



## XIV WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN AESTHETIC GROUP GYMNASTICS

7.-8. June 2013 Lahti, Finland

### Bulletin 3

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

### Schedule for World Championships

Wed 5 June		Arrival of teams
Thu 6 June		Arrival of teams
		Accreditation and passport control at competition office in IskuArena
	9:00-18:00	Warm up hall open for training
	10:00-15:00	Unofficial practices at competition hall (10min / team)
	13:00-15:00	General Assembly of IFAGG at Cumulus hotel
	15:00-16:00	Welcome meeting and draw at Cumulus hotel
	16:00-18:00	Unofficial practices continues at competition hall (10min / team)
	18:30	Parade through the city
	19:30	Opening ceremony of Sun Lahti major event (outdoors)
Fri 7 June	8:30-19:00	Warm up hall open for training
	10:00-12:30	Official practice at competition hall (5min / team according to starting order)
	14:00-18:00	Preliminaries
Sat 8 June	10:30-18:00	Warm up hall open for training
	12:00-13:00	Official practice (5min / team according to starting order)
	15:00-17:00	Finals including awards ceremony
	20:00-21:30	Gala (Winners of World Championships are performing as well as best Finnish/foreign team)
	21:30	Banquet at Isku Arena
Sun 9 June	13:30-15:00	Closing ceremony of Sun Lahti
		Departure of teams
Mon 10 June		Departure of teams

Note:

- The competition venue is being decorated at the same time as unofficial trainings on Thursday
- There is also evening entertainment on Friday and Saturday for AGG teams and all Sun Lahti participants (bands, disco etc.).

## Competition hall and practice 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.

The competition office will be located at the competition venue Isku Arena.

### Practice hall

Practice hall is located approximately 100 metres from the Isku Arena and can be seen from the Isku Arena.  
Address: Svinhufvudinkatu 8, Lahti, Finland

Practice hall is located at the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the building and will have two gymnastics mats available.

## Participation fee

The participation fee is 120 eur per each team. The fee must be paid of each team that has been definitely registered by 15 April. Payment details will be sent in the end of April by e-mail. 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

## Definite registrations

Please use the internet form to fill in the definite registration by 15<sup>th</sup> April.

There are also separate forms for meal, school accommodation bookings and travel plan.

Definitive entry form

<https://my.surveypal.com/AGG%20World%20Championships%202013%20-%20Definitive%20entry-pzFzxOFeUDun3VNp>

Meals:

<https://my.surveypal.com/AGG%20World%20Championships%202013%20-Meals-9vxNx4Sb3ne0VQvD>

School accommodation

<https://my.surveypal.com/AGG%20World%20Championships%202013%20-School%20accommodation-JAe6uNCWKAOE0gv>

Travel plan

<https://my.surveypal.com/AGG%20World%20Championships%202013%20-Travel%20plan-700jpK92kU8zOGci>

If you are unable to use the internet forms, please find the same forms as word documents attached. The forms can also be downloaded from the event website <http://sunlahti.fi/aggwc/for-participants/registration/>

## 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.

Price for airport transportation (Helsinki-Lahti) 25 eur / person (one-way)

Price for harbour transportation (Helsinki-Lahti) 30 eur / person (one-way)

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.

## Booking

Hotel reservations must be done by using an online reservation form.

Please make sure, that you have already filled in the preliminary form, if you are planning to stay in a hotel! The exact number of persons and names can be notified later, but at this point it is very important to give an estimate number of persons staying at hotel accommodation.

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](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 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](mailto: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.

Schools are guarded, so only participants will get in to the school. Guarding personnel is at the location 24/7.

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 definite competition 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 definite competition registration. Again, please book catering with definite registration. Catering includes 1 meal on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>, 2 meals (lunch and dinner) on Friday and Saturday and 1 meal (lunch) on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June. The schedule for catering is as follows:

Thursday	12.00-16.00
Friday	10.30-14.00 and 16.00-19.00
Saturday	10.30-14.00 and 16.00-19.00
Sunday	10.30-14.00

Catering takes place in Lahti Hall at the Sports Centre.

