



17th PLOVDIV CUP AEROBICS OPEN
Plovdiv, (BUL)
16th – 18th of October 2026



DIRECTIVES

Event ID: 18585

Dear FIG affiliated Member Federation,

The Gymnastics Federation of Bulgaria together with Aerobic Union Bulgaria and Sports Club “Aerobics-AMD” has the pleasure to invite your Federation to participate in the **17th Plovdiv Cup Aerobics Open 2026** - an official FIG International Event, as referenced above.

We look forward to your participation and to welcoming your delegation to this prestigious event.

DISCIPLINE	Aerobic Gymnastics
HOST FEDERATION	Bulgarian Gymnastics Federation 75, Vasil Levski Bld. Sofia – 1040, Bulgaria Tel.: +359 2 9300663 e-mail: bulgym@abv.bg
ORGANIZING COMMITTEE	Aerobic Union Bulgaria Contact person: Dimitrina Kandeveva Tel.: +359 887 607 909 e-mail: aerobicub@gmail.com
LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE	Sports club “Aerobics – AMD” Contact persons: Valentina Angelova 117, 6 th Septemvri Blvd. Plovdiv - 4002, Bulgaria Tel.:+359 887 410 590 e-mail: aerobic-amd@abv.bg web site: http://www.plovdivcup.com
LOCATION	Plovdiv, BULGARIA
DATE	From 16th to 18th of October 2026
VENUE	INTERNATIONAL FAIR PLOVDIV – Pavilion 6 37, Tzar Boris III – Obedinitel BLVD 4003, Plovdiv, BULGARIA The Plovdiv International Fair is a famous place, major international intellectual, business and investment center. It is one of the largest exhibition venues in Southeast Europe. The exhibition complex consists of 17 multifunctional pavilions. More info for the Plovdiv International Fair @: https://fair.bg/en
APPARATUS SUPPLIER	Please refer to the attached apparatus list
RULES AND REGULATIONS	The event will be organized under the following FIG rules, as valid in the year of the event, except for any deviation mentioned in these directives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statutes • Code of Ethics • Code of Conduct

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Regulations • Code of Discipline • Code of Points and relevant Newsletters • General Judges' Rules • Specific Judges' Rules • Anti-Doping Rules • License rules • Policy and Procedures for Safeguarding and Protecting Participants in gymnastics • FIG Framework for Safeguarding Athletes and other Participants from Harassment and abuse in Sport during Events • Medical Organization of FIG Competitions and Events • Media Guidelines • Apparatus Norms • Rules for Sanctioning (approval) of International Events • Rules for Advertising and Publicity • Rules for Awards Ceremonies • Accreditation Rules <p><i>and subsequent decisions of the FIG Executive Committee</i></p>						
FEDERATIONS INVITED	The Organizing Member Federation invites all FIG member Federations in good standing.						
AGE LIMITS	<p>Seniors, as per FIG technical regulations Junior, as per FIG technical regulations All gymnasts must have a valid FIG license until the end of the event!</p> <p>An international event will also be held for Youths and National Development. For more information see the Additional information at the end of this Directives, as well as please contact the LOC.</p>						
JUDGES AND JURIES	<p>All judges must have a current valid category for the respective discipline (aerobic gymnastics).</p> <p>Every Nation should register at least one judge with a valid FIG Brevet for the current cycle. Failure to do so may result in a fine of 850 Euro to be paid to the Local Organizing Committee in order that the LOC invites neutral judge/s. The fine for missing a judge should be paid to the LOC no later than 16th of September 2026.</p> <p>The number of Judge's panels will be decided depending on the number of participating competitors and judges.</p> <p>The Juries will be set by a draw from the judges present at the event. The priority will be given to the judges of the highest category.</p>						
REGISTRATION DEADLINES	<p>The Definitive and Nominative Registration Forms should be sent by the respective Federation to the OC and to the LOC within the deadlines mentioned below. All forms must bear the official seal and signature of the respective Federation and are accepted only if accompanied by the necessary payments.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="453 1641 1433 1783"> <tr> <td>Definitive registration:</td> <td>12th of August 2026</td> <td>2 months prior the event</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nominative registration:</td> <td>16th of September 2026</td> <td>1 month prior the event</td> </tr> </table>	Definitive registration:	12th of August 2026	2 months prior the event	Nominative registration:	16th of September 2026	1 month prior the event
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ENTRY FEES

Entry fees are the same for Seniors and Juniors but are different for those accommodated via the LOC and those accommodated by themselves.

