

GUIDE BOOK

May 21-23, 2021

9th FIG Aerobic Gymnastics
World Age Group Competitions



AEROBICS

16th FIG Aerobic Gymnastics
World Championships

May 27-29, 2021

Baku, Azerbaijan

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MEHRIBAN ALIYEVA

President of Azerbaijan
Gymnastics Federation

Dear friends and colleagues!

I sincerely welcome all the participants and guests of the 9th FIG World Age Group Competitions and the 16th FIG World Championships in Aerobic Gymnastics to be held in Baku in May 2021.

Gymnastics disciplines are successfully being developed in our country today. This also concerns Aerobic Gymnastics at its full extent. Our sports fans became acquainted with this gymnastics discipline during the 1st European Games hosted by Azerbaijan in 2015 as events in Aerobic Gymnastics were also included into its program.

In May 2019, members of the friendly European Aerobic Gymnastics family gathered in Baku again to participate in the European Championships. The capital city of Azerbaijan hosted such important continental competitions in Aerobic Gymnastics for the first time. The organization level of the events was highly appreciated both by the participants and guests of the Championships.

Azerbaijan planned to host the 9th World Age Group Competitions and the 16th World Championships in Aerobic Gymnastics in May 2020. However, unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic and the consequent strict preventive quarantine measures resulted in postponement of the events. And the competitions are about to start in a year after the original date.

The Organizing Committee of these competitions, in close cooperation with the International Gymnastics Federation (FIG) and relevant state authorities, have made every possible effort to create a safe environment and took the necessary measures to minimize the risk of the spread of COVID-19.

I am sure that a new bright sports festival awaits all of us in upcoming days. Our Milli Gimnastika Arenasi (MGA, National Gymnastics Arena) has repeatedly become a venue for the major international competitions. Now, MGA opens its doors to the World Aerobic Gymnastics stars.

I would like to express my gratitude to the FIG for the trust shown us in organization of the 9th FIG World Age Group Competitions and the 16th FIG World Championships in Aerobic Gymnastics. It is a great honor, and, at the same time, a great responsibility for us. I am confident that these competitions of the best gymnasts of the world will be held at a high level and will write down a new page in history of gymnastics.

I wish all the participants and guests of the Championships sound health, success, vivid impressions and big victories!

Welcome to hospitable Azerbaijan!



MORINARI WATANABE

FIG President
IOC member

Dear All,

The coronavirus pandemic has presented all of us with unprecedented challenges. One year ago, as many of the world's activities were put on hold, we had to postpone the Aerobic Gymnastics World Championships and the World Age Group Competitions.

We know how much disappointment this decision caused for many athletes, who had trained for years with the aim of competing on the world stage. After a long wait, they will have the opportunity to achieve their dreams this month in Baku.

In a period of crisis, we appreciate even more or good fortune and joy of being able to come together again for these major events. In a time of pandemic, we realise how essential and inspirational the values of sport are for all of society.

On behalf of the International Gymnastics Federation, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Azerbaijan Gymnastics Federation and to state and local authorities for organising these competitions in such a difficult period.

My gratitude also goes out to all the volunteers and those who have been working hard behind the scenes to make these 16th World Championships and 9th World Age Group Competitions happen.

A legend of Aerobic, Vladislav Oskner, will be attending as the Gymnastics Ambassador for the World Championships. I am sure that this edition in the splendid National Gymnastics Arena will be memorable.

I wish all of you a wonderful experience – and all the gymnasts a great deal of success.

TAMMY YAGI-KITAGAWA

FIG AER-TC President



Dear Aerobic Gymnastics Family,

Welcome to Baku for the 9th FIG Aerobic Gymnastics World Age Group Competitions and the 16th FIG Aerobic Gymnastics World Championships!

On behalf of Aerobic Gymnastics Technical Committee of International Gymnastics Federation (FIG), I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to Ms ALIYEVA Mehriban, the President of the Azerbaijan Gymnastics Federation to host the event during this difficulty of the world with pandemic. These events were postponed from last year but again, we all appreciate that the LOC have not cancelled but postponed to this year.

