

INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT “GYMSPORT”

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“Gymsport” meeting will join 93 gymnasts from 14 countries, next May 21st

The 2nd “Gymsport” Artistic Gymnastics International Tournament will take place next Saturday, 21th May, in the new High Performance Gymnastics Centre in Sangalhos, Anadia, Portugal. This competition targets juniors and youth gymnasts from male and female sides and is organized by one of the top clubs in the country, Sport Club do Porto, responsible for the preparation of international level gymnasts like the world cup medalist Zoi Lima.

This year, the tournament will have a record participation of 93 gymnasts, 49 female and 43 male, representing 14 countries from 4 continents (Europe, Africa, America and Oceania). This is, for sure, one of the most participated junior and youth international tournaments in Europe this year.

Because of the large number of participants, the competition, which is open to national teams and clubs, will be divided in two subdivisions. Teams include 2 gymnasts, but only one can be from junior category. Best 3 individual gymnasts and teams in WAG and MAG are awarded and the biggest prize, the “Gymsport Cup”, will be offered to the best delegation, WAG and MAG together.

In the female side, Portuguese junior national champion from Sport Club do Porto, Filipa Martins, is the biggest name from the host country, in a competition where Australian, Argentinean and Tunisian national teams and clubs from Spain, Great-Britain, Luxembourg and Nigeria will compete against national Portuguese team and 4 local clubs.



In boys side, we’ll have Portuguese, Tunisian, Turkish and Welsh national teams, as clubs from Germany, Brazil, Spain, England, Nigeria, Norway, Poland and, of course, Portugal. Host club biggest name, Frederick Farley, will also compete for national team.

Last year, female competition was won by the German club Turnen Grossburg, and individually by the junior Filipa Choon (Portugal) and youth Roxana Popa Nedelcu (CGAP, Spain). Male competition was won by Holland national team and Adam Babos (Hungary) and Gilles Gentges (Belgium) were the best gymnasts in junior and youth, respectively. Host club, Sport Club do Porto, won the “Gymsport Cup”.