

10th FIG AER Gymnastics World Age Group Competition 17th FIG AER Gymnastics World Championships

Competition Report by Aerobic Gymnastics TC President

Date

WAGC: June 10-12, 2022
WCH: June 16-18, 2022

Location

Guimarães, POR

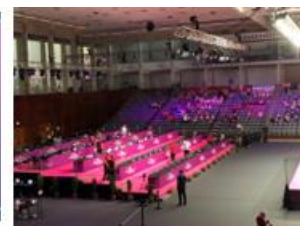
Organization

Guimarães, the origin of Portugal was the place for the 10th Aerobic Gymnastics World Age Group Competition and the 17th Aerobic Gymnastics World Championships. The Gymnastics Federation of Portugal as LOC, who are very experienced in organizing various FIG events. They host AER World Cups regularly. Therefore, we were confident that the organization was under its control with great preparation of the venue.



Venue

Multisusos de Guimarães
Alameda Cidade de Lisboa
Creixomil 4835-037 Guimarães



Apparatus

- Aerobic Gymnastics Floor: Gymnova - Ref. FIG ID 158
- Steps: Venturelli - Ref. FIG ID 218

Only the steps provided by the LOC were allowed during the trainings and competition. This information was announced in the Directives in advance.

4 AER floors were provided, 3 for the training area and 1 for the competition hall. All of them are in good standing and without any problems.

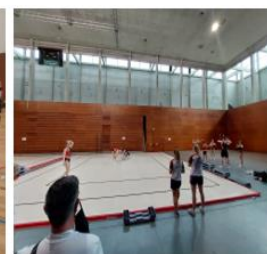
Halls

General warm-up area

There was a big mat for the warmup area where the gymnasts were able to do their warm-up.

Training hall

Training hall was in the same gymnasium with 2 aerobic floors and 2 marked floors. There was also the marked floor for the waiting area. The music floor with music was adjacent to that hall to allow music to be played.



Competition hall

Beautifully decorated competition venue with huge display as a back panel for the competition floor with gymnasts' video, results, ranking were shown. Security was also very good.

Judge's meeting room

Judge's instruction and draw were made at the orientation meeting room, with good conditions. They provided with water, coffee/tea and snacks for the break. This room was also used for FIG President Round Table, Medical Round Table and AER-TC Round Table.

TC meeting room

With partition of the walls, many offices were made (FIG President, Secretary General, EC, TC, Administrative, Media). All were equipped with necessary devices. Unfortunately, there was no air condition in the meeting rooms and the beginning of the competition weather was with very high temperature, we were sweating a lot. Outside of these rooms, there was an open space where LOC have provided with some snacks and drinks.

Catering

In the gym, they had 2 large catering places and a coffee stand. One restaurant was for the officials, staff and judges and the other for the delegations. We had to order our food (lunch/dinner) in advance and the food was very good.



Programme – WAGC

Date	Programme	Note
6/07	Arrival	
08	Orientation Meeting / Training	
09	Training / Judges' Instruction / Athletes Meeting	
10	Qualification Day-1	AG: TR / GR JR: IM / IW / MP
11	Qualification Day-2	AG: IW / AD / MP / IM JR: TR / GR / AD
12	Final	All categories
13	Departure	

Programme – WCH

Date	Programme	Note
6/13	Arrival	
14	Orientation Meeting / Judges' Instruction / Training	
15	Training / Continental President meeting / Medical and Anti-Doping Round Table / Athletes Meeting	
16	Qualification Day-1	Q: TR / IW / AS / AD
17	Qualification Day-2 Final	Q: MP / IM / GR F: TR / IW / AS
18	Final FIG President Round Table / AER TC Round Table	F: IM / MP / GR / AD
19	Departure	

LOC Scoring System – WAGC

For WAGC, LOC provided their scoring system. The system failure occurred after the first competitor of each Panel of the WAGC. After a while, the system was not recovering.

I had to take a decision to change the scoring of judges manually. All the score sheets were prepared in advance and therefore, all the qualifications were judged and instead of entering the score to the system, judges wrote to the score sheets. These score sheets were sent to the CJP and after confirmation, was given to the Superior Jury President to double check and were sent to the IT staff to enter the system manually.

For the Finals with one Panel, the system worked and had no problem.

Swiss Timing Scoring System – WCH

As always, Swiss Timing was used for the WCH and as the system, there was no problem. We checked thoroughly in advance, and everything went smoothly and very well.