We have 18 federations for the WAGC and 21 federations for the WCH for the entry. We understand that many nations who wanted to participate but due to the restrictions of their government, they were not able to. But we know many of you have been waiting for this moment and we thank to those who were able to participate, and we regret to those who were not able to participate but we hope to see those of you again in the next event.

We appreciate for all the efforts of the AZE LOC in order to continue to host and develop the Aerobic Gymnastics with their great hospitality under very difficult situation. We understand that it is very different from hosting regular events, but we are confident that the events will be with a great success with your well-prepared organization.

In the end, we would like to extend our appreciation to all the authorities, sponsors, staff and volunteers to make this event come true. I hope all of you will enjoy and discover the new world of Aerobic Gymnastics within under the difficulty of the world pandemics.

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De Oliveira Poli**
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TC member



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Athletes' Representative
(WAGC, WCH)



Dr. Jay Binder
Anti-Doping, Medical and Scientific
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Vladislav Oskner
World Championships'
Ambassador



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Superior Jury Member in
Difficulty (WAGC, WCH)



Monika Wiethoff
Superior Jury Member in
Execution (WAGC, WCH)



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Superior Jury Member in
Artistic (WAGC, WCH)



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Sport Presentation



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International Relations Manager



Kamran Ramazanov
SmartScoring Team Leader

Participating COUNTRIES

9th FIG Aerobic Gymnastics

World Age Group Competitions



Austria (AUT)



Azerbaijan (AZE)



Belarus (BLR)



Kazakhstan (KAZ)



Lithuania (LTU)



Portugal (POR)



Bulgaria (BUL)



Czech Republic (CZE)



France (FRA)



Republic of Moldova (MDA)



Romania (ROU)



Russian Federation (RUS)



Hungary (HUN)



Indonesia (INA)



Italy (ITA)



Turkey (TUR)



Ukraine (UKR)



United States of
America (USA)

Participating COUNTRIES

16th FIG Aerobic Gymnastics

World Championships



Azerbaijan (AZE)



Brazil (BRA)



Bulgaria (BUL)



Mexico (MEX)



Peru (PER)



Portugal (POR)



Chile (CHI)



Czech Republic (CZE)



Finland (FIN)



Romania (ROU)



RGF



Slovakia (SVK)



France (FRA)



Hungary (HUN)



Indonesia (INA)



Spain (ESP)



Thailand (THA)



Turkey (TUR)



Italy (ITA)



Lithuania (LTU)



Ukraine (UKR)



United States of
America (USA)

SCHEDULE

May 21 / Friday	
Qualifications - Day 1	
11:45-12:00	Presentation of Nations
12:00-12:55	IM 1* / IW 2*
13:05-14:20	TR 1 / IW 2
15:10-16:10	MP 1 / TR 2
16:15-16:30	Opening Ceremony
May 22 / Saturday	
Qualifications - Day 2	
12:00-13:00	IW 1 / IM 2
13:10-13:56	IW 1 / GR 2
14:50-15:40	GR 1 / MP 2
15:48-16:12	GR 1 / AD 2
May 23 / Sunday	
12:00-12:05	Presentation of finalists
12:05-12:45	Finals IW 1 / TR 2
12:45-12:55	Medal Award Ceremony IW 1 / TR 2
12:55-13:00	Presentation of finalists
13:00-13:40	Finals IM 1 / MP 2
13:40-13:50	Medal Award Ceremony IM 1 / MP 2
13:50-13:55	Presentation of finalists
13:55-14:35	Finals GR 1 / AD 2
14:35-14:45	Medal Award Ceremony GR 1 / AD 2
15:20-15:25	Presentation of finalists
15:25-16:05	Finals IW 2 / TR 1
16:05-16:15	Medal Award Ceremony IW 2 / TR 1
16:15-16:20	Presentation of finalists
16:20-17:00	Finals IM 2 / MP 1
17:00-17:10	Medal Award Ceremony IM 2 / MP 1
17:10-17:15	Presentation of finalists
17:15-17:43	Finals GR 2
17:43-17:48	Medal Award Ceremony GR 2
17:48-18:03	Closing Ceremony

1* - Age Group 1 (12-14 in the year of the competition)
2* - Age Group 2 (15-17 in the year of the competition)