## Visa requests

All countries that require Visa or Invitation for entry to Finland, please contact to Finnish Gymnastic Federation for the necessary documentation. Deadline 15th April 2013. Email: [Elina.ylonen@voimistelu.fi](mailto:Elina.ylonen@voimistelu.fi)  
You will then receive an invitation letter for the visa application from the organisers.

## Deadlines

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

## Accreditation and passport control

The accreditation and the entire information file related to the competition will be handed in the Competition office. In order to receive your accreditation it is very necessary that the Delegation's Heads check the correct names of their groups; present passports and health insurances of all gymnasts, coaches

and judges; give two (2) copies of their group's competition music CD and a CD with the National Anthem (max 45 sec).

## Judges

Judges list will be confirmed by IFAGG. Judges proposal (on IFAGG registration form, as attached and on the event website) must be made to IFAGG via e-mail: [office@ifagg.com](mailto:office@ifagg.com) and [tatiana.miroshnychenko@ifagg.com](mailto:tatiana.miroshnychenko@ifagg.com) as well as to Finnish Gymnastics Federation via e-mail: [elina.ylonen@voimistelu.fi](mailto:elina.ylonen@voimistelu.fi) by **April 15th, 2013**. IFAGG nominates and confirms judges list after due dates of judges' registration. IFAGG reserved the right to invite the Judges.

Delegations will be in charge for all expenses of judges (travel costs, accommodation and transportation).

## Performance opportunities

After the finals of the AGG World Championships, there will be a gala show called Sun Gala. The new World Champion team will be invited to perform at the gala as well as the best Finnish or foreign team, depending on whether the World Champion is Finnish or from some other country. So there will be two competition routine performances at the Sun Gala. The Gala begins at 8 pm and will last for 1,5 hours. Please take this into account when planning your schedules for the weekend.

In addition to the best team performances, the Finnish Gymnastics Federation invites all AGG teams to apply to perform in evening galas with a performance routine (not competition routine) to the Sun Gala.

Please send the application by e-mail to Ms Klara Westerlund, [Klara.westerlund@voimistelu.fi](mailto:Klara.westerlund@voimistelu.fi)

Information needed for the application:

Country

Name of the team (and club)

Name of the performance routine

Choreographer

Music: composer, title of the song, duration

Number of performers

Contact details: name of contact person and e-mail

Web link to a video of the routine

## Ticket sales

Finnish spectators are looking forward to the competition and tickets to the finals were sold out in record time. Also 90% of the tickets to preliminaries have already been sold. For the Sun Gala on Saturday 8th June at 8 pm, there are still plenty of tickets available in all price categories.

The Finnish Gymnastics Federation has received some tickets to foreign spectators. We understand that it is more difficult to buy tickets from abroad, especially since they have been sold so fast. Foreign spectators have therefore a chance to receive tickets via Finnish Gymnastics Federation (limited number) on a first come first served basis. Tickets can be reserved **until 5<sup>th</sup> April if there is capacity left**.

Finnish Gymnastics Federation will accept only one ticket order per country. Therefore, it is up to you, to gather all orders together and then send the request for tickets to Finland. After the request has been confirmed, the ticket sales company Ticketmaster Ltd. will send you an invoice, which has to be paid by the due date. If not paid by due date, the tickets will be released for open sale.

The actual tickets can be collected from the competition office on Thursday 6th June.

The tickets available are mainly behind the competition mat (price section C). There are some tickets to the main section available (price section A). One country can request a maximum of 20 tickets to main section and these are subject to availability and are also sold on first come, first served based.

**Price of tickets / Preliminaries:**

Section C 10euros/ticket  
Section A 20 euros/ticket

**Price of tickets / Finals:**

Section C 20 euros/ticket  
Section A 30 euros/ticket

**Price of tickets / Sun Gala:**

Section C 10euros/ticket  
Section B 15euros/ticket  
Section A 20 euros/ticket

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

Send the ticket request by e-mail to: [jenna.nakari@voimistelu.fi](mailto:jenna.nakari@voimistelu.fi)

**Information needed in the request**

Event name: Preliminaries and/or Finals and/or Sun Gala  
Number of requested tickets per price category (C/B/A):  
Name of Federation:  
Name of contact person:  
E-mail and phone number for contact person:  
Invoicing address:

**Note: There will be a section in the stands reserved for persons named in the definite accreditation of World Championships for preliminaries, finals and Sun Gala. Please note also, that in that section there are no seats, it's a standing stand. If you wish to watch the competition or the Sun Gala from a seat, that must be purchased via ticket sales.**

## **IFAGG General Assembly**

The International Federation of Aesthetic Group Gymnastics warmly welcomes you to the General Assembly 2013. The General Assembly will take place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 13:00. The venue is hotel Cumulus in the city centre of Lahti, address Kauppakatu 10.