Category	Entry Fee – accommodated Via the LOC	Entry fee – not accommodated via the LOC
Individual Women	30 Euro	100 Euro
Individual Men	30 Euro	100 Euro
Mixed Pairs	45 Euro	180 Euro
Trios	55 Euro	240 Euro
Groups	65 Euro	350 Euro
Aero Dance	80 Euro	480 Euro

100% of the Entry fee must be paid to the LOC not later than **12th of August 2026**. **The entry fee is calculated based on the number of units in the Definitive registration. In case of cancelations after the Definitive entry deadline there is no reimbursement.**

ACCREDITATION

Detailed information about the accreditation procedure will be given with the Work Plan which will be distributed to all participating Federations not later than **5th of October 2026**.
In addition, the LOC will distribute information regarding the gymnasts' safeguarding plan.

SIZE OF DELEGATION

The number of units per category and nation in Seniors and Junior for the Qualifications is limited as follows, except for the Organizing Federation. There is no limitation on the number of units for the Qualifications for the Organizing Federation.
The maximum number of **units** and officials is as follows:

Officials	Junior	Senior
Individual Women	6	6
Individual Men	6	6
Mixed Pairs	6	6
Trios	6	6
Groups	6	6
Aerobic Dance	6	6
Head of Delegation	1	
Coaches	2	2
Judges	Minimum 1	
Doctor and Therapists	1	


Every federation **must send at least 1 judge with a valid FIG Brevet.**

EVENT FORMAT

The competition consists of Qualifications and Finals in Seniors and Juniors in all 6 categories. In case that there are less than 9 participants per category in the Qualifications, no Qualification is necessary. In such cases the LOC will make a decision based on the total number of entries.

QUALIFICATIONS

The participation in Qualifications is limited to **the units mentioned in the paragraph "Size of delegation"** except for the Organizing Federation. There is no limitation to the number of units for the Organizing Federation.

	<p><u>FINALS</u></p> <p>The top 8 (eight) competitors from the Qualifications in Seniors and Juniors in each category (IW, IM, MP, TR, GR, AD) will take part in the Finals (maximum two per Category and Nation). In addition, if the organizing Federation has not qualified competitors in any category in Seniors and in any category in Juniors, it may nominate one participation in max.1 category in each - Senior and Junior of its choice.</p>
PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE	<p>14th of October 2026 (Wednesday) - Arrival, accreditation</p> <p>15th of October 2026 (Thursday) – Trainings, Orientation meeting, Judges meeting and instructions</p> <p>16th of October 2026 (Friday) – Qualifications</p> <p>17th of October 2026 (Saturday) – Qualifications</p> <p>18th of October 2026 (Sunday) – Finals</p> <p>19th of October 2026 (Monday) – Departure</p> <p><i>There might be some changes in the Provisional Schedule depending on the total number of entries.</i></p> <p>The Detailed Program will be prepared and distributed to all participating Federations with the Work Plan not later than 5th of October 2026.</p>
EVENT MANAGER	<p>Mrs.Valentina Angelova Sports Club “Aerobics – AMD” 117, 6th Septemvri Blvd. Plovdiv – 4002, Bulgaria Tel.: +359 887 410 590 e-mail: aerobic-amd@abv.bg</p>
MEDICAL SERVICES	<p>During all days – trainings and competition official medical persons who will be in the training and competition halls will be provided by the LOC.</p>
VISA	<p>Please verify immediately with your travel agent or the Bulgarian Embassy or Consulate in your country if a visa is required for your travel to Bulgaria. The LOC will be happy to assist each Delegation member with an official invitation letter, provided that the request is made before 12th of August 2026 to the e-mail of the OC – aerobicub@gmail.com</p> <p>To request an invitation letter, please send the following information to the LOC, using the respective form:</p> <p>Full Name, Gender, Date of Birth, Citizenship, Passport Number, Passport Expiry Date, Function/Role within the Delegation, Arrival and Departure Dates, City where the visa application support letter should be sent.</p> <p>Please ensure that all information is complete and accurate to avoid delays in visa processing.</p>
INSURANCE	<p>The Host Federation, the LOC and the FIG will not be held responsible for any liabilities in the event of accidents, illness (including COVID-19), repatriation, or similar occurrences.</p> <p>In accordance with the FIG Technical Regulations, all participating Federations are responsible for ensuring that all Delegation Members have valid insurance coverage for illness, accidents, and repatriation during the entire duration of their stay.</p> <p>It is mandatory that Delegation Members are covered by basic insurance (covering sickness, accident, and repatriation) in their country of residence, in order to benefit from coverage by the FIG IMSSA subsidiary insurance.</p> <p>For detailed information regarding the FIG IMSSA insurance for Athletes and Judges, please refer to:</p> <p> https://www.gymnastics.sport/site/pages/medical-insurance.php</p>