May 27 / Thursday	
11:45-12:00	Presentation of Nations
12:00-13:05	Qualifications TR
13:15-15:06	Qualifications IW
15:09-15:20	Qualifications AS
15:25-15:55	Opening Ceremony
May 28 / Friday	
12:00-13:10	Qualifications MP
13:18-14:36	Qualifications IM
15:15-15:40	Qualifications AD
15:44-16:19	Qualifications GR
16:21-16:31	Medal Award Ceremony for Team Ranking
17:35-17:40	Presentation of finalists
17:40-18:08	Finals TR
18:08-18:13	Presentation of finalists
18:13-18:41	Finals IW
18:41-18:51	Medals Award Ceremony
18:51-18:56	Presentation of finalists
18:56-19:07	Final AER Step
19:07-19:12	Prize Ceremony
May 29 / Saturday	
15:00-15:05	Presentation of finalists
15:05-15:31	Finals IM
15:31-15:36	Presentation of finalists
15:36-16:02	Finals MP
16:05-16:10	VTB Prize for Accuracy Special Award Ceremony
16:10-16:20	Medals Award Ceremony
16:20-16:25	Presentation of finalists
16:25-16:53	Finals in GR
16:53-16:58	Presentation of finalists
16:58-17:26	Finals in AER Dance
17:26-17:36	Medals Award Ceremony
17:36-17:51	Closing Ceremony

HOTELS



Website

JW Marriott Absheron Baku Hotel 5*

674 Azadliq Square, Baku 1000
Tel.: +99412 499 88 88

Distance from **JW Marriott Absheron Baku Hotel**
(located in the city centre) to main destinations:
To airport: 25.3 km - approx. 26 min. (by car)
To competition venue: 8.7 km - approx. 11 min. (by car)

Official FIG hotel / Hotel for Delegations



Website

Boulevard Hotel 4*

Khagani Rustamov street 4C, AZ1010, Baku
+99412 310 00 10

Distance from **Boulevard Hotel**
(located close to the city centre) to main destinations:
To airport: 24.9 km - approx. 23 min. (by car)
To competition venue: 8.3 km - approx. 10 min. (by car)

Hotel for Delegations



Website

Park Inn By Radisson Baku Hotel 4*

Azadliq Avenue 1, AZ1000 Baku
Tel.: +994 12 490 60 00

Distance from **Park Inn By Radisson Baku Hotel**
(located in the city centre) to main destinations:
To airport: 24.8 km - approx. 23 min. (by car)
To competition venue: 8.8 km - approx. 12 min. (by car)

Hotel for Delegations



Website

Emerald Hotel 3*

4 Mehdi Abbasov st. Baku, Azerbaijan
Tel.: +99412 520 41 44

Distance from **Emerald Hotel**
(located close to the competition/training venue) to main destinations:
To airport: 16.8 km - approx. 15 min. (by car)
To competition venue: 1.7 km - approx. 4 min. (by car)
Walking distance to competition venue: 10 min.

Hotel for Delegations



Website

Caspian Sport Hotel

This sport hotel located within the area of the Athletes' Village used during the Baku 2015 First European Games, offers rooms like at the standard Olympic Village with single, twin, triple and quadruple occupancy with separate or shared bathroom. Just opposite the MGA.

Distance from **Caspian Sport Hotel**
(located close to the competition/training venue) to main destinations:
To airport: 17.6 km - approx. 17 min. (by car)
To competition venue: 1.7 km - approx. 4 min. (by car)
Walking distance to competition venue: 10 min.

