



11th Acrobatic Gymnastics World Age Group Competitions (WAGC) and 27th Acrobatic Gymnastics World Championships - Geneva (SUI) 2021

Acrobatic Gymnastics Technical Committee “Report”

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ORGANIZATION

Postponed in 2020 because of the Covid-19 situation in the World the LOC under the direction of Cesar and Daniella Salvadori, the president of Acrobatic Gymnastics of Switzerland under the umbrella of the Swiss Gymnastics Federation, hosted the 11th WAGC and the 27th WCH in Acrobatic Gymnastics in Geneva in the period 23-29 June and 02 – 04 July 2021. To organize a big World event in a Worldwide pandemic situation is not easy and therefore we are very great full to the LOC that they managed to make this happen in very difficult circumstances.

In these special times, it was also very hard to find enough volunteers and therefore I want to express also my special thanks to all the people who managed this competition and helped so much to make it a success.

Once the LOC decided to hold an event, they must obtain the permission of the host country’s government for international participants to enter the country. The LOC must be instructed by the government on the legal and health requirements for international participants.

Acrobatic Gymnastics suffered greatly under all the lockdowns and all the sanitary rules around the world because we are a contact sport. Many of our athletes were not allowed to train for a long time and even today traveling is a problem for several countries because of the COVID_19 restrictions.

The joint efforts of the FIG, LOC, and the Acro TC contributed to making the events happen in these challenging COVID-19 times.

1. WORLD AGE GROUP COMPETITION 23 - 29 June 2021



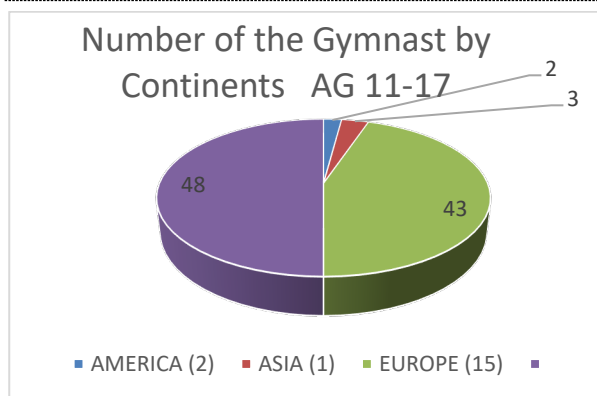
PARTICIPATION

At the 11th WAGC were 488 participants from 24 federations

Participation by Continents and number of gymnasts

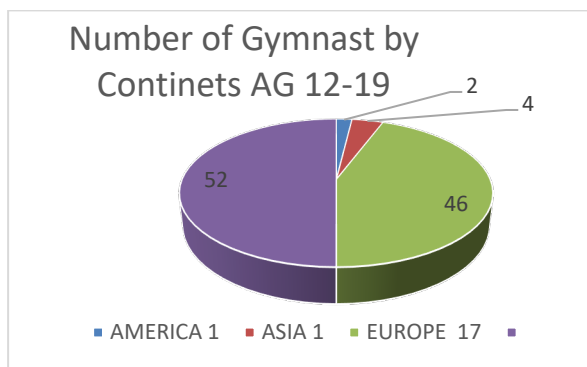
1. Age group 11-17

	CONTINENT	Number of Gymnasts		
		Men	Women	Total
1	AMERICA (2)	2	12	14
2	ASIA (1)	3	1	4
3	EUROPE (15)	43	110	153
	TOTAL:	48	123	171



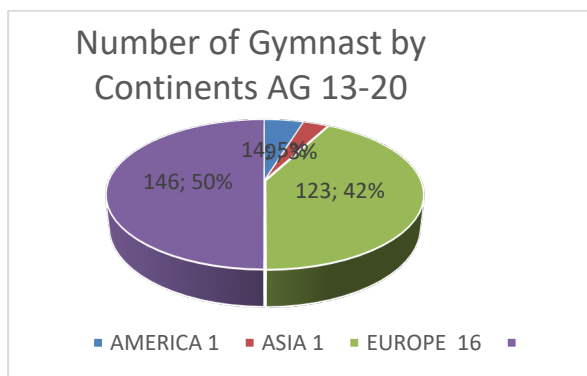
2. Age group 12-19

	CONTINENT	Number of Gymnasts		
		Men	Women	Total
1	AMERICA 1	2	12	14
2	ASIA 1	4	4	8
3	EUROPE 17	46	103	149
	TOTAL:	52	119	171



3. Juniors 13-20

	CONTINENT	Number of Gymnasts		
		Men	Women	Total
1	AMERICA 1	5	9	14
2	ASIA 1	3	6	9
3	EUROPE 16	36	87	123
	TOTAL:	44	102	146



VENUE/EQUIPMENT

The training hall, warm up and competitions halls were all connected to each other, so that everything was conducted under “one roof”. The equipment was provided by Gymnova.