	<p>The LOC will verify insurance coverage upon arrival. Each Delegation must present either a cover note or a photocopy of the valid insurance policy. The policy must be valid starting from the day of arrival and must remain valid for the entire duration of the stay.</p> <p>If a Federation cannot provide proof of valid insurance, the LOC will offer insurance coverage at the Federation's own expense if requested in advance. Based on the request the LOC will provide information about the cost.</p>
SAFEGUARDING	<p>From the official day of arrival until the official day of departure, all participants — including gymnasts, coaches, judges, and other Delegation Members — will have the possibility to contact the LOC Safeguarding Officer by phone or email in case of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harassment • Abuse of any kind • Any situation where they feel uncomfortable or unsafe <p>The contact information for the LOC Safeguarding Officer will be provided to all Delegations upon arrival on site.</p> <p>As part of the FIG's commitment to athlete welfare and youth protection, posters of the "10 Golden Rules of Gymnastics", part of the FIG's awareness campaign, must be clearly displayed in several key areas, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training Halls • Warm-Up Areas • Public Zones <p>These measures are in place to ensure a safe, respectful, and supportive environment for all participants throughout the event.</p>
INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION	<p>The invited participating Federations must pay for the travel costs of their delegation members.</p> <p>The Travel Schedule Form must be returned to the OC @ aerobicub@gmail.com and to the LOC @ aerobic-amd@abv.bg by 16th of September 2026. If persons from one delegation/Federation are arriving and departing with different flights, please fill in separate travel forms for each group of persons and indicate on the travel form the exact number of persons.</p>
LOCAL TRANSPORTATION	<p>Arrival and departure – Sofia or Plovdiv: The LOC may provide transportation to all delegation members, who have booked their accommodation through the LOC, from and to Sofia or Plovdiv airport, railway station or central bus station to the official hotel in Plovdiv and back on the official arrival (14th of October 2026) and departure days (19th of October 2026). Information on the cost will be sent additionally, as soon as possible, before the Definitive entry deadline. This transportation should be requested with the official Travel form sent to the OC and LOC and should be paid to the LOC not later than 16th of September 2026. The transportation costs cannot be reimbursed.</p> <p>For those delegations or member of delegations that do not arrive or depart on the official day, upon request, the LOC may arrange additional transportation. The cost for it depends on the number of people, the date and time. Please, send your request to the OC and LOC as soon as possible but not later than 16th of September 2026 in order to be able to arrange transportation and inform you about the price.</p> <p>Pay attention that the price for the local transportation from Sofia to Plovdiv may differ if there are few people arriving during the night.</p>
ACCOMMODATION	<p>Hotel "Sankt Petersburg" **** 4003 Plovdiv, Bulgaria 97, Bulgaria Blvd. Tel.: +359 32 91 03 web page: https://sphotel.net/en/</p>

The costs **per person/ per night including breakfast** are as follows:

85 Euro (single room)

65 Euro (double room)

60 Euro (triple room)

The “Sankt Petersburg” Hotel is 4 stars. It is situated 2 km distance from the competition venue /15 min walking/. There will be a free shuttle between Hotel “Sankt Petersburg” and Competition Venue.

Hotel “Holiday Inn”****

4003 Plovdiv, Bulgaria

109, Vassil Levski str.

Tel.: (+359) 878 433 278; (+359) 32 20 33 33

web page: <https://hiplovdivhotel.com>

The costs **per person/ per night including breakfast** are as follows:

90 Euro (single room)

60 Euro (double room)

The “Holiday Inn” Hotel is 4 stars. It is situated at about 2 km distance from the competition venue /15 min walking/. There will be a free shuttle between Hotel “Holiday Inn” and Competition Venue.

Hotel “Bayko”***

4000 Plovdiv, Bulgaria

1, Bulgaria Blvd.

Tel.: (+359) 879 886 710

web page: bayko.bg/en/

The costs **per person/ per night including breakfast** are as follows:

75 Euro (single room)

48 Euro (double room)

45 Euro (triple room)

The “Bayko” Hotel is 3 stars. It is situated at about 300 meters distance from the competition venue /5 min walking/. There will be **no** shuttle from Bayko Hotel to the Venue.

Hotel “BLVD 7”****

4000 Plovdiv, Bulgaria

7, Bulgaria Blvd.

