

REPORT

2021

for GA 24. November 2022

International Federation of Aesthetic Group Gymnastics, IFAGG

International Federation of Aesthetic Group Gymnastics, IFAGG, was established on 12 October 2003 and is the recognized world governing body of Aesthetic Group Gymnastics (AGG). Already, before establishing IFAGG, AGG active countries did co-operation via international AGG Committee (2001-2003).

The IFAGG is a non-profit international federation, and it has been properly and legally registered as such. Its mission and purpose are strictly to advance the sport of Aesthetic Group Gymnastics. IFAGG is the supreme authority on all matters relating to International Aesthetic Group Gymnastics.

General information

Mission statement

- to promote the sport of AGG
- to coordinate international competitions and events
- to grant the right to host World Championships and other IFAGG authorized competitions
- to develop and maintain the international rules of AGG
- to develop training materials and education for coaches and judges
- to foster cooperative relations with other international sport organizations
- to represent the interests of AGG throughout the world when dealing with other organizations.

Year 2021 was the 18th year of IFAGG – International Federation of Aesthetic Group Gymnastics. Covid pandemic continued to challenge travelling and organizing international competitions and IFAGG needed to change planned competition calendar during 2021, but we were still able to have first live international competitions after 1,5 years. For our gymnasts it was very important to get to compete in live competitions on international level. Also virtual competitions and educational webinars increased popularity, and actual activities in AGG started to revive. For IFAGG it was of high importance to find ways to keep gymnasts, coaches and judges with the sport even during pandemic restricted normal activities. In 2021 IFAGG first time had virtual competitions on B-category level, and the short program category, which was launched in pilot mode in 2019, attracted teams and gymnasts in all age categories. Year 2021 was clearly more active than previous year, but it was not possible to reach pre-covid time level yet.

Working with the renewal of IFAGG Statutes was active in 2021. The changes to statutes were discussed first time with members in Extraordinary General Assembly in Sofia Bulgaria in June. The EGA approved to allow remote participation to General Assembly events, as pandemic prevented normal participation for many members. The Ordinary General Assembly 2021 was held first time in IFAGG history as a hybrid event from Helsinki Finland and online, allowing all IFAGG members to participate this highest-level decision-making body and improving the equality of members. The work with statutes continued at the end of 2021, when the GA decided to send the statutes back to preparation for the Council.

During pandemic years 2020-2021, many IFAGG members had difficult time as pandemic kept gyms partially closed and members were working hard to continue their operations. Activities to spread the sport of AGG to new countries were done, but during 2021 IFAGG did not get new members. At the end of 2021, IFAGG had 32 A members and 16 B members.

IFAGG has members in five continents: Asia, Australia/Oceania, Europe, North and South America.

IFAGG Members 2021 (situation 31.12.2021)

A members

Australia / Australian Aesthetic Group Gymnastics Federation (AAGGF)
Belarus / Belorussian Association of Aesthetic Group Gymnastics (BAAGG)
Brazil / Confederacao Brasileira Ginastic Estetica de Grupo (C.B.G.E.G.)
Bulgaria / Bulgarian Federation of Aesthetic Group Gymnastics (BFAGG)
Canada / Canadian Aesthetic Group Gymnastics Federation (CAGG)
Cyprus / Cyprus Federation of Aesthetic Group Gymnastics (CFAGG)
Czech Republic / Czech Federation of Aesthetic Group Gymnastics
Denmark / Danish Gymnastics Federation (DGF)
Estonia / Estonian Gymnastics Federation (EEVL)
Faroe Islands / Foroya Fimleikasambad (FFS)
Finland / Finnish Gymnastics Federation (FGF)
France / French Association of the Clubs of Aesthetic Group Gymnastics
Germany / Germany Federation of Aesthetic Group Gymnastics (DVAGG)
Greece / Gymnastic Union of Larisa GEL
Hong Kong / Hong Kong Federation of Aesthetic Group Gymnastics
Hungary / Hungarian Aesthetic Group Gymnastics Federation (MEGSSZ)
Italy / Federazione Italiana Sports Acrobatici e Coreografici (FISAC)
Japan / Japanese Federation of Aesthetic Group Gymnastics (JFAGG)
Kazakhstan / Kazakhstan federation of aesthetic group gymnastics (KFAGG)
Korea (Republic of Korea) / Korea Aesthetic Group Gymnastics Federation
Malaysia / Malaysian Aesthetic Group Gymnastics Association (MAGGA)
Mexico / Federacion Nacional Mexicana de Gimnasia Estetica de Grupos (FENMEGEG)
Moldova / Moldavian Federation of Aesthetic Group Gymnastics (FGEGM)
New Zealand / Aesthetic Group Gymnastics New Zealand (AGGNZ)
Norway / Norwegian Aesthetic Group Gymnastics Federation
Poland / Polish Federation of Aesthetic Group Gymnastics (PFAGG)
Russia / Russian Federation of Aesthetic Gymnastics (RFAG)
Singapore / AGG Association (Singapore) (AGGAS)
Spain / Asociacion Espanola de Gimnasia Estetica de Grupo (AEGEG)
Ukraine / Federation of Aesthetic Group Gymnastics of Ukraine (FAGGU)
United States / USA Federation of Aesthetic Group Gymnastics (AGGUSA)
Venezuela / Federacion Venezolana de Gimnasia Estetica de Grupo (FEVEGEG)