## **Welcome meeting**

Welcome meeting to all team representatives will take place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 15:00. Venue is hotel Cumulus in the city centre of Lahti, address Kauppakatu 10. Every team must be represented by one person at the meeting. The draw of competition order for preliminaries will take place during the meeting.

## Banquet

Banquet will take place on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June at Isku Arena after the Sun Gala at 21:30. Finnish Gymnastics Federation invites judges, Heads of delegations and two (2) coaches per participating team to the Banquet. In addition, teams can purchase "tickets" to Banquet for their gymnasts etc. for the price of 25 eur / person. The price includes buffet and one glass of wine (over 18 year olds).

Reservations for Banquet tickets for gymnasts must be made together with the definite entry by e-mail to [Elina.ylonen@voimistelu.fi](mailto:Elina.ylonen@voimistelu.fi)

Please specify the number of tickets you wish to order. The payment details are the same as in the participation fee.

## Competition photos and dvd

There will be official photographers at the competition. A competition dvd will also be made including both preliminaries and finals. Another dvd of the entire Sun Lahti event will also be available for purchase. Price and ordering information will be specified in the next bulletin.

## Sun Lahti parade and opening ceremony

The Finnish Gymnastics Federation will host a major gymnastics event **Sun Lahti** on 6- 9 June 2013 in the city of Lahti. Altogether 8 000 gymnasts will take part in 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. Also AGG World Championship teams are invited to participate in the parade. The gathering for the parade will start at 17:00 near hotel Cumulus, at address Laaksokatu. All AGG teams will parade together, as one big group. The parade will start at 18:30 and will walk through the city approximately 1,5 km to the Sports Centre of Lahti, where the Sun Lahti opening ceremony will then take place.

## Sun Lahti activities and opportunities

Sun Lahti offers many opportunities and activities to AGG World Championships participants during the event. On Friday and Saturday evening there will be evening entertainment available (bands etc.) at the Sports Centre and in the harbour of Lahti. The evening entertainment at Sports Centre is aimed for kids and youth and will start at 18:00 on both days. The entertainment in harbour is more aimed to adults and will start at 19:00 on both days.

During Saturday there is plenty to do and experience. Gymnastics performances will take place in Sports Centre and harbour, competition in Artistic Gymnastics, Trampoline Gymnastics and Acrobatic Gymnastics will take place in Suurhalli at the Sports Centre.

The closing ceremony on Sunday will include large group performances with thousands of gymnasts. The ceremony takes place at the Lahti Stadium at 13:30. Gymnasts participating in World Championships have free entrance to the closing ceremony and are most welcome to come and watch the performances.

If you wish to get more information on the activities available before travelling to Lahti, don't hesitate to contact Ms Saija Suominen, [saija.suominen@voimistelu.fi](mailto:saija.suominen@voimistelu.fi)

## Kisakallio Sport Institute

If a team is planning to arrive in Finland before Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June, the Sport Institute offers an excellent package and premises for training.

Kisakallio is a partner of the Finnish Gymnastics Federation and official training center for aesthetic group gymnastics and rhythmic gymnastics in Finland.

At attachments You get the basic information about Kisakallio and you can find more at <http://www.kisakallio.fi/etusivu/english/gymnastics.html>

It is great pleasure to offer for yours team high quality training facilities before The World Championships for example as follows:

- 5 days full service accommodation and food (4 times per day)
- training facilities (the official competition arenas)
- transportation from Airport to Kisakallio (the dates as you travel)
- transportation from Kisakallio to Lahti (6th of June)

The price is 106 € per person per day and includes all.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Mr Harri Hollo at [harri.hollo@kisakallio.fi](mailto:harri.hollo@kisakallio.fi)

## Organisation and contact details

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Event in Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/World-Championships-in-Aesthetic-Group-Gymnastics-2013/295585443865190>

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