Tel.: (+359) 877 211 155; (+359) 32 964 441

web page: <https://boulevard7.com/en>

The costs **per person/ per night including breakfast** are as follows:

65 Euro (single premium room)

55 Euro (single standard room)

45 Euro (double room)

40 Euro (triple room)

The “BLVD 7” Hotel is 3 stars. It is situated at about 300 meters distance from the competition venue /5 min walking/. There will be **no** shuttle from BLVD 7 Hotel to the Venue.

The prices charged for the hotel rooms will not exceed the usual hotel rates. While the Provisional Accommodation Form must be returned to the OC and LOC by **12th of August 2026** at the very latest, the Hotel rooms will be allocated on a **“first come, first serve”** basis. **Pay attention that single rooms are limited!**

The invited participating Federations must pay for the accommodation expenses of their delegation members.

The costs for the accommodations must be paid to the LOC as follows:

50% of the total Accommodation costs should be paid not later than **12th of August 2026** and accompanied by the official **Provisional Accommodation Form**.

IMPORTANT: Payment of the first 50% of the Accommodation should be made after information from the LOC for the availability on the requested number and type of rooms!

The remaining 50% of the total Accommodation costs should be paid not later than **16th of September 2026** and accompanied by the official **Detailed Accommodation Form sent to the OC and LOC**.

Reservations will only be confirmed if the necessary payments are made!

Cancellations or modifications of the rooms/ number of people are accepted by **26th of August 2026**. The LOC will reimburse 80% of the amount for the cancelled rooms/ persons based on the 50% payment.

After 26th of August 2026 no money for any cancellations can be reimbursed.

MEALS

There is a possibility to order lunch and dinner only for those accommodated via the LOC. The price depends on the Hotel and are as follows:

Hotel	Lunch ticket – per person/ per meal	Dinner ticket – per person/ per meal
Sankt Peterburg	25 euro	25 euro
Holiday Inn	28 euro*	28 euro
BLVD7	28 euro	28 euro

Meals are served in a buffet style.

*Only the lunch in Holiday Inn Hotel is three-course menu.

All meals are served in the Hotel.

At this point Hotel Bayko does not have the possibility to serve lunch and dinner. The LOC will inform additionally those who will be accommodated in this Hotel for the options.

For those who would like to reserve meals, please use the official meals form. The Meals form should be sent to the OC and LOC not later than **16th of September 2026**.

100% payment of the Meals must be paid to the LOC not later than **16th of September 2026** and cannot be reimbursed.

FINAL BANQUET

The LOC will organize a Final banquet on **18th of October 2026** – Sunday. It will take place in the evening, after the Finals. The price is 47 Euro per person. The Farewell party tickets should be requested with the Meals form and paid to the LOC not later than **16th of September 2026**.

Make sure to order and pay for the tickets in advance as there might be no possibility for orders on spot!

BANK ACCOUNT INFORMATION

Payments of the entry fee, accommodation, meals and local transportation – if requested must be made by the respective deadlines by bank transfer to **VK Maks OOD**:

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	<p>An International event for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Youths – for the categories IW/ IM/ MP/ TR/ GR/ AD and - ND for the categories IW/ IM/ MP/ TR/ GR/ AD will also be held (not sanctioned). 																														

For those age groups an exception in the age is possible only for TR, GR and AD categories as follows:

- **TR category** – max one of the gymnasts could be from a lower age group – In Youths 12-14 (born 2015 - 2017) and in ND 9-11 (born 2018 - 2019)
- **GR category** – max two of the gymnasts could be from a lower age group – In Youths 12-14 (born 2015 - 2017) and in ND 9-11 (born 2018 - 2019)
- **AD category** – max three of the gymnasts could be from a lower age group – In Youths 12-14 (born 2015 - 2017) and in ND 9-11 (born 2018 - 2019)

Conditions, number of units, deadlines and prices are the same as for the Seniors and Juniors. No FIG license is requested.

The Draw for the starting order for Qualifications and Finals will be done in advance by the Technical Committee of Aerobic Union Bulgaria based on the Definitive entries and will be distributed to all Nations before the Nominative entry deadline.

More information will be given with the Work Plan which will be distributed to all registered federations not later than 5th of October 2026.

The LOC will organize two additional competitions during Plovdiv Cup:

- **“AeroUnity Cup”**
- **Team Challenge**

More information will be sent shortly via e-mail!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Looking forward to Welcome you to the **17th Plovdiv Cup Aerobics Open 2026**.

Sincerely Yours,

Sofia, March 23rd 2026



A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to be "Krassimir Dunev".

Mr DUNEV Krassimir
President of the BFG