B members

Andorra / FC Ordino
Austria / Allgemeiner Turnverein Graz, ATG Tanzfabrik
Bosnia-Herzegovina / Gymnastic club Olimp
China / "All Star"- Chengdu Sport University Team
Latvia / Sport Club Crystal
Luxembourg / Gymnastic Society Auore asbl
Romania / Asociatia Club Sportiv Ritmica
Slovenia / Športni klub Bleščica
Taiwan / NTSU TWONE
Thailand / Singapore International School of Bangkok
Turkey / EGE University (Ege Üiversity Foundation)

Turkey / Savkar Gymnastics Sports Club
United Arab Emirates / DuGym
United Arab Emirates / Stryx Sports
United Kingdom / GB Aesthetic Group Gymnastics Federation Limited
United Kingdom / UK Aesthetic Group Gymnastics Limited

EDUCATION

Education was largely moved online and rules webinars got large participation. In October and November we first time held webinars in two sets, to make participation from different time-zones easier.

Judges and coaches' education:

- International judges' webinar on Children rules, 28 February 2021, 69 participants from 18 countries
- International judges' webinar on Short program rules, 7 March 2021, 74 participants from 18 countries
- Judges course levels 1-3 online and Fuchu JPN, 8-12 September 2021, 34 participants from 8 countries
- Judges' course levels 1-3, Salou, ESP, 22-26 September 2021, 22 participants
- Short Program webinars, 26 and 27 October 2021, 156 participants from 29 countries
- Refresh webinars for judges in World Championship events, 6 and 7 November 2021, participants from 18 countries

Code of Ethics process

IFAGG General Code of Ethics is for everyone who is participating in the IFAGG activities. Basic idea is that the Code of Ethics shall apply to: IFAGG members and their authorities, representatives, members, gymnasts, coaches, judges, officials, elected persons, employees, consultants, advisors, partners, medical, technical and support staff, participants, persons accredited or participated at AGG events, any other individuals engaged at AGG activities as well as any accompaniment of the mentioned persons.

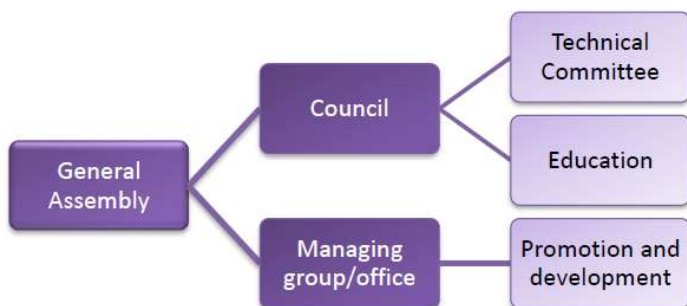
During 2021, IFAGG Council and Ethical Committee have worked in updating IFAGG Statutes, Codes of Ethics and Discipline, to ensure progress in ethical matters.

Equality

Aesthetic Group Gymnastics' history and traditions are based on "women" group gymnastics. IFAGG as an international federation has been spreading the sport for all. In many countries boys have been involved in AGG via AGG school activities. IFAGG has supported this development and mixed teams have been a part of IFAGG competition categories for some years, as recommended by IOC.

Otherwise, all equality, integrity and dignity issues have been proceeded via IFAGG Code of Ethics that have been published already in GA 2018 and implementation will be an important part of the next plan of actions during coming years.

ADMINISTRATION



IFAGG office

Office services have been purchased from Sport Federation of Southern Finland. Office team 2021 has been Executive Director Päivi Ahlroos-Tanttu, assistant Paula Nogelainen and financial secretary Stina Koivisto (finances).

Meetings

General Assembly 2021

IFAGG's General Assembly was held on 18 November 2021 as a hybrid meeting in Helsinki, Finland and online, due to pandemic situation. GA elected Lilia Morozova (RUS) as IFAGG President, Council member Saori Kubota (JPN) was re-elected and Lea Kriibi (EST) and Jaana Widenius (FIN) were elected to the IFAGG Council.

GA 2021 did not approve proposed changes to IFAGG Statutes but put them back to preparation for Council. At the end on year 2021, the work to update Statutes continued and Council was preparing to organize an extraordinary General Assembly in March 2022.

GA 2021 decided the place of World Championships 2024 to be Tartu, Estonia. The timing of the event (last part of May – first part of June or last part of November 2024) will be voted in the GA 2022.

Extraordinary General Assembly

An extraordinary General Assembly was held as a hybrid meeting in Sofia Bulgaria and online on 24 June 2021. The EGA discussed on changes of the Statutes of IFAGG and decided to allow General Assembly to be held via remote access if exceptional circumstances prevent travelling or meeting in person. Also voting remotely was allowed, if strong authentication can be used, and if not, the voting will be taken in the next Ordinary General Assembly.