The training facilities were excellent in all training zones, and provided sufficient time for preparation.



The Field of play was outstanding with an impressive medal podium and fulfilled all the FIG technical regulations.



The podium used for the Judges panels and the scoring system was well organized and therefore very comfortable for the judges to march in and take their seats during the actual competition. Staff from the scoring system could easily reach the judges table (secretary of the panel) when there was a problem or issue with the system.

The size of the hall and the available spectator space for the public was perfect for the event.

Apparatus Control: This was completed professionally and accurately during training and competition according to FIG Rules under TC control (responsible).

These world events were all about the athletes and even there were only a very small number of spectators allowed, the pairs and groups gave their best for them and for all viewers on live stream and TV coverage.



RESULTS

Medal distribution for finals by participating Federations



Medals AG 11-17					
	NOC	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total:
1	RUS	2	2		4
2	ISR	2	1	1	4
3	BEL	1		1	2
4	POR		1	2	3
5	GBR		1	1	2

Medals AG 12-19					
	NOC	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	RUS	4		1	5
2	UKR	1			1
3	POR		2	1	3
4	KAZ		1		1
5	USA		1		1
6	ISR		1		1
7	GBR			1	1
8	AZE			1	1
9	BUL			1	1

Medals Juniors 13-20					
	NOC	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total:
1	RUS	4	1		5
2	ISR	1	2		3
3	GBR		1	1	2
4	BEL		1		1
5	USA			1	1
6	POR			1	1
7	BLR			1	1
8	KAZ			1	1

MEASUREMENTS

The following number of height deductions were applied during the WAGC:

- 11 – 16: There were 10 deductions for size
- 12 – 18: There were 12 deductions for size
- 13 – 19: There were 3 deductions for size

Measurements by schedules were completed following the rules.

INQUIRIES

There was no inquiry during the whole event.



WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 02 - 04 July 2021



PARTICIPATION

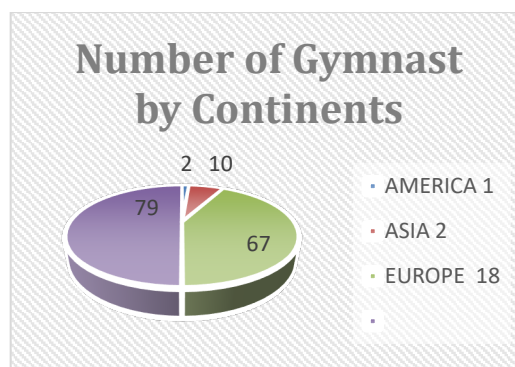
At the 27th ACRO World Championships were 163 participants from 20 federations.

1. Participation in qualification.

The Programme consisted of the following competitions – qualification and finals.

The participation can be summarised as follows:

	CONTINENT	NF	Number of Gymnasts		
			Men	Women	Total
1	AMERICA	1	2	8	10
2	ASIA	2	10	2	12
3	EUROPE	17	67	74	141
	TOTAL:	20	79	84	163



From the 19 federations:

Two (2) were registered with all five disciplines; RUS, UKR

Five (5) were registered with four disciplines; BEL, GBR, GER, ISR, POR

Three (3) were registered with three disciplines; BLR, KAZ, USA

Two (2) were registered with two disciplines; AZE, BUL

Eight (8) was registered with one discipline; ESP, HUN, ITA, MDA, NED, POL, SUI, UZB

Number of partnerships / units per event

Discipline	Women's Pair	Men's Pair	Mixed Pair	Women's Group	Men's Group	Total Units
	8	13	17	17	9	64

As you can see above, the most popular discipline at this competition was the Women's Group and the Mixed Pair.



