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**FIG Rhythmic Gymnastics
Junior World Championships**





Rhythmic Gymnastics Junior World Championships 2023

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In July, the best rhythmic gymnasts from all over the world will be present in Cluj-Napoca (ROU) for 2nd FIG Rhythmic Gymnastics Junior World Championships, individual and group competitions with team ranking

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at the second edition of the Junior World Championships 7-9 July. Competition will be held at the BTArena, the largest event hall in the country.

CLUJ-NAPOCA - The city in the heart of Transylvania

Cluj-Napoca, the second major city in Romania behind the national capital Bucharest, is situated in the north-western part of the country, in the region of Transylvania. Geographically, it is roughly equidistant from Bucharest (324 km / 201 miles), Budapest (351 km / 218 miles) and Belgrade (322 km / 211 miles). Located in the Someşul Mic River valley, the city is considered the unofficial capital to the historical province of Transylvania. Between 1790 and 1848 and between 1861 and 1867, it was the official capital of the Grand Principality of Transylvania.

The city has a population of 325,000 inhabitants, while the residents of the metropolitan area are more than 400,000.

It gradually gained an important political, economic and cultural position within the province of Transylvania, being a multicultural city with a diverse cultural and religious life.

A vibrant and pleasant city today, with reasonably priced accommodation and dining in the centre area – within 5-15 minutes' walk from the “Babeş-Bolyai” University central building –, a wonderful historical legacy and a great atmosphere, Cluj-Napoca also has a diverse and growing cultural scene, with cultural life exhibited in a number of fields, including the visual arts, performing arts and nightlife.

It is certainly a great experience for those who want to see urban Transylvanian life at its best as well as a base for those wanting to explore its countryside surroundings, the wild scenic beauty of its Carpathian landscape, the Apuseni Mountains, or the traditional rural area in central and south Transylvania or in the historical region of Maramureş.



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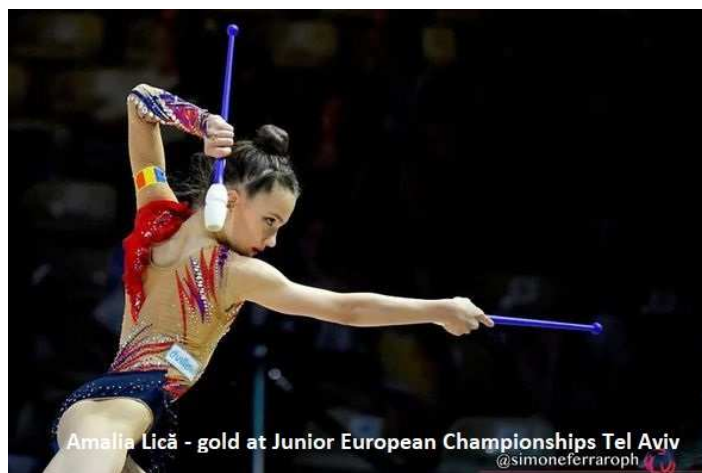
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About rhythmic gymnastics

Rhythmic gymnastics is a sport in which gymnasts perform on a floor with an apparatus: hoop, ball, clubs, ribbon. The sport combines elements of gymnastics, dance and calisthenics; gymnasts must be strong, flexible, agile, dexterous and coordinated. Rhythmic gymnastics is governed by the International Gymnastics Federation (FIG), which first recognized it as a sport in 1963. It became an Olympic sport in 1984, with an individual all-around event. The group all-around competition was added to the Olympics in 1996. At the international level, rhythmic gymnastics is a women-only sport. The most prestigious competitions, besides the Olympic Games, are the World Championships, World Games, European Championships, European Games, the World Cup Series and the Grand Prix Series. Gymnasts are judged on their artistry, execution of skills, and difficulty of skills, for which they gain points. They perform leaps, balances, and rotations along with handling the apparatus.



For the continued development of rhythmic gymnastics, FIG has introduced into panel of the international competition calendar of rhythmic gymnastics, along with other international competitions, and the World Championship for Juniors.

Rhythmic gymnastics in Romania

Rhythmic gymnastics is the perfect combination of sport and art, which connects expressive dance steps with the skilful manipulation of Rope, Hoop, Ball, Clubs or Ribbon. Romania quickly adopted this discipline in 1961, always following an upward evolution. Rhythmic gymnastics developed in Romania as an independent discipline, the first recognized national championship being held in 1963.