Rk	Name	Aerobic Dance	Noc	Total
1	Republic of Korea	KOR		17.900 Q
2	Hungary	HUN		17.750 Q
3	Romania	ROU		17.400 Q
4	Italy	ITA		17.250 Q
5	Azerbaijan	AZE		17.150 Q
6	Finland	FIN		17.100 Q
7	Ukraine	UKR		16.700 Q
8	Germany	GER		16.450 R
9	Argentina	ARG		16.400 R
10	Egypt	EGY		16.100 R
11	Australia	AUS		15.900 R

Superior Jury & Judges' Panel

Superior Jury			
President	Tammy Yagi-Kitagawa (JPN)	Execution	Desislava Bogusheva (BUL)
Assistant	Dora Hegyi (HUN)		Vladislav Oskner (RUS)
Difficulty	Cristina Casentini (ITA)	Artistic	Jorge Fillón (ARG)
	Ana Macanita (POR)		Maria Eduwarda Poli (BRA)

CJP (Chair of Judges' Panel)

WAGC & WCH – CJP (Chair of Judges' Panel)			
Panel A	FERENTINOU Lefki (GRE)	Panel B	DARONE Monica (ITA)

Judges' Panel – WCH

Function	Panel A	Panel B
Chair of Judges' Panel	FERENTINOU Lefki (GRE)	DARONE Monica (ITA)
Difficulty	SPINU Cristiana (ROU)	GARCIA ALCAZAR Sergio (ESP)
	SINKO Andrea (HUN)	WIETHOFF Monika (GER)

The CJP were drawn in advance. For the rest of the panel, we conducted Judges' draw on the morning of each competition.

The Judges' draw took long time by conducting manually. For the future, we need to have a system of the draw by electronic way so that the time is reduced.

Jury of Appeal and Supervisory Board

President	Member
CELEN Suat (TUR)	FUMEA Maria (ROU)

Categories

Age Group: IM, IW, MP, TR, GR, AD

Junior: IM, IW, MP, TR, GR, AD

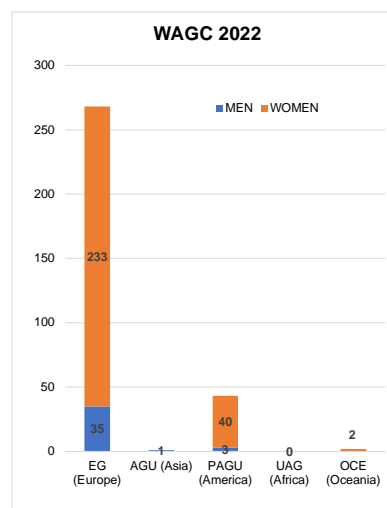
Senior: IM, IW, MP, TR, GR, AD, AS

Entries – WAGC (Due to some restriction of traveling, not all the nations were able to participate)

24 nations. 314 gymnasts.

No	Nation	Men	Women	Total
1	ARG	2	12	14
2	AUS		2	2
3	AUT		6	6
4	AZE		6	6
5	BRA		1	1
6	BUL	2	11	13
7	COL	1	8	9
8	CZE		14	14
9	ESP	11	26	37
10	FIN	1	24	25
11	FRA	1	3	4
12	GBR	3	19	22
13	GER	1	14	15
14	GRE		10	10
15	HUN	3	23	26
16	ITA	3	8	11
17	LTU	1	21	22
18	MEX		2	2
19	PER		17	17
20	POR	3	25	28
21	ROU	3	5	8
22	TUR	3	5	8
23	UKR		13	13
24	VIE	1		1
TOTAL	24	39	275	314

CONTINENT	GYMNASTS		
	MEN	WOMEN	TOTAL
EG (Europe)	17	35	268
AGU (Asia)	1	1	1
PAGU (America)	5	3	40
UAG (Africa)	0	0	0
OCE (Oceania)	1	0	2
TOTAL	24	39	275

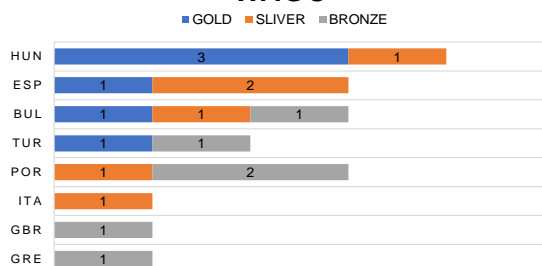


Results – WAGC

Age Group

	HUN	ESP	BUL	TUR	POR	ITA	GBR	GRE	TOTAL
GOLD	3	1	1	1					6
SILVER	1	2	1		1	1			6
BRONZE			1	1	2		1	1	6
TOTAL	4	3	3	2	3	1	1	1	18