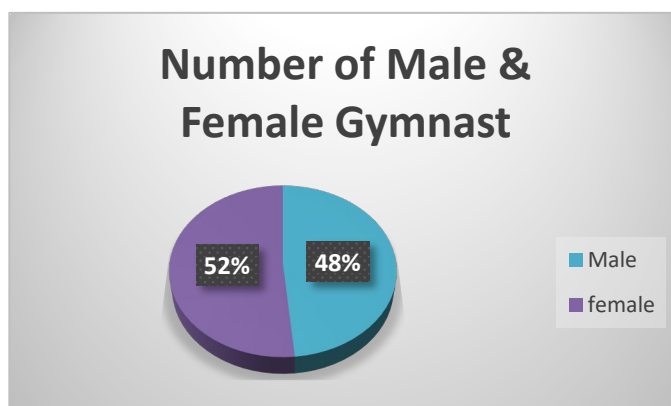
The number of gymnasts can be seen in the following table:

Number of gymnasts

Discipline	Women's Pair	Men's Pair	Mixed Pair	Women's Group	Men's Group	Total
	16	26	34	51	38	163

Number of Male gymnasts = 84

Number of Female gymnasts = 79



2. Participation in the qualification and finals.

Number of federations in each discipline in the qualifications :

Discipline	Women's Pair	Men's Pair	Mixed Pair	Women's Group	Men's Group
	8	10	13	12	8

The participation in the finals can be summarised as follows:

Continents	NF	%
Europe	10	
PAGU	1	
Asia	1	
TOTAL:	12	

3. Medal Distribution for all around final by participating Federations.

Medal distribution by Fédérations across the WCH



Medals SENIORS					
	NOC	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	RUS	4		1	5
2	POR	1		1	2
3	BEL		2		2
4	ISR		1		1
5	USA		1		1
6	GER		1		1
7	UKR			2	2
8	BLR			1	1



Team results:

<i>RANK</i>	<i>NF</i>	<i>POINTS</i>
<i>1st</i>	<i>RGF</i>	<i>60</i>
<i>2nd</i>	<i>BEL</i>	<i>54</i>
<i>3rd</i>	<i>KAZ</i>	<i>51</i>
<i>4th</i>	<i>UKR</i>	<i>50</i>
<i>5th</i>	<i>POR</i>	<i>48</i>
<i>6th</i>	<i>USA</i>	<i>42</i>
<i>7th</i>	<i>GBR</i>	<i>39</i>
<i>8th</i>	<i>GER</i>	<i>37</i>
<i>9th</i>	<i>BLR</i>	<i>35</i>
<i>10th</i>	<i>ISR</i>	<i>DNF</i>



4. Age of gymnast

<i>Year of birth</i>	<i># of gymnast male</i>	<i># of gymnast female</i>	<i>Total # of gymnast</i>
<i>1993</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>1994</i>	<i>1</i>		<i>1</i>
<i>1995</i>	<i>2</i>		<i>2</i>
<i>1996</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>1997</i>	<i>1</i>		<i>1</i>
<i>1998</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>1999</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>2000</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>2001</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>29</i>
<i>2002</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>2003</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>16</i>
<i>2004</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>17</i>
<i>2005</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>2006</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>28</i>
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>79</i>	<i>84</i>	<i>163</i>

- Average age of all gymnasts = 19.11 years
- Average age of male gymnasts = 19.93 years
- Average age of female gymnasts = 18.34 years



5. Level of performance

Qualifications:

Highest score – 88.400 Discipline: Men’s Pair
 Lowest score – 68.100 Discipline: Women’s Pair

Final:

Highest score – 30.350 Discipline: Men’s Group
 Lowest score – 21.570 Discipline: Women’s Group

MEASUREMENTS

There was only one size deduction at the WCH and this was in the mixed pair event
 Measurements by schedules were completed following the rules.

JUDGING ACTIVITIES

Judges’ Review Session (Instruction)

For the judge's instruction, the Acro TC used well-prepared power points for E and A judging. The instruction was conducted online due to the Covid pandemic. These included short video clips of elements and deductions from the COP that were identified. The judges used STS to watch the clips and then gave their deductions, by the rules, which they then could check against those provided during the instruction.