1961 - In Bucharest took place the first competitions organized by the Romanian Federation of Rhythmic Gymnastics

1961 Romania participates in its first World Championship (Budapest)

1984 Doina Stăiculescu wins the silver medal at the Olympic Games in Los Angeles and Alina Drăgan 4th at all-around.

1990 - 1992 Irina Deleanu obtained bronze medals at the European Championship (Gothenburg, ball) - the first continental medal for Romania -, World Cup Final (Brussels, hoop), European Cup Final (Brussels, hoop), World Championships (Brussels, rope).

1993 Romania organizes the European Championship of rhythmic gymnastics

1993 Romanian Team win silver medal at the Junior European Championships (Bucharest)
 2013 Romania organizes the World Cup (Bucharest)
 2013 Denisa Mailla wins the bronze medal at the historical edition of the World Cup
 2019 Romania organizes for the first time in its history a Challenge Cup type competition.
 2021 - 2022 In Cluj-Napoca takes place the 2nd and 3rd edition of the World Cup
 2022 Amalia Lică wins the gold medal (clubs) and silver (team) and Christina Drăgan wins the silver (team) and bronze (ball) at the Junior European Championships (Tel Aviv – Israel)



FIG Rhythmic Gymnastics Junior World Championships

The FIG Rhythmic Gymnastics Junior World Championships are a rhythmic gymnastics competition organized by the International Gymnastics Federation (FIG). The inaugural edition was held in Moscow, Russia in July 2019. Subsequent championships are then to be held biannually in odd numbered years from 2021 onwards.

In May 2020, the FIG announced that there will be no Junior World Championships in 2021 in artistic or rhythmic gymnastics. FIG's Executive Committee reasoned the decision was made "to avoid overloading the 2021 calendar".

The next Junior Worlds are planned for 2023, 4 years after the first editions, at Cluj-Napoca (ROU), between 7 to 9 July 2023. Competitions will be held in accordance with the FIG TR Section 3 Art. 5.4, and the RG Code of Points 2022-2024 (version May 2022).

To be eligible for the championships, gymnasts must not be less than 13 years of age and not more than 15 years (i.e., born in 2008 – 2010).

The programme of the junior worlds comprises eight disciplines, with eight sets of medals at stake.

1st edition - 2019 Junior World Rhythmic Gymnastics Championships

The 2019 Rhythmic Gymnastics Junior World Championships were the inaugural Rhythmic Gymnastics Junior World Championships. They were held in Moscow, Russia, from 19 July to 21 July 2019.

Following the success of the event, which was measured by the amount of participating nations, The Executive Committee of the International Gymnastics Federation has announced the



addition of the junior competitions to the official sporting calendar, which will take place every two years, in odd years. The next competition was going to be held in 2021, the covid-19 pandemic has postponed it to 2023.

The first edition took place in Moscoca between 19 - 21 July 2019, with the participation of 322 competitors from 61 nations.

The winners of the championship were:

Team All-Around (Individual, Group) – 1. Russia, 2. Italy, 3. Israel

Rope: 1. Anastasia Simakova (RUS), 2. Sofia Raffaelli (ITA), 3. Arzu Jalilova (AZE)

Ball: 1. Lala Kramarenko (RUS), 2. Arzu Jalilova (AZE), 3. Noga Block (ISR)

Clubs: Lala Kramarenko (RUS), 2. Sofia Raffaelli (ITA), 3. Adi Asya Katz (ISR)

Ribbon: 1. Dariia Sergaeva (RUS), 3. Adi Asya Katz (ISR), 3. Salma Solaun (ESP)

2nd edition – 2023 Junior World Rhythmic Gymnastics Championships



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Competition will be held at the BTArena, the largest event hall in the country.

The Motto of the event is “The beginning of Magic”.

Provisional programme (subject to changes)

THU.06 July	
As per schedule	Training and Podium Training for RGI & RGG
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FRI. 07 July	
09:30 – 11:00	RGI Qualification Hoop & Ball alternatively – Subgroup A
11:15 – 12:45	RGI Qualification Hoop & Ball alternatively – Subgroup B
13:45 – 15:15	RGI Qualification Hoop & Ball alternatively – Subgroup C
15:30 – 17:00	RGI Qualification Hoop & Ball alternatively – Subgroup D
17:00 – 17:10	Special Award Ceremony
17:20-17:50	Opening Ceremony
18:30 – 21:00	RGG All-Around Competition 5 Ropes & 5 Balls alternatively
SAT. 08 July	
09:30 – 11:00	RGI Qualification Clubs & Ribbon alternatively – Subgroup A
11:15 – 12:45	RGI Qualification Clubs & Ribbon alternatively – Subgroup B
13:45 – 15:15	RGI Qualification Clubs & Ribbon alternatively – Subgroup C
15:30 – 17:00	RGI Qualification Clubs & Ribbon alternatively – Subgroup D
17:00 – 17:10	Special Award Ceremony