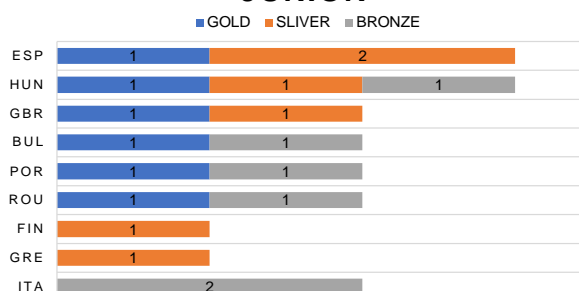
WAGC



Junior

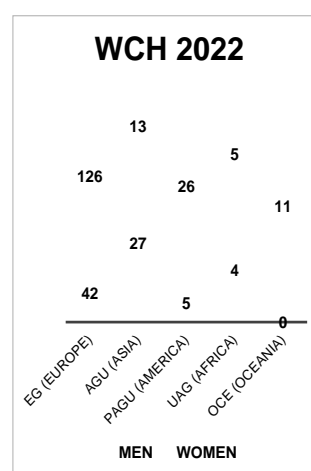
	ESP	HUN	GBR	BUL	POR	ROU	FIN	GRE	ITA	TOTAL
GOLD	1	1	1	1	1	1				6
SILVER	2	1	1				1	1		6
BRONZE		1		1	1	1			2	6
TOTAL	3	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	18

JUNIOR

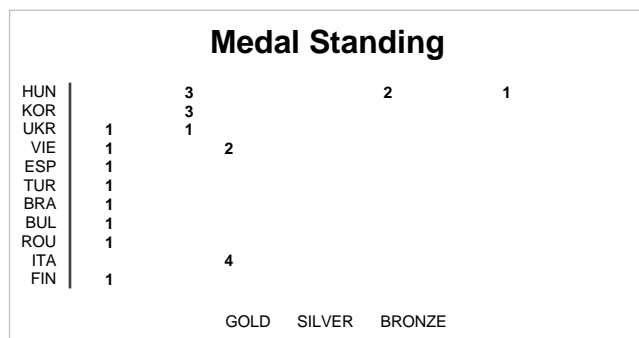


32 nations. 259 gymnasts.

CONTINENT		GYMNASTS		
		MEN	WOMEN	TOTAL
UEG (Europe)	19	42	126	168
AGU (Asia)	4	27	13	40
PAGU (America)	6	5	26	31
UAG (Africa)	1	4	5	9
OCE (Oceania)	2	0	11	11
TOTAL	32	78	181	259



	HUN	KOR	UKR	VIE	ESP	TUR	BRA	BUL	ROU	ITA	FIN	TOTAL
GOLD	3	3	1	1								8
SILVER	2		1		1	1	1	1	1			8
BRONZE	1			2						4	1	8
TOTAL	6	3	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	24



Coach

During the WAGC, written warnings were sent to UKR federation regarding their Coaches' behavior. The Coach stepped into the Kiss & Cry area and gave verbal encouragement to her gymnasts. FIG Staff Alexandre Cola went to tell her to step down, but she refused to do so, and this behavior was against the Technical Regulation (Sec. 1, Art. 5.8). An official letter of warning was sent to the federation and apparently, the coach didn't understand any English and her federation took an action to solve for further competition.

Inquiry

WAGC: 6 inquiries; 4 rejected and 2 accepted (1-higher, 1-lower).

WCH: 3 inquiries; 2 rejected and 1 accepted (higher by 0.1-possibly calculation error).

Conclusion:

During the WAGC, the weather was nice in Guimarães. But for the WCH, every day was raining with only 13 degrees. Arena was OK with temperature but I believe WCH gymnasts had to take care of themselves to keep their body in condition during the competition.

Another concern were the distance of accommodations. LOC have provided appropriate accommodations to the participants. Unfortunately, due to the traffic jams, some gymnasts had to leave their accommodation place much earlier than expected duration with concerns of traffic jams.

But overall, all the organizations were well done, and we are happy that the WAGC and WCH have completed without any problem.



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