Hotel for Delegations



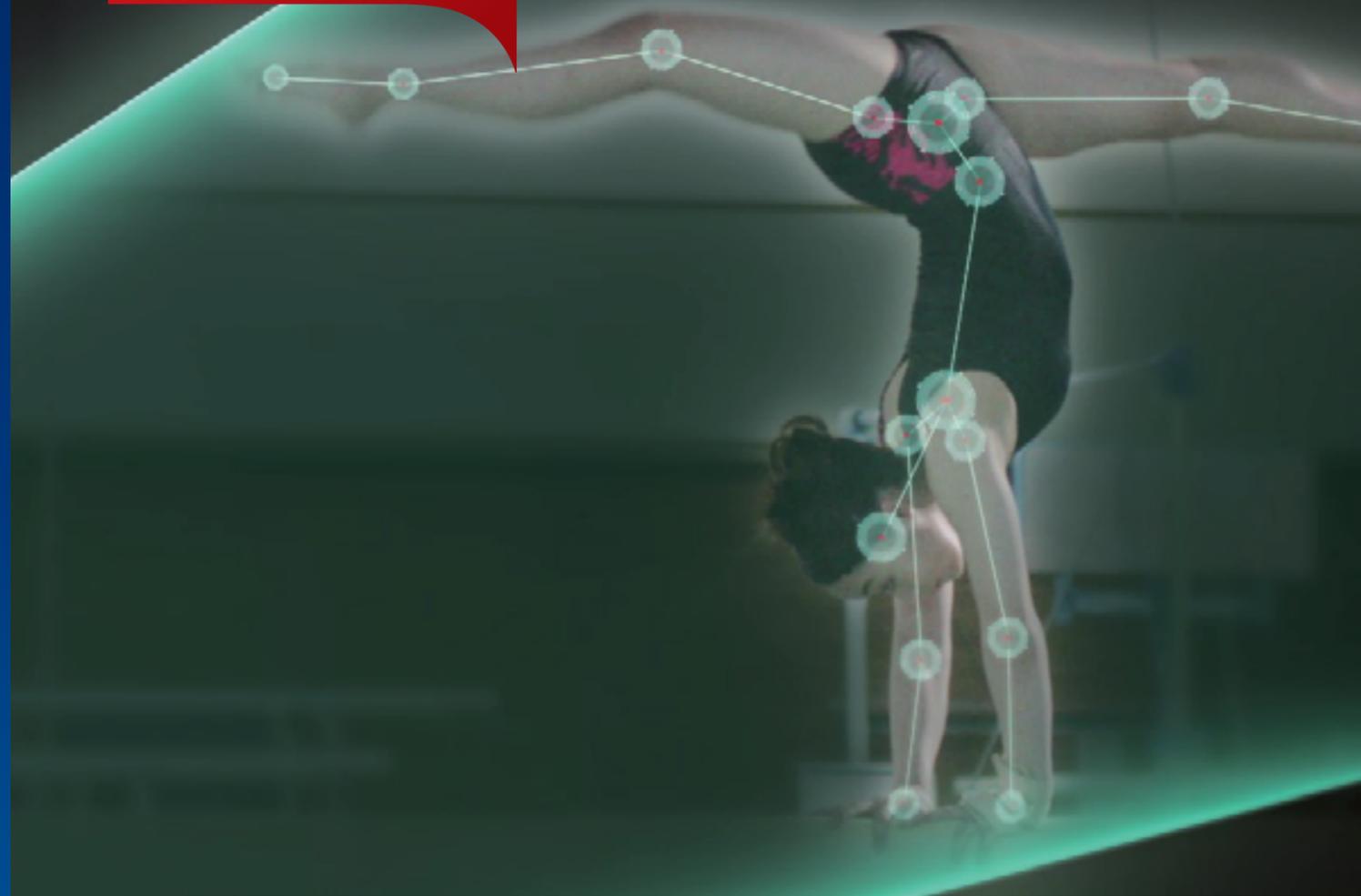
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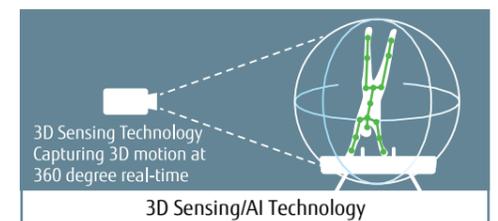


