



XIV WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN AESTHETIC GROUP GYMNASTICS

7.-8. June 2013 Lahti, Finland

Bulletin 4

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
	09:00-18:00	Accreditation and passport control at competition office in IskuArena
	10:00-18:00	Warm up hall open for training
	11:00-15:00	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
	16:30-17:30	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
	10:00-12:15	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	Training possibility (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 at Lahti Stadium 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.).

Participating teams

The following teams/countries will take part in the XIV World Championship in Aesthetic Group Gymnastics

Country	Team
Austria	ÖTB Linz
Belarus	Silfida
Bulgaria	Levski Bonitas
Bulgaria	National team
Canada	Rhythmic Expressions, Kalev
Czech Republic	SC MG Mantila Brno
Czech Republic	SK MG Zlin
Czech Republic	TJ Sokol Velky Tynec
Denmark	Taastrup TIK
Denmark	Team Embla
Denmark	Team Greve
Estonia	GC Janika Sunshine
Faroe Islands	Havnar Fimleikafelag
Finland	OVO Team
Finland	Minetit
Finland	Sirius
Finland	Sanix
Japan	JWCPE AGG Team
Latvia	Team Latvia
Russia	Expressia
Russia	Madonna
Russia	Nebesa
Russia	Oscar
South-Africa	Ocean
Spain	Alcon Cusi
Spain	Muntanyenc Sant Cugat
Spain	Inef Barcelona

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 2nd floor of the building and will have two gymnastics mats available.

Arrival information

Most of the teams have informed about their travel plans. If you have not done so yet, please contact Ms Elina Ylönen asap at Elina.ylonen@voimistelu.fi

When you arrive at the Helsinki airport or at Lahti railway station, there will be an attaché waiting for you. A list of attaches and their contact details will be sent to you asap.

If you have ordered transportation from airport, the attaché will guide to the bus which will be waiting for you and will transport you to your accommodation.

Hotel accommodation

All the teams that haven't yet sent their rooming list to Lahti Region (previously known as Lahti Travel Ltd.) are asked to send it latest on May 30th to suvi.rasanen@lahtiregion.fi.

NOTE! Accommodation in Omena hotel.

Check-in time in Omena hotel is at 4 pm on your arrival day. Check-out time is at 12 o'clock on your departure day. There is no possibility for the late check-out in Omena hotel.

If you have any questions for your teams reservation, please contact to Lahti Region/ Suvi Räsänen, e-mail: suvi.rasanen@lahtiregion.fi or tel. +358 (0)40 139 0690.

School accommodation

Teams that have reserved school accommodation will be staying at school called PHKK. It is located next to the Practice Hall. There will be security people around the clock to make sure no one else is entering the premises except those who have booked the accommodation.

School accommodation from Thursday to Sunday includes breakfast. Breakfast includes yoghurt, bread with toppings (cheese/sausage/tomato), fruit and milk/juice. Extra nights do not include breakfast.

Accreditation/competition office

Competition office is located at the competition venue Isku Areena. Office is open as follows:

Thursday 6 June	9.00-18.00
Friday 7 June	10.00-18.00
Saturday 8 June	12.00-17.00

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).

In addition to competition accreditation the participants will be given participant passes, which should be kept in sight (hanging from neck) all the time when in Lahti.

Catering

Lunch and dinner is available for those who reserved it with definite registration. Catering includes 1 meal on Thursday 6th, 2 meals (lunch and dinner) on Friday and Saturday and 1 meal (lunch) on Sunday 9th 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. To access the catering hall, the participant pass must be shown at the door.

Unofficial practices

Team will have a 10 min slot for unofficial practice at the competition venue on Thursday 6 June. You will find the schedule for unofficial trainings attached.

Note:

- The competition venue is being decorated at the same time as unofficial trainings on Thursday

Welcome meeting

Welcome meeting takes place in Hotel Cumulus (address Kauppakatu 10) in the city centre of Lahti at 15.00-16.00 on Thursday 6 June. Draw of the competition order for preliminaries will take place at the welcome meeting. One person per team must be present at the welcome meeting.

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 6th June at 13:00. The venue is hotel Cumulus in the city centre of Lahti, address Kauppakatu 10. The verification of Power of attorneys begins at 12.30.

Background information

Finnish National TV Broadcasting company YLE will be televising the competition (live stream and TV programme). Background information of all teams is needed asap. Please find the form attached and return it to Liisa Ahlqvist-Lehkosuo, liisa.ahlqvist-lehkosuo@voimistelu.fi

Also announcers of the competition will use the same background information.

Spectator tickets

Countries that have reserved and paid for spectator tickets can collect the tickets from the Competition Office in Isku Arena.

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.

Sun Gala

After the finals, at 20.00-21.30 there will be a Gala at competition venue. The Gala will showcase different gymnastics disciplines and also the new World Champion and the best Finnish/foreign team will perform their competition routines again.

Participants of World Championships are invited to watch the Gala from the same stands as was reserved for them during the competition.

Banquet

Banquet will take place on Saturday 8th 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).

In case some team still wants to purchase extra tickets to Banquet, send the request by the end of this week to Liisa Ahlqvist-Lehkosuo, liisa.ahlqvist-lehkosuo@voimistelu.fi

Please specify the number of tickets you wish to order. The payment can be done with cash at the accreditation.

Competition photos, dvd and live stream

There will be official photographers at the competition. Photos from the preliminaries can be bought during Saturday.

A competition DVD will also be made including both preliminaries and finals. Price of the DVD is 30€/dvd (when ordered 1-5 dvds), 24€ / dvd (when ordered 6 DVDs or more with the same delivery address). The payment must be made together with the order with cash.

Finnish National TV Broadcasting company YLE will show live stream from preliminaries and finals at <http://areena.yle.fi/tv>

The direct link to the live stream will be published at the event webpage and event Facebook page when the streaming begins.

Cash payments

Please note, that for cash payments, Finnish Gymnastics Federation does not accept notes larger than **50 euros**.

Media accreditation

All media accreditation must be done by 2nd June via Internet form: <http://sunlahti.fi/media-2/>

Sun Lahti parade and opening ceremony

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

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

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