



XIV WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN AESTHETIC GROUP GYMNASTICS

7.-8. June 2013 Lahti, Finland

Bulletin 2

The Finnish Gymnastics Federation warmly welcomes you to compete in the World Championships in Aesthetic Group Gymnastics in Finland.

Preliminary schedule

Schedule for World Championships

Wed 5 June		Arrival of teams
Thu 6 June		Arrival of teams Unofficial practices at warm up hall General Assembly of IFAGG
	18:30	Parade through the city
	19:30	Opening ceremony of Sun Lahti major event (outdoors)
Fri 7 June		Official practice
	14:00	Preliminaries
Sat 8 June		Official practice
	15:00	Finals including awards ceremony
	20:00	Gala
Sun 9 June	13:30	Closing ceremony of Sun Lahti Departure of teams
Mon 10 June		Departure of teams

Note: The competition days are Friday and Saturday! There is also evening entertainment on Friday and Saturday for AGG teams and all Sun Lahti participants (bands, disco etc.).

Competition hall

The World Championships take place in

Isku Arena

Address: Svinhufvudinkatu 29, Lahti, Finland

The venue is within walking distance from the city centre and part of the Sports Centre where Sun Lahti major event is primarily held.

Participation fee

The participation fee is 120 eur per each team. The fee must be paid of each team that has been definite registered by 15 April. Payment details will be sent in the end of April. Payment must be made by 6 May at the very latest to the following Finnish Gymnastics Federation bank account:

Beneficiary	Finnish Gymnastics Federation Svoli
Address	Hameentie 105 A, 00550 Helsinki, Finland
Bank	Nordea Bank Plc.
Address of the bank	Tukholmankatu 2 00020 Nordea, Finland
BIC code	NDEAFIHH
IBAN	FI93 1328 3000 4251 47

Please integrate the payment's purpose as follows:

IFAGG Aesthetic Group Gymnastics World Championships 2013

Traveling to Lahti

Bus transportation will be provided for an extra fee from the harbour of Helsinki (ferries from Estonia, Germany, Poland and Sweden) and the Helsinki airport. More details will be available in Bulletin 3.

There is a daily train from Moscow (RUS) and St. Petersburg (RUS) that stops in Lahti.

Hotel accommodation

Lahti Travel Ltd. is the official hotel accommodation partner of XIV World Championships in Aesthetic Group Gymnastics in Lahti.

Participants of World Championships in Aesthetic Group Gymnastics will be offered following options for accommodation in Lahti.

Cumulus Hotel Lahti

Hotel Cumulus is a pleasant hotel in downtown Lahti close to the best shopping places. All rooms and the lobby have been renovated 2012. The hotel has a dining restaurant Huviretki.

Prices:

Single room	106 EUR / night / room
Double room	123 EUR / night / room

Omena Hotel Lahti

All rooms are modern, spacious and will comfortably accommodate four persons. Each room includes fully equipped bathroom with a shower, a large flat-screen TV and a mini-kitchenette, giving you the opportunity to prepare tea, coffee and snacks in your room. Hotel does not have reception - SMS key codes are used for doors.

Prices:

Room for 3 persons	110 EUR / night / room
Room for 4 persons	122 EUR / night / room

All accommodation offered is located in the city centre, within a walking distance from the competition venue. Prices include breakfast.

Booking

Hotel reservations must be done by using an online reservation form. By 15th January a preliminary booking of hotel rooms must be made using the online form mentioned here. This booking must be made by each team/country planning to participate in the Championships. At this point, no names are needed, just preference of the hotel and number of rooms needed. The form can be found at

http://www.lahdenseutu.net/index.php?id=3598&red_enabled=false&zfse_preview=camo37KKj

Note: hotel rooms cannot be booked via hotel, so don't contact the hotels!

Terms and conditions:

By Jan 15, 2013	Preliminary bookings must be with Lahti Travel
By April 15, 2013	Cancellations and changes can be made without charge
April 16, 2013 →	Cancellation fee 100 % will be charged
By May 20, 2013	Names and rooming lists must be given to Lahti Travel

* Cancellations due to injuries will be handled case by case.

* All accommodation must be paid prior to arrival to Lahti.

Further Information:

Lahti Travel Ltd / Ms Tiina Kallio

tiina.kallio@lahtitravel.fi

School accommodation

School accommodation means, that gymnasts will share a regular classroom. There will be no beds, everyone will sleep on a mattress on the floor. Mattresses can be brought with the gymnasts. If ordered by 15 January 2013 organisers will try to organise mattresses for an extra fee. The mattresses are ordered together with the preliminary entry.