18:30 – 21:00	RGG All-Around Competition 5 Ropes & 5 Balls alternatively
Following	Award Ceremony Team Ranking (RGI & RGG combined)
Following	Award Ceremony RGG All-Around
Following	Special Award Ceremony
SUN. 09 July	
12:00 – 12:35	Presentation of Finalists - RGI Hoop Apparatus Final
12:42 – 13:17	Presentation of Finalists - RGI Ball Apparatus Final
13:22 –	Award Ceremony RGI Hoop
– 13:32	Award Ceremony RGI Ball
13:37 – 14:20	Presentation of the Finalists - RGG 5 Ropes Final
14:25 – 14:35	Award Ceremony RGG 5 Ropes
14:40 – 15:15	Presentation of Finalists - RGI Clubs Apparatus Final
15:22 – 15:57	Presentation of Finalists - RGI Ribbon Apparatus Final
16:02 –	Award Ceremony RGI Clubs
– 16:12	Award Ceremony RGI Ribbon
16:17 – 17:00	Presentation of the Finalists and RGG 5 Balls Final
17:05 – 17:15	Award Ceremony RGG 5 Balls Final
17:15 – 17:30	Special Award Ceremony

Competition

Open to gymnasts born between 2008 and 2010, the event marks the second edition of the Junior World Championships in Rhythmic Gymnastics following a successful debut in 2019.

Based on the Definitive Registrations the gymnasts' drawing of lots for the Qualifications and the Apparatus Finals was conducted on Thursday 16 March 2023 at 09:00 am at the FIG Headquarters in Lausanne (SUI) in the virtual presence of RG TC President Noha Abou Shabana.

More than 160 individuals and 37 groups will compete in Cluj-Napoca, aiming to attain one of the eight Junior World titles up for grabs (Hoop, Ball, Clubs and Ribbon for individuals; All-Around, 5 Ropes and 5 Balls titles for groups). A combined team title will also be awarded.

Following qualification rounds 7-8 July, the top eight individuals and groups with each apparatus will compete for medals in the apparatus finals 9 July.

Individuals have been drawn into one of four subgroups for qualifications, and groups will compete in one of two subgroups, also beginning 7 July.

Venue – BT ARENA Cluj-Napoca

Inaugurated in 2014, BT Arena continues to be an example of good practice when it comes to the new multipurpose halls that are being built in Romania.

With a capacity of 10,000 seats in sports competitions, with a European Artistic Gymnastics Championship, organized six years ago, with several stages of the World Cup in rhythmic gymnastics, with numerous national competitions of gymnastics, with audience records set

in continental competitions, BTarena confirms its status as the leader of this segment of sports infrastructure and events.

Cluj-Napoca has hosted an FIG World Challenge Cup in Rhythmic Gymnastics since 2019, and though the city is famous for the Artistic Gymnastics talent it has produced over the years, the city will ring with news of Rhythmic for three days this summer.



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Media registration

Media registration for the 2nd FIG Rhythmic Gymnastics Junior World Championships is centralised only by the FIG.

For 2nd Rhythmic Gymnastics Junior World Championships in Cluj-Napoca (ROU) period for Media registration:

May 16 – June 13, 2023

Members of the local and international media including broadcast companies who wish to cover these events must register via the online media management tool for international Gymnastics events at <https://media.gymnastics.sport>.

Only complete applications will be considered.

In addition, media outlets and national federations are requested to send a confirmation of interest for their editorial staff and photographers to the FIG Media Department at: mediafig@fig-gymnastics.org.



For details, media professionals are requested to refer to the FIG Media Rules – Part 1 and the appendices <https://www.gymnastics.sport/site/rules/rules.php#10>

For other information you can also contact the LOC Media Team (*Media Officer – Emanuel Fantaneanu, AIPS EC Member*): media@rgjwc.com

Members of the media accredited to FIG events are required to act respectfully towards their colleagues, gymnasts, coaching staff, organisers, and volunteers. They must at all times act in accordance with international media and journalism ethics principles, maintaining high standards especially in regards to truthfulness, accuracy, objectivity, impartiality, fairness and public accountability.

By requesting media accreditation, applicants accept the terms and conditions as outlined in the Media Rules and agree to respect them during the entire event.

Television

Members of the local and international media broadcast companies who wish to cover these events must register via the online media management tool for international Gymnastics events at <https://media.gymnastics.sport>

Live television production of the finals is guaranteed. Competitors are requested to strictly follow the instructions of the LOC.