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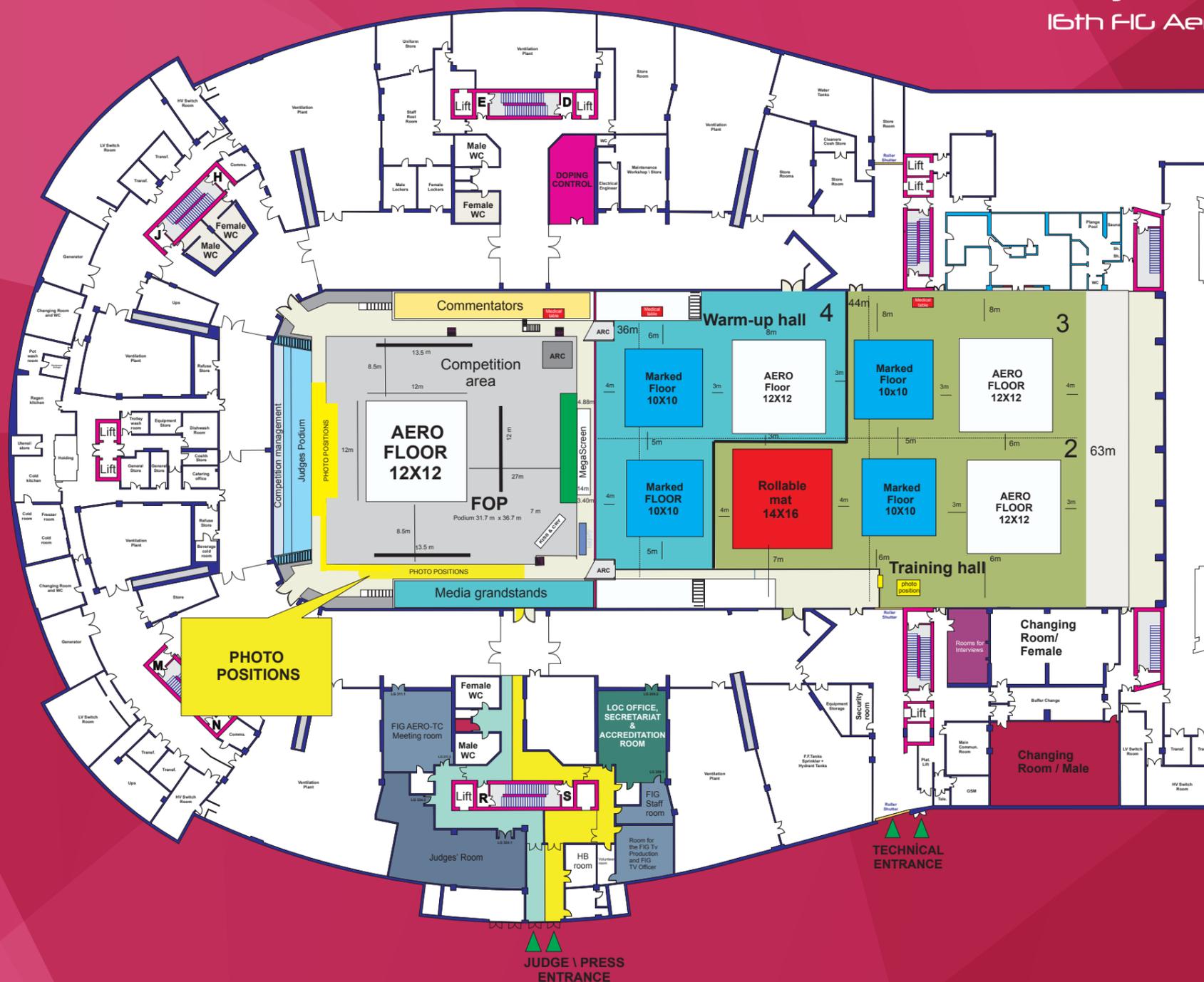
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16th FIG Aerobic Gymnastics World Championships



- ZONE 1 Competition area
- ZONE 2 Training hall
- ZONE 3 Warm-up hall
- ZONE 4 Competition management and judges' seating
- ZONE 5 Judges' meeting rooms and judges' break area
- ZONE 6 Delegation seating
- ZONE 7 LOC Offices
- ZONE 8 FIG Offices
- ZONE 9 Doping Control Zone
- ZONE 10 Media
- ZONE 11 Media grandstands
- ZONE 12 TV Compound
- ZONE 13 Photographers Positions
- ZONE 14 Mixed zone