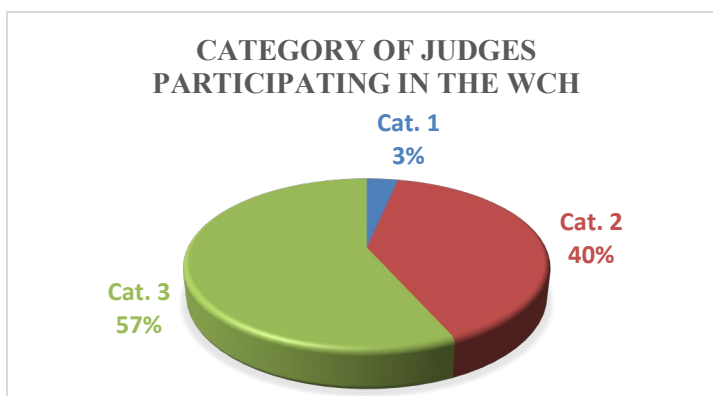
Judges’ Draw

Because of the Covid situation, the judge's draw was conducted in the TC's room in the presence of the Nelly Kim - President of JoA, and the two CJPs before the qualifications. They were conducted professionally and efficiently. For the finals, the draws only included independent judges and the draws took place immediately before the respective final.

- Number of judges and Federations – twenty (20) NF were represented by thirty (30) judges.
- Six (6) federations were represented by Difficulty judges.

- Categories of the 30 Judges

Category of Judge	Number of Judges
Cat. 1	1
Cat. 2	12
Cat. 3	17





IRCOS VIDEO SYSTEMS / SWISS TIMING

AT WCH Swiss Timing provided excellent results services. The IRCOS system was in place and provided a user-friendly access to the video feeds for review and an excellent quality of the picture resolution. The investment to fund this system is well worth it.

On behalf of the Acro TC, I extend my sincere and deepest thanks to the IRCOS and Swiss Timing teams for their friendly attitude and professional collaboration. As usual, it was a pleasure to work with them.

INQUIRIES

There was no inquiry during the World Championships.

ACROBATIC ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE FIG ATHLETES COMMISSION



Former Acrobatic gymnast **May Miller** (ISR) was re-elected to the FIG Athletes Commission as its representative for Acrobatic Gymnastics at the World Championships in Geneva (SUI). Chosen as the voice of Acrobatic athletes by representatives from 16 countries,

She will continue to sit on the Athletes' Commission and to take part in the discipline's Technical Committee meetings

All FIG TC members are really happy with her re-election because May contributes a lot to the TC.

We would ask that all gymnasts who would like to express their views, concerns or questions with matters regarding acrobatic gymnastics to contact May on the following email so she can bring any issues raised by gymnasts to the attention of the Technical Committee and the FIG.

CONCLUSION AND THANKS

ACRO TC congratulates all participating gymnasts and coaches for the successful the 11th ACRO WAGC and the 27th ACRO World Championship 2021 in Geneva (SUI) in the Covid situation.

ACRO TC worked conscientiously and effectively both in preparation and during this World Championship to ensure a fair, correct competitions. This work was a collective effort by the FIG leadership, the TC members, FIG staff and the National Federations to carry out this World Championship in as professional manner as possible.

On behalf of the ACRO TC, I extend my sincere appreciation to all local staff and volunteers for their hospitality and their dedication to a very successful event.

The Acro TC would also like to convey their gratitude to the FIG Office, especially Mr. Rui Vinagre and Ms. Eunice Lebre for their professional support. Also grate thanks to Nelly Kim, FIG Vice President and Steve Butcher, FIG Sports Director to assist and support us with their experience.



The Acro TC extends its thanks and appreciation to Jean Francois, Blythe, Meike and Volker have again made their excellent contributions to give our sport the positive profile it needs with the media, as well as to the fans of Acrobatic Gymnastics.

Special thanks go to the Athlete Representative Ms May Miller for her dedication and attitude towards the gymnasts at the event and her introduction of social media in promoting acrobatics across the gymnastic community and gaining feedback from the athletes during the event.

Finally, I would like to thank the Technical Committee members for their commitment and professional work in our team work during the entire World Championships and World Age Group Competitions.

Report Respectfully submitted by

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Rosy Taeymans
President FIG Acrobatics Technical Committee

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