Cameras and video recording

In order to protect television rights, personal video or TV cameras and recording in the competition hall including from the spectators' and delegation seating is permitted solely for personal, private, non-commercial and non-promotional purposes, with the exclusion of licensing, broadcasting and/or publishing any such video and/or sound recordings including on social media and the internet. The only exceptions are the host broadcaster, rights holders and IRCOS cameras.



All exercises on each apparatus will be recorded in high definition by digital video cameras (IRCOS). Photos without flash may be taken from the seats in the competition hall. In the training and warm-up halls, coaches may only take photos and videos of their own gymnasts.

Accreditation Distribution

Accreditations will be distributed at the MPC Desk based on the nominative registrations submitted on the FIG online registration, starting on July 6.

Press Center (MPC) Program

THU.06 July	10.00 am – 06.00 pm / 18.00
FRI. 07 July	09.00 am - 09.30 pm / 21.30
SAT. 08 July	09.00 am - 09.30 pm / 21.30
SUN. 09 July	10.00 am - 06.00 pm / 18.00

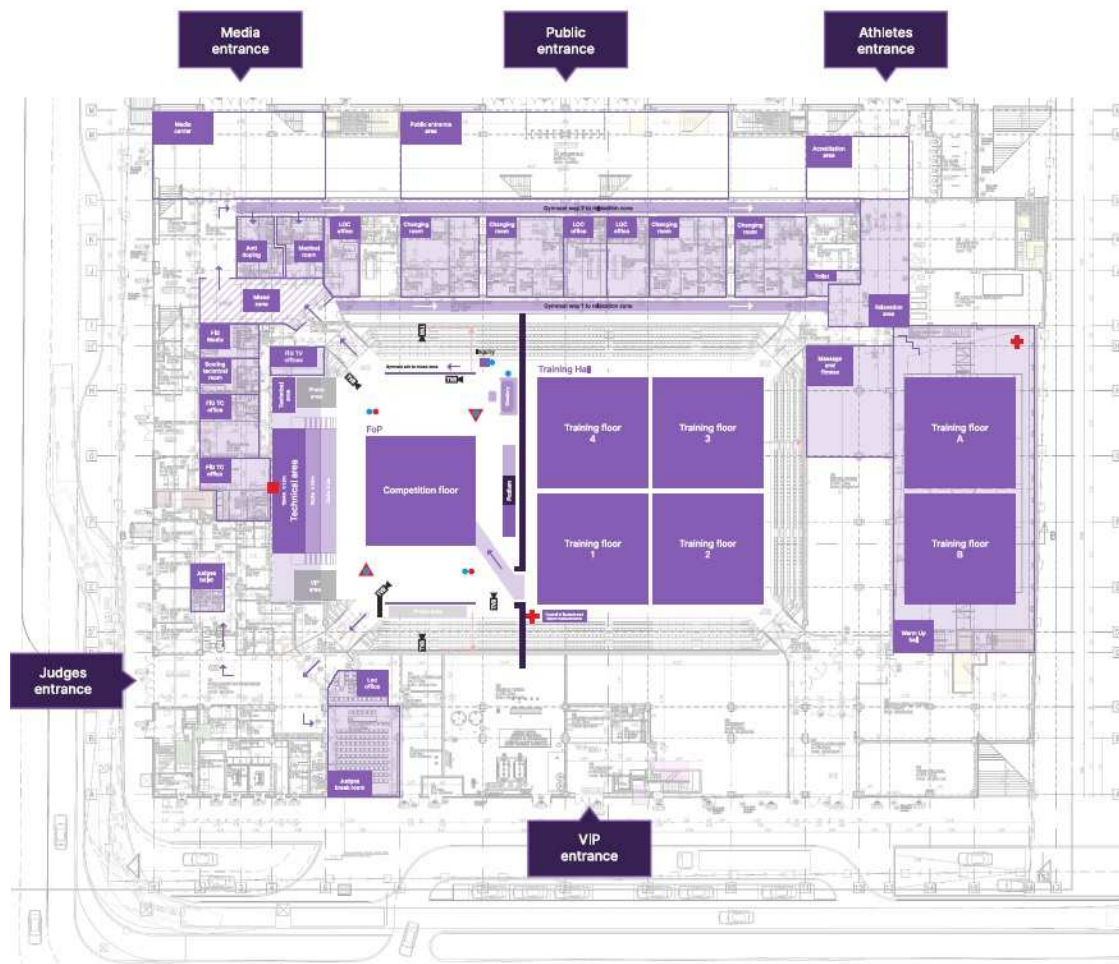
For more information contact the Media Officer Emanuel FANTANEANU, AIPS EC Member: media@rgjwc.com or or access the official website: <https://www.rgjwc.com>

Media Positions

The representatives of the accredited press have at their disposal, according to the requested rules and positions:

- Main Press Center (MPC) - press and photo, with all facilities
- Press stand - equipped positions and free positions, according to the "first come, first served"
- Special areas for photo.
- FIG Media and LOC Media Office

All areas benefit from free WiFi, as well as the other facilities for carrying out the activity.