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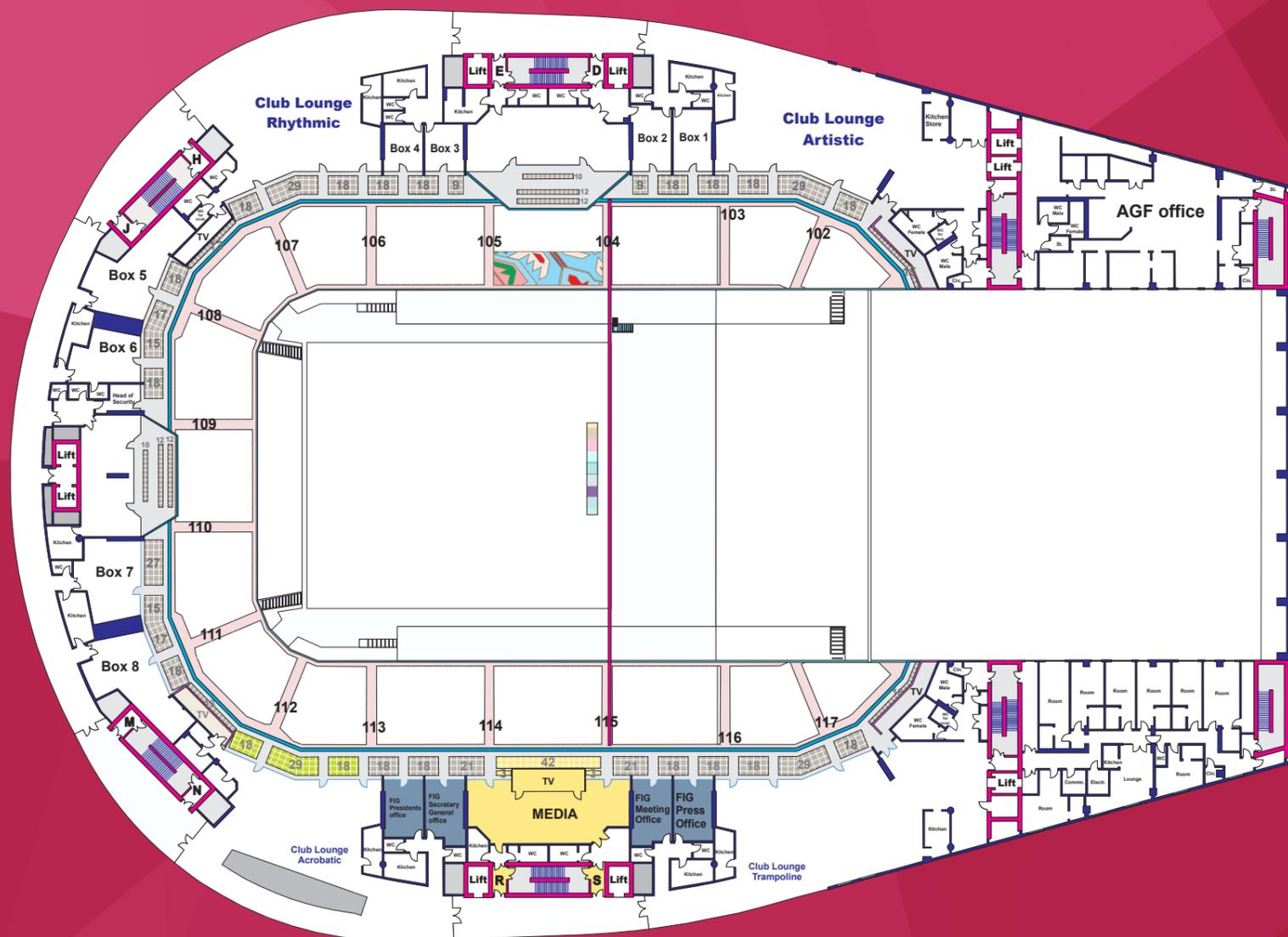


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COMPETITION VENUE



The Milli Gimnastika Arenasi (MGA, National Gymnastics Arena), being one of the unique gymnastics specialized facilities in the world, was officially opened in April 2014.

The Arena is primarily assigned to host competitions in different gymnastics disciplines. The MGA is specifically designed to be able to adapt the Main Arena to host a variety of events and competitions in various sports disciplines, if required. The Arena has the ability to stretch from 6,000 to 9,000 seats, depending on a scale and nature of the event it hosts.

