegations if necessary.																		
<b>SCORING, RESULT SERVICE AND VIDEO CONTROL</b>	SMART SCORING Company will provide a scoring and result service, including video control system, which allows the recording, storage and provision of compilation of the recorded images.																		
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Sincerely Yours,



Baku, 13.07.2023

Nurlana Mammadzada  
AGF Secretary General