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Gymnasts to perform without spectators

The European Artistic Gymnastics Championships Basel 2021 will take place this April without a live audience. Fans will be able to enjoy online and TV coverage. With entries from 40 countries, interest remains high. Ticket purchases will be reimbursed.

The local Organisation Committee (OC) has agreed with the cantonal authorities and European Gymnastics to stage the European Artistic Gymnastics Championships without spectators. Basel's St. Jakobshalle remains the venue for the competitions that run from April 21st to 25th.

«Of course we're sad that the seats will be empty and fans can only watch at home», says OC President Kathrin Amacker. «But everybody's health comes first.» Top priority now is to ensure that the gymnasts enjoy high-quality European Championships even without applause from the grandstands. The OC can rely here on the strong support of its partners. These are led by European Gymnastics, the Swiss Gymnastics Federation and the host city, with support from sponsors and a federal solidarity fund.

A large international audience will be able to savour the action thanks to online and selected TV coverage. Enthusiasm for the championships runs high: 40 teams have entered, including all the leading gymnastics nations such as Great Britain, Ukraine, Russia, Romania and Basel's neighbours Germany and France. For the competitors, the championships are the dress rehearsal for this summer's Olympic Games in Tokyo.

For optimum safety, the OC is working closely with the authorities on health measures. Intensive screening and compulsory use of masks will play key roles. «Switzerland has already proved that it can stage a major international sporting event despite the pandemic», says Managing Director Beat Läubli with reference to the recent Ski World Cup in Crans-Montana.

The OC will reimburse the cost of tickets already purchased and waive the handling fee.

The competition schedule remains unchanged (local times in Basel):

Mittwoch, 21. April	10.00 - 20.30	Women's Qualifications
Donnerstag, 22. April	10.00 - 19.40	Men's Qualifications
Freitag, 23. April	13.30 - 15.30	Women's All-Around Final
	17.15 - 20.00	Men's All-Around Final
Samstag, 24. April	13.30 - 16.10	Apparatus Finals Women I Men
	13:30 - 14:10	Floor Men
	14:10 - 15:10	Women's Vault I Men's Pommel Horse
	15:10 - 16:10	Women's Uneven Bars I Men's Rings
Sonntag, 25. April	13:00 - 15:50	Apparatus Finals Women I Men
	13:00 - 14:00	Women's Balance Beam I Men's Vault
	14:00 - 15:00	Women's Floor I Men's parallel bars
	15:00 - 15:40	Men's High Bar

Photos for free use in connection with reporting on the European Artistic Gymnastics Championships Basel 2021 are available [here](#).

Current trailer and video material: [YouTube](#)

General event information: basel2021.com/en/

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