On a day-to-day basis, the members of the Azerbaijani National Teams in gymnastics disciplines train at the MGA. The facilities for gymnasts' training include training halls, gymnasium, doctors' and masseurs' rooms, offices for coaches and etc. There is also sauna and boarding facilities for athletes at the Arena accommodating 57 persons.

As for the arena facilities, there are 2 main concourses. The box level is located between them on the middle of the arena.

Besides hosting major events in gymnastics, this sports facility has become a favourite training camp venue of many gymnasts from all over the world.



This gymnastics specialized Arena has already hosted many different international sport events:

- The 30th and 35th Rhythmic Gymnastics European Championships (2014 and 2019);
- The 1st WTF World Cadet Taekwondo Championships (2014);
- 2015 "NN Table Tennis Club ITTF Europe Top 16 CUP";
- Open Joint Azerbaijan Championships in Gymnastics Disciplines (held as a Test Event for the 1st European Games (2015));
- Competitions in 6 Gymnastics Disciplines of the 1st European Games (2015);
- The FIG Artistic Gymnastics World Challenge Cup AGF Trophy (2016);
- The FIG Artistic Gymnastics Individual Apparatus World Cup AGF Trophy (2017, 2018, 2019 & 2020);
- The FIG Trampoline Gymnastics World Cup AGF Trophy (2016 & 2017, 2019 & 2020);
- The FIG Rhythmic Gymnastics World Cup AGF Trophy (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 & 2021);
- The 4th Islamic Solidarity Games (2017);
- 2017 CEV U16 Volleyball European Championships among women;
- The 26th European Championships in Trampoline, Tumbling and Double-Mini Trampoline (2018);
- AGF RG Junior Trophy in Rhythmic Gymnastics (2018 & 2019);
- UEG YOG Qualifying Event in Artistic Gymnastics (2018);
- World Judo Championships (2018);
- The 11th European Aerobic Gymnastics Championships (2019);
- The 15th Summer European Youth Olympic Festival (2019);
- The 37th Rhythmic Gymnastics World Championships (2019);
- The 1st AGF Junior Trophy International Tournament in Men's Artistic Gymnastics (2020);

Milli Gimnastika ARENASI



Overview

AGF was re-established with an election of Mrs. Mehriban Aliyeva as President of Azerbaijan Gymnastics Federation in 2002.

At this period, which can be called as some kind of revival of gymnastics disciplines in Azerbaijan, 3 gymnastics disciplines – Rhythmic Gymnastics, Men's Artistic Gymnastics, Acrobatic Gymnastics had been developed.

The organization of the World Cup series (2003, 2004, 2005), World (2005) and European (2007, 2009, 2014) Championships in Rhythmic Gymnastics in Baku, achievements of Azerbaijani athletes on the international arena and their participation in the Olympic Games very much facilitated the progress of gymnastics disciplines in the country.

AGF entered into a new stage of development after Milli Gimnastika Arenasi (MGA) National Gymnastics Arena) was put into operation in Baku (2014) and Azerbaijan hosted the 1st European Games in Baku...



AGF – today

Today, AGF develops 6 competitive gymnastics disciplines recognized by the International Gymnastics Federation (FIG) – Rhythmic Gymnastics, Men's Artistic Gymnastics, Women's Artistic Gymnastics, Trampoline Gymnastics, Acrobatic Gymnastics, Aerobic Gymnastics. The development of TeamGym, Gymnastics for All and Parkour disciplines is also included into the AGF's activity.

Starting from 2016, Azerbaijan hosts the World Cup series in Olympic Gymnastics disciplines every year. In 2018, there was organized the Trampoline Gymnastics European Championships in Baku for the first time. A year later, Baku, for the first time, hosted the Aerobic Gymnastics European Championships. In 2019, Azerbaijan organized the Rhythmic Gymnastics World Championships for the second time.

Six years in a row, AGF has been included into the FIG rating list of meritorious Federations and ranked first for the last 3 years.

MGA, specialized in Gymnastics disciplines, has become not only the favorite competition venue, but also the training venue for the gymnasts from all over the world.

Along with Baku, Gymnastics disciplines are being developed in 19 regions of the country.



COVID-19 MEASURES



Personal hygiene tools

We have hand sanitizers everywhere to ensure personal hygiene. Also all entrances to the competition venue are equipped with thermometers.



