

FROM SMALL TO GREAT: IC5,  
Gymnastics club Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina

# THE CURRENT STATE OF GYMNASTICS IN THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA

- new discipline Gymnastics for all

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# COMPETITION SYSTEM IN THE GYMNASTICS FEDERATION OF SERBIA

- the system of competition in gymnastics after the covid 19 pandemic remained unchanged;
- many clubs were left without competitors, due to the virus, the inability to prepare and train in indoor gyms;
- Last year, due to the measures to prevent the spread of the covid 19 pandemic that were in force in Republic of Serbia, the Gymnastic Federation was not able to hold the Final Competition in two programs: one is the most massive recreational program and the other is Age Group Competition program.
- For the first time, the National championship in Women's gymnastics was conducted online by recording one day and judging the next day.
- Most of the clubs were very disappointed.



# THE COMPETITION SYSTEM

- the system of competition is divided into territorial units that are similar to the regional division in Serbia
  - they are independent units that have their own legal acts that must be in accordance with the Sports Law and legal acts of the Gymnastics Federation and arrangements,
  - These clubs have accepted the Rules and the competition system of the Gymnastics Federation,
  - on that basis their competitions are in the official Calendar of gymnastics activities of the GFS.
- **There are three Regions:**
  - **Region 1** - a territory covered by clubs in the Serbian province of Vojvodina;
  - **Region 2** - the territory covered by clubs around Belgrade, east to the Romanian border and west to the Bosnian border;
  - **Region 3** - the territory covered by clubs around the Southeastern part of Serbia, the area of Raska and the territory of Kosovo.



# THE 2020. - 2021. PANDEMIC COMPETITION YEAR

- IN 2020. we had competitions:
- Two Regional qualification competitions
  - Age group Program,
  - C program,
  - Two competitions on B program
- On-line :
  - Absolute championship of Serbia
  - Serbian Championship by categories

- IN 2021. the following competitions were successfully held
- Two Regional qualification competitions and Final in:
  - Age group Program,
  - C program,
  - Two competitions on B program
  - Absolute championship of Serbia
  - Serbian Championship by categories



# COMPETITION PROGRAMS

- Competitions in the Gymnastics Federation are divided into 3 programs:
- A program - gymnastics program for top level athletes;
- B program - national program;
- C program - recreational (school) program.
  
- The competition season consists of qualifying competitions that are held twice a year and in the Final Round. Qualification competitions are held by Regions and the Final is organized by GFS. All clubs and competitors must be registered with the GFS and their Regions.
- In Women gymnastics each Region has its own coordinator, appointed by the Expert Committee, to monitor the regularity of the qualifying competition and inform if there were any irregularities.



# A PROGRAM

Organizes the following competitions:

- Age Group Competition program (Pioneers league )-  
- first selection (6,7,8 year old gymnasts); second selection (9, 10 year);  
third selection (11,12 year old);
- Serbian Championship by categories (cadets 12-13year, junior 14-15 year  
and seniors 16 and older);
- Absolute championship of Serbia (one category by FIG rules);
- Open Regional championship by categories (pioneers, cadets, junior and  
seniors).



# B PROGRAM

Organizes the following competitions:

Peeoners 12 and junger,  
Cadets 12-13year,  
Junior 14-15 year and  
Seniors 16 and older.

Modified rules in relation to the FIG Code of Points, in terms of facilitating Difficulty requirements and Connection value.



# C PROGRAM

Organizes the following competitions:

I category - first to fourth school grade;

II category - fifth and sixth grade;

III category - seventh and eighth grade;

IV category - high school.

The gymnastic routines in this program are the same as the School competitions. Only qualification system in School sports are different - Association for School Sports determined according to the areas and not the Regions.



# NEW DISCIPLINE - GYMNASTICS FOR ALL



- EUROPEAN GYMNASTICS has very active Gymnastics for All Technical Committee members, organises three Gymnastics for all Festivals -EUROGYM, European Gym for Life Challenge and Golden Age Gym Festival- and several workshops like the Educational Choreo Camp and the Gymnastics for Fun seminar.

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GYMNASTICS FOR ALL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBER -  
**GEZA MIKEŠ** from SERBIA, from 2018.





# WORLD FESTIVALS

- 2003. WORLD GYMNAESTRADA Lisbon (Portugal) - representing group from Serbia SD „VOJVODINA“ from Novi Sad.
- 2011. WORLD GYMNAESTRADA Lausanne (Switzerland) - representing group from Serbia GD „SOKO“ from Smederevo.
- 2019. WORLD GYMNAESTRADA Dornbirn (Austria) - representing group from Serbia GD „SOKO“ from Smederevo.



# NATIONAL FESTIVALS

- GYMNASTICS FOR ALL FESTIVAL, Novi Sad, every year until 2020. 2021. - pandemic problem, not allowed to organize mass festivals.
- Participants from all Serbian gymnastics clubs from all disciplines GFS.
- Serbian Gymnastics for all - small group performances
- New Project - Monika Siskova from FIG Gymnastics for All Technical Committee has included our Federation in the European project to prepare large group performances at WG 2023. in Amsterdam (Netherlands).



# FUTURE EXPECTATIONS

- Gymnastics Federation has no independent Gymnastics for all discipline, but through the activities of the coordinator.
- From 2019.coordinator - Emilija Petković.
- Most of the time now in pandemic situation, we participate in on - line seminars, and we prepare our groups for Eurogym 2022. in Nauchatel (Swiss) and for WG 2023. Amsterdam (Netherlands).
- Expectation for newt year - to have more interested clubs who want to perform children with group choreography at one of the given festivals.