Council meetings

The Council of IFAGG held ten (10) meetings during year 2021. Meetings were organized as online meetings, hybrid meetings (14 May 2021 Moscow, RUS and online; 23 June 2021 Sofia BUL and online; 15 December 2021 Helsinki, FIN and online) or live meetings (before GA 2021 on 17 November in Helsinki, FIN and after GA 2021 to start with the new Council on 19 November 2021 in Helsinki, FIN).

Members of the IFAGG Council until IFAGG GA 18.11.2021:

- Tatiana Miroshnychenko, Spain, IFAGG President
- Liliya Morozova, Russia, Vice President
- Annelly Riga, Canada, Vice President
- Elena Dukova, Bulgaria
- Anna Kirjavainen, Finland
- Saori Kubota, Japan
- Renata Vrbova, Czech Republic

Members of the IFAGG Council from IFAGG GA 18.11.2021:

- Liliya Morozova, Russia, IFAGG President
- Elena Dukova, Bulgaria, Vice President
- Annelly Riga, Canada, Vice President
- Lea Kriibi, Estonia
- Saori Kubota, Japan
- Renata Vrbova, Czech Republic
- Jaana Widenius, Finland

Ethical Committee 2021:

- Petra Smějová, Czech Republic, chair
- Kaisa Vikkula, Finland
- Madina Bekturganova, Kazakhstan
- Wiktorja Jarkiewicz, Poland
- Olga Ponikarova, Russia

Technical Committee 2021:

- Jaana Widenius, Finland, chair
- Polina Nochevnova, Russia
- Maria Busato, Canada (resigned August 2021)
- María García-Trío San Martín, Norway
- Miki Erika Nomura, Singapore

TC Rule Group:

- Jaana Widenius, Finland
- Llanos Tornero, Spain
- Marina Pributna, Ukraine

TC Education Group:

- Polina Nochevnova, Russia
- Lea Kriibi, Estonia
- Maria Busato, Canada (resigned August 2021)
- Miki Erika Nomura, Singapore

Competition system



World Championships 2021

The host for WCh event needed to be changed during 2021, as Italy informed they were not able to organize the event, and the event was moved to Helsinki, Finland. World Championships, Junior World Championships and IFAGG Trophy for mixed teams were held 18th – 21st November in Helsinki, Finland. There were 29 teams from 13 countries in World Championships, and in juniors 22 teams from 10 countries, in this IFAGG annual main event. Pandemic situation did not allow normal travelling and participation to this competition event for all IFAGG members.

World Championship medalists:

gold Minetit / FIN

silver Madonna / RUS

bronze Expressia / RUS

Country ranking / World Championships 2021

1. Russia / Teams: Expressia, Madonna and Nebesa
2. Finland / Teams: Minetit, OVO Team and Gloria
3. Bulgaria / Teams: National Team, Impala Team, Etar Elit
4. Spain
5. Estonia
6. Czech Republic
7. Denmark
8. France
9. Ukraine
10. Kazakhstan

11. Canada
12. Austria
13. Italy

World Cup and Junior Challenge Cup competitions and continental competition events 2021

World Cup competitions were planned to be held normally with 4 competitions and cup ranking, but as pandemic situation caused restrictions to travelling and organizing of large events, the cup series was cancelled and instead competitions were held as separate competitions under World Cup status but without ranking points. After being postponed twice and cancelled in 2020, the European Championships were held under special covid-circumstances 13-17 May 2021 in Moscow, Russia. There were 14 teams from 7 countries, and in juniors 14 teams from 6 countries. The Four Continents Competition was hit hard by covid, and after postponing was organized as an invitational online competition 30 May 2021. A new competition, IFAGG Championship, was held 1st time 27 June in Sofia BUL, with 13 teams from 6 countries, and in juniors 8 teams from 5 countries, and covid-restrictions limited participation to this competition also.

- World Cup, Challenge Cup / 13-15 May 2021: Moscow, RUS
- World Cup, Challenge Cup / 27 June 2021: Sofia, BUL
- European Championships, Junior European Championships 13-15 May 2021 Moscow, RUS
- Four Continents Competition (invitational) 30 May 2021, online
- 1st IFAGG Championship, 27 June 2021 Sofia, BUL

Important part of spreading the sport have been international A- and B-category competitions:

- Summia Cup, online, 3 April 2021 (B)
- OVO Spring Cup, virtual, 1-2 May 2021 (B)
- Moscow Flowers, Moscow, RUS 13-16 May 2021 (B)
- Four Continents, virtual, 30 May 2021 (B)
- 13th Academic AGG Cup, Sofia, BUL 24-25 June 2021 (B)
- Monica AGG Online, online 3 July 2021 (B)
- Shoin Summer Cup, online 29 August 2021 (B)
- Mall Kalve Memorial Cup, Tallinn, EST 29 August 2021 (B)
- Reima AGG Cup, Helsinki, FIN 18-19 November 2021 (B)
- Fuji Kurara Cup, Fuji, JPN 27-28 November 2021 (B)

In addition to A- and B-level competitions, IFAGG members were active in organizing online and virtual competitions.

Competitions for students were not organized during 2021.