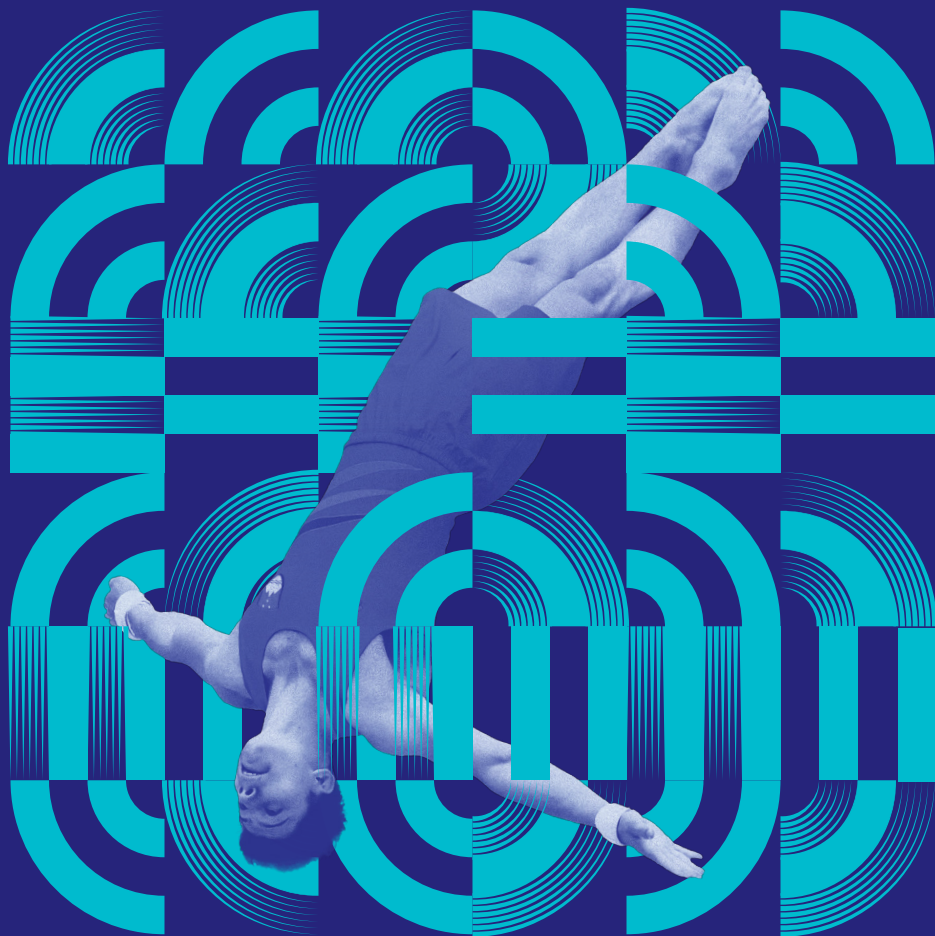


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DRAGI PRIJATELJI GIMNASTIKE,

dobrodošli na jubilejni 20. izvedbi **Svetovnega pokala v športni gimnastiki!** S trdim delom in dolgoročno vizijo v zadnjih desetletjih je Koper postala slovenska prestolnica gimnastike. Že osmič zapored na Obalo prihajajo zvezde svetovne gimnastike, kjer se bodo pomerile na tekmovanje v seriji svetovnega izziva **Svetovne gimnastike (WG)**.

Prva izvedba svetovnega pokala je potekala leta 2005 v Mariboru kot uvod v evropsko prvenstvo, ki ga je istega leta gostila Ljubljana. Tekmovanje se je nato za nekaj let preselilo v slovensko prestolnico, danes pa Koper ponosno nosi naziv stalnega doma svetovnega pokala v športni gimnastiki. V teh dveh desetletjih so na tekmovanju nastopila številna zvoneča imena svetovne gimnastike, med njimi olimpijski, svetovni in evropski prvaki.

Letošnja izvedba je privabila več kot 260 tekmovalcev in članov spremljevalnih ekip iz 31 držav. Veseli nas močna in stalna mednarodna udeležba, ki potrjuje ugled in pomen tekmovanja v svetovnem gimnastičnem prostoru. Sobotni in nedeljski finali bodo prek neposrednega televizijskega prenosa dosegli več kot pol milijarde gospodinjstev po svetu, zato svetovni pokal v Kopru velja za eno najbolj prepoznavnih in priljubljenih postaj mednarodne gimnastične karavane.

Posebej nas veseli nadaljnja podpora naših zvestih partnerjev. S podporo našega generalnega sponzorja družbo **BTC d. d.** in **Slovenske turistične organizacije**, slednja na dogodku sodeluje z blagovno znamko **I Feel Slovenia**, smo lahko tudi letos priprave na organizacijo izvajali z večjo mero goto-

vosti in stabilnosti, kar je za organizatorje izjemnega pomena.