Toilets and showers are shared with tens of other persons.

School accommodation from Thursday to Sunday is 40€ per person (3 nights). The price includes breakfast. Breakfast includes yoghurt, bread with toppings (cheese/sausage/tomato), fruit and milk/juice. Extra nights are 10€ / night per person but does not include breakfast.

School accommodation will be booked together with the competition registration. With preliminary registration book also preliminary school accommodation. The amount of persons can be changed until definitive registration.

Catering

Lunch and dinner is available for participants for an extra fee. Lahti is a rather small city, so the restaurant capacity is limited. The meal tickets will be bought from the Finnish Gymnastics Federation together with the competition registration. Again, please book catering with preliminary registration and you can change the order until definite registration.

Preliminary entry

Preliminary entry is done by 15 January 2013 by filling an internet form. The form can be found at: <https://my.surveypal.com/AGG%20World%20Championships%202013%20-%20Preliminary%20entry>

With preliminary entry, please inform us the number of teams that will be participating the World Championships. If you have questions, please see the contact details at the end of this Bulletin.

Visa requests

Please send visa request by 15 April together with the definite entry. You will then receive an invitation letter for the visa application from the organisers.

Deadlines

Preliminary entry	15 Jan 2013
Definite entry	15 Apr 2013
Hotel reservations	15 Apr 2013
Visa requests	15 Apr 2013

Ticket sales

Spectator tickets to World Championships will be sold through an online system. The ticket sales will begin on 10 December 2012 at website http://www.lippupalvelu.fi/?language=en-us&tm_link=tm_header_lang2

Fins are enthusiastic about sports and thus the venue is expected to be sold out well in advance. Make sure to buy the tickets early, so you won't miss out on the spectacular event.

Note: Delivery costs will be added to the prices by the Ticketmaster.

Preliminaries

When: Friday 7 June at 14:00

<u>Section</u>	<u>Price</u>
Section A (main section)	20 €
Sections B & D	15 €
Section C (behind)	10 €

Finals

When: Saturday 8 June at 15:00

<u>Section</u>	<u>Price</u>
Section A (main section)	30 €
Sections B & D	25 €
Section C (behind)	20 €

Sun Gala

When: Saturday 8 June at 20:00

Where: Isku Arena, Svinhufvudinkatu 29, Lahti

<u>Section</u>	<u>Price</u>
Section A (main section)	20 €
Sections B & D	15 €
Section C (behind)	10 €

Sun Lahti

The Finnish Gymnastics Federation will host a major gymnastics event **Sun Lahti** on 6- 9 June 2013 in the city of Lahti. Altogether 12 000 gymnasts are expected to join the festival. World Championships in Aesthetic Group Gymnastics will be one important event within **Sun Lahti**.

Sun Lahti - joy of gymnastics – will offer unforgettable possibilities also for the participants and spectators of AGG World Championships. **Sun Lahti** will begin with a festive parade and an opening ceremony on Thursday. The closing ceremony on Sunday will include large group performances with thousands of gymnasts. Gymnasts participating in World Championships have free entrance to the closing ceremony and are most welcome to come and watch the performances.

Sun Lahti – performance opportunities

Sun Lahti major event offers performance opportunities to all AGG teams. Both to teams that will participate in World Championships as well as teams that don't (for example junior teams).

Finnish Gymnastics Federation invites all AGG teams to apply to perform in evening galas with a performance routine (not competition routine). There will be two evening galas that teams can apply to:

Friday 7 June

Saturday 8 June

The gala on Friday will take place after the preliminaries of World Championships, but practices will run before preliminaries. Therefore this gala is not very suitable for World Championships participants.

Gala on Saturday will take place after the World Championships and also the practices will be after the competition is over. This gala is therefore suitable for also World Championships participants. The new World Champion will be invited to perform with their competition routine at the gala on Saturday evening.

Apart from the new World Champions, other teams must apply for a chance to perform at the event by 15 Dec 2012. Link to the application form:

https://my.surveypal.com/Gala%20performances%20in%20the%20evening%20_r035

Note: AGG teams that will not participate in World Championships but wish to take part in Sun Lahti event must register for the event (definite entry) by 15th Dec 2012. Late registrations can be accepted until 15 March 2013, for an increased participation fee.

Information about participant fees etc. can be found at the event website <http://sunlahti.fi/eng/>

If you wish to register for Sun Lahti, please contact Ms Jenna Nakari: jenna.nakari@voimistelu.fi

Contact details

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