Online interviews instead of Mixed Zone

Replacement of Mixed Zone with online interviews aims to minimize the contact between the people in the competition venue. We have two interviewing zones – one for athletes and one for journalists. We organize the online interviews via Zoom platform. The access details to the platform is sent to media representatives who wants to interview the gymnasts.

The interviewing zone for gymnasts is allocated near the training hall, while the interviewing zone for journalists is separately allocated within the Main Press Center.

Competition Hall

Although there will not be audience during these competitions, the signs for distancing were put in the Hall for the members of the participating delegations.



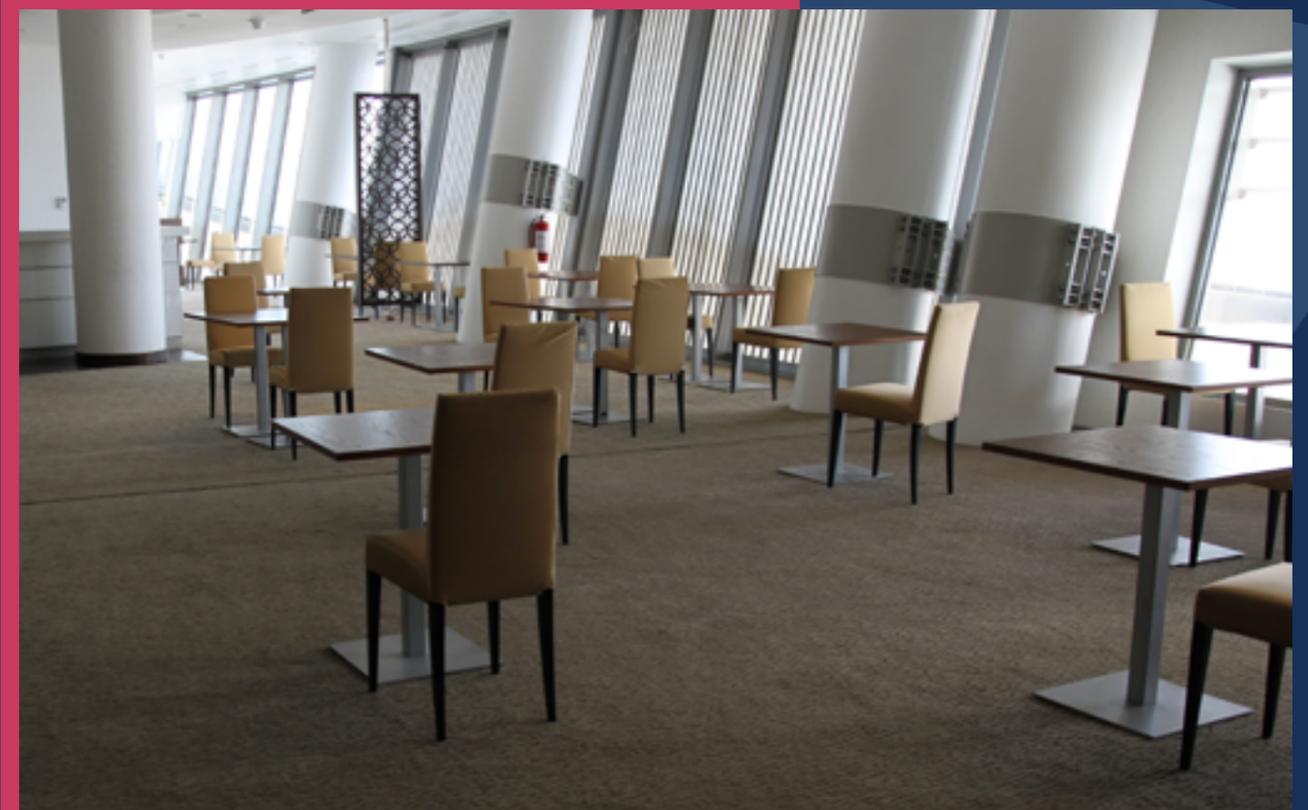
COVID-19 Measures

The informative boards are posted everywhere in the competition venue for people not to forget quarantine rules during pandemic.



Dining rooms/canteens

The social distance measures are also observed at the dining rooms and canteens.



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