V sklopu svetovnega pokala bo v soboto v Športni dvorani Osnovne šole Koper, tik ob Areni Bonifika, potekal tudi tradicionalni finale **Gimko pokala** na katerem se bodo predstavile prihodnje generacije slovenskih gimnastičnih zvezd.

Na Gimnastični zvezi Slovenije smo zavezani trajnostnemu delovanju. Kot organizator največjega gimnastičnega tekmovanja v Sloveniji že vrsto let izvajamo številne trajnostne aktivnosti, ki prispevajo k odgovornejši organizaciji dogodka. Leta 2025 smo jih povezali pod skupno blagovno znamko **Koper GOES**. Z njo naslavljamo različne trajnostne izzive s področij ciljev trajnostnega razvoja (SDG) in družbene odgovornosti (ESG), njeno ime pa simbolizira proaktivnost in gibanje naprej. V okviru svojih zmožnosti si prizadevamo prispevati k boljšemu svetu – korak za korakom.

Ob tej pomembni obletnici se želimo zahvaliti vsem, ki so v preteklih letih pomagali graditi zgodbo svetovnega pokala in utirali pot do današnje, jubilejne 20. izvedbe. Iskrena hvala tudi vsem članom letošnje organizacijske ekipe. Prav motivacija, srčnost in predanost so temelj vsakega uspešnega dogodka.

Hvala, ker ste del naše zgodbe in ker z nami praznujete najboljše, kar ponuja gimnastika.

Miha Mermal
Predsednik
Gimnastične zveze Slovenije

DEAR FRIENDS OF GYMNASTICS,

Welcome to the 20th anniversary edition of the Artistic Gymnastics World Cup!

Through hard work and a long-term vision over the past decades, Koper has become Slovenia's gymnastics capital. For the eighth consecutive year, the stars of world gymnastics are returning to the Slovenian coast to compete in the World Gymnastics (WG) World Challenge Cup series.

The first World Cup event was held in 2005 in Maribor as a prelude to the European Championships, which were hosted by Ljubljana later that same year. The competition then moved to the Slovenian capital for several years, while today Koper proudly holds the title of the permanent home of the Artistic Gymnastics World Cup. Over the past two decades, the event has welcomed many of the biggest names in world gymnastics, including Olympic, World and European champions.

This year's edition has attracted more than 260 athletes and team members from 31 countries. We are delighted by the strong and consistent international participation, which confirms the competition's reputation and significance within the global gymnastics community. Thanks to live television broadcasts, Saturday's and Sunday's finals will reach more than half a billion households worldwide, making the Koper World Cup one of the most recognised and popular stops on the international gymnastics circuit.

We are especially pleased by the continued support of our loyal partners. Thanks to the support of our general sponsor, BTC d.d., and the Slovenian Tourist Board, which participates in the event under the I Feel Slovenia

brand, we have once again been able to prepare for the competition with greater certainty and stability, something of immense value to any organising committee.

As part of the World Cup weekend, the traditional Gimko Cup Final will also take place on Saturday at the Sports Hall of Koper Primary School, located next to Arena Bonifika. The event will showcase the future generations of Slovenian gymnastics stars.

At the Slovenian Gymnastics Federation, we are committed to sustainable operations. As the organiser of Slovenia's largest gymnastics event, we have been implementing numerous sustainability initiatives for many years in order to contribute to a more responsible event organisation. In 2025, these activities were united under the common brand **Koper GOES**. Through this initiative, we address various sustainability challenges related to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) principles. The name itself symbolises proactivity and forward movement. Within our capabilities, we strive to contribute to a better world—one step at a time.

On this important anniversary, we would like to thank everyone who has helped build the story of the World Cup over the years and paved the way for today's 20th anniversary edition. Our sincere gratitude also goes to every member of this year's organising team. Motivation, passion and dedication are at the heart of every successful event.

Thank you for being part of our story and for celebrating with us the very best that gymnastics has to offer.

Miha Mermal
President of the
Slovenian Gymnastics Federation

O 20. SVETOVNEM POKALU V ŠPORTNI GIMNASTIKI

Gimnastična zveza Slovenije v letošnjem letu organizira 20. svetovni pokal v športni gimnastiki v Kopru, ki bo potekal od 28. do 31. maja 2026 v Areni Bonifika in v športni dvorani Osnovne šole Koper. Sprva se je to tekmovanje organiziralo v sklopu Šalamunovega memoriala, ki je tako pred 19 leti prvič štel za pridobivanje točk svetovnega pokala, pod okriljem Svetovne gimnastike (WG). Kmalu pa je tekmovanje, ki v letošnjem letu že osmič gostuje na Obali, preraslo te okvirje in postalo eno večjih tekmovanj na svetu, ki privabi več kot 350 udeležencev, med njimi najboljše telovadce sveta.

