

PRESS RELEASE

World Acro 2021: After the youth categories, the Seniors gather in Geneva

Geneva - 1 July 2021. The World Acro 2021 are going into the final stretch. After more than 10 days of training and competitions which saw the best specialists in Acrobatic Gymnastics compete in the World Age Group Competitions in the categories 11-17 years, 12-19 years and 13-20 years, it is time for the world's elite to compete in the FIG Acrobatic Gymnastics World Championships. The organisers are very pleased that the delegations have enjoyed their stay so far. The World Championships take place from Friday until Sunday and will welcome nearly 200 gymnasts, representing 21 countries.

At the end of this first part of the event, César Salvadori, President of the Organising Committee, said: "These first 11 days have been very busy! We are happy that the young gymnasts have enjoyed their stay. They were particularly impressed by the quality of the competition floors and the overall setting of the competition. Their performances were impressive." As the public has only been allowed to attend the competitions since last weekend, the livestream has been very successful, with almost 80,000 unique users and a total of 250,000 sessions.

(Very) reasonably ticket price

This weekend, the level of the show will be even higher, with world's best acrobatic gymnasts in attendance, among which the Russian Gymnastics Federation, the Belgians and the Israelis. Switzerland will be represented by the mixed pair Cecile Schoen and Dario Speidel. As for the World Age Group Competitions, the formations will be the following: women's pairs, men's pairs, mixed pairs, women's groups, men's groups. Tickets can be purchased at www.worldacro2021.com, or directly at the venue. The ticket price is CHF 23 for adults, CHF 12 for children and senior citizens. Children up to the age of six can access the venue for free. Tickets are valid for the entire day of competition. As the capacity is limited to 1,000 seats, a COVID passport/negative PCR test is not required, but a facemask must be worn.

"In Acrobatic Gymnastics, the gymnasts must of course convince the judges, but they are also artists: they want to see sparkles in the eyes of the public. The livestream figures show that the viewers enjoyed our discipline. But believe me, seeing these gymnasts perform from the stands is even more impressive. The figures presented are similar to the those performed by the Cirque du Soleil, where many gymnasts continue their careers. Given our ticket price policy, I hope that many families and other spectators will come and enjoy a moment of happiness and magic," added César Salvadori.

"One of the most beautiful disciplines in gymnastics"

"Acrobatic Gymnastics is one of the most beautiful disciplines of our sport, and it becomes even more thrilling when the struggles of the past year are taken into account, " said the President of the International Gymnastics Federation (FIG), Morinari Watanabe. "The gymnasts have worked diligently to prepare for this competition, and this is their moment to enjoy it. "

Schedule:

Friday 2 July: Opening ceremony at 9.30 a.m., then competitions from 10 a.m. to 1.15 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.

Saturday 3 July: competitions from 10:30 to 12:30, 14:00 to 16:30, 18:00 to 19:15, followed by the medal ceremonies.

Sunday 4 July: competitions from 10am to 12.15pm and 2.30pm to 4.15pm, followed by the medal ceremonies.

Additional information:

FIG website dedicated to the FIG Acrobatic Gymnastics World Championships 2021:

<https://live.gymnastics.sport/news.php?idevent=16527>

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