Training halls

Media are allowed the designated zone in training halls during training days prior to the start of the competition. These days include the podium training day(s).

Designated Media Zone in the training hall(s) to allow journalists is to follow the sessions without disturbing gymnasts and coaches.

The training halls are restricted areas. Journalists, photographers and TV crews must remain strictly inside the designated media zone.

Access is limited and controlled in order to avoid an excessive influx of coaches, athletes, officials, etc.

The training halls is accessible during official training days only.

There will be no access on competition days.



Mixed Zone

The Mixed Zone is located "door to door" with MPC, the access being very easy to achieve.

Gymnasts exit by the Field of Play through the Mixed Zone after podium training sessions and competitions. This is where journalists collect flash quotes from the competitors.

While there is no obligation for a gymnast to STOP for interviews, it is compulsory for them to pass through the mixed zone according to the FIG Technical Regulations 2022, Reg. 4.10.15.



Warm-up halls

Warm-up halls are a No Go Zone for the media. Access will not be authorised.

Podium training

All accredited media representatives have free access around the Field of Play during the official podium training sessions. ENR card holders are accepted with cameras.

Opening and Closing press conferences

No opening nor closing press conference are scheduled for this event.

Medallists' press conferences

No medallists' press conferences are scheduled for this event.

Travel, Accommodation, Visas

Media are responsible for their own travel and accommodation arrangements.

Media not based in the host country are responsible for their own visas.

LOC has designated as Hotel Media, the hotel WEST CITY HOTEL 4*

Strada Avram Iancu 442-446, Cluj-Napoca 407280, Romania

Distance to airport: 14,4 km

Distance to competition venue and the training venue: 4,9 km



For booking and booking arrangements contact: accommodation@westcityhotel.ro

IMPORTANT: the hotel reservation request cannot be made later than June 20, 2023.

According to the program, only accredited journalists living at the official Hotel will benefit from transport between the Hotel / Competition Hall / Hotel and Airport.

Local Transportation

The event transportation service will be in activity from the first until the last day of the event, even if the distance between the official hotels and the BT Arena and the Training Hall can be easily covered on foot.

Journalists that do not stay at one of the official hotels, did not book their accommodation through the LOC will not be entitled to use the event local transportation service.

Arrival

The LOC personnel will be present at all official arrival points (Cluj-Napoca International Airport (CLJ), Cluj-Napoca Central Railway and Cluj-Napoca Bus station with greeting signs to welcome the members that stay at one of the official hotels, book their accommodation through the LOC.

Departure

Shuttle transportation will be coordinated by the LOC from the Official Hotels to the official departure points. A detailed schedule for departures will be sent by e-mail on due time, available on the LOC event portal, and displayed on the board at the official hotels. OK

How to get Cluj-Napoca

Getting to Cluj-Napoca is easy due to its position and its status as a major city in Romania.

By plane:

The International Airport of Cluj-Napoca (CLJ), <http://airportcluj.ro/>, located 9 kilometres (5.6 miles) to the east of the city centre, is offering direct flights to many direction Cluj-Napoca International Airport is the second largest airport in Romania. It is an international airport. In



total there are 49 airports around the world that have direct flights to Cluj-Napoca, spread around 47 cities in 19 countries..

By train:

There are train connections to most Romanian cities. Provides international connection with over 30 international routes. The railway station of Cluj-Napoca (Romania) is Gara Centrală Cluj-Napoca.

By car/coach:

Cluj-Napoca has good road connections European road E60, E81, E58 links to all european direction.

Currency:

The currency Romania is the Leu (RON)

Power supply:



Voltage 230 volts; frequency 50 Hz.

You can use your electric appliances in Romania, if the standard voltage in your country is in between 220 - 240 V (as is in the UK, Europe, Australia and most of Asia and Africa).

In Romania the power plug sockets are of type F. An adapter might be needed.

Local Time

GMT: UTC + 3 Hr

Temperature

Estimated temperature during the competition: 28°C (82.4°F);

Average min: Temperature 20°C (68°F)

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