Tudi v letošnjem letu nam ostajajo zvesti **generálni sponzor BTC** in častni sponzor Slovenska turistična agencija z blagovno znamko **I Feel Slovenia**.

V četrtek se v Areni Bonifika v Kopru začne 20. svetovni pokal v športni gimnastiki. V četrtek in petek bodo potekale kvalifikacije, v soboto in nedeljo pa se bodo najboljše tekmovalke in tekmovalci pomerili v finalih po posameznem orodju.

Na tekmovanju se bo predstavilo skoraj 140 tekmovalcev iz 31 držav. Med njimi bodo tudi nosilci olimpijskih odličij in medalj s svetovnih in evropskih prvenstev. Slovenija bo imela na tekmovanju 14 predstavnikov, večina od njih pa v Koper, na največje slovensko gimnastično tekmovanje, ki poteka pred domačim občinstvom, prihaja z zelo dobro popotnico z letošnjih svetovnih pokalov.

Ženski del slovenske ekipe bodo predstavljale **Tjaša Kysselef** (preskok), **Teja Belak** (preskok), Lucija Hribar

(dvovišinska bradlja, gred, parter) in **Vita Prijanovič** (bradlja, gred in parter), medtem ko se bo izven konkurence predstavila **Zala Trtnik** (gred).

Slovensko reprezentanco bodo v moški ekipi zastopali **Luka Bojanc** (krogi), **Kevin George Buckley** (drog, bradlja, konj z ročaji), **Anže Hribar** (parter in preskok), **Gregor Rakovič** (konj z ročaji), **Beno Kunst** (preskok) in **Toni Kastelic** (drog), izven konkurence pa bosta nastopila **Tin Štros** (parter) in **Julij Jan Obal** (konj z ročaji).

Veseli smo, da se v Koper vedno znova vračajo tudi nosilci medalj z največjih gimnastičnih tekmovanj:

- **Nariman Kurbanov** (KAZ) je olimpijski podprvak na konju z ročaji v Parizu 2024, s čimer je osvojil prvo olimpijsko gimnastično medaljo za Kazahstan. Je tudi večkratni azijski prvak na tem orodju.
- **Samir Aït Saïd** (FRA): bronasti na svetovnem prvenstvu 2019 na krogih in eden najbolj prepoznavnih specialistov za kroge zadnjega desetletja. Bil je tudi francoski nosilec zastave na olimpijskih igrah v Tokiu.
- **Lee Chih-Kai** (TPE): olimpijski srebrni medaljist na konju z ročaji v Tokiu 2020 in eden najuspešnejših specialistov na tem orodju v zadnjih letih. Večkrat je stal na stopničkih svetovnih pokalov in azijskih prvenstev.
- **Zsófia Kovács** (HUN): ena najboljših evropskih mnogobojk zadnjega desetletja, evropska prvakinja na preskoku in večkratna dobitnica medalj z evropskih prvenstev. Leta 2022 je bila izbrana za evropsko gimnastičarko leta.
- **Caitlin Rooskrantz** (RSA): večkratna afriška prvakinja in olimpijka, ki že vrsto let predstavlja vrh afriške ženske gimnastike. Posebej uspešna je na dvovišinski bradlji.

- **Ana Barbosu** (ROU): bronasta olimpijka iz Pariza 2024 na parterju in ena največjih zvezd nove generacije romunske gimnastike. Poleg olimpijske medalje ima tudi medalje z evropskih prvenstev in svetovnih pokalov.

Svetovni pokal bo organiziran v enaki obliki kot v preteklih letih, torej v četrtek in petek bodo potekale kvalifikacije, v soboto in nedeljo pa finalni del tekmovanj, kamor se uvrsti osem najboljših na posameznem orodju. Ker smo vezani na neposredni televizijski prenos (RTV SLO 2), se bosta finalna dneva začela ob 11.20 (sobota) oz. 11.35 uri. Preko mednarodnega signala si bodo tekmovanje lahko ogledala tako domača kot tuja gospodinjstva. Dogodek poskušamo medijsko podkrepiti tudi skozi druge kanale, kot so radijske oddaje in radijski prenos tekmovanja (na zadnjem izvedbi sta dogodek pokrivala VAL 202 in Radio Capris), razne nagradne igre, družbena omrežja zveze in dogodka (World Challegne Cup ART Slovenia) ter spletna stran dogodka www.slogym.si.

Lanski svetovni pokal v Kopru je znova potrdil status ene najpomembnejših gimnastičnih prireditev v regiji, saj je v Areni Bonifika nastopila močna mednarodna konkurenca z olimpijci, nosilci medalj s svetovnih in evropskih prvenstev ter predstavniki skoraj 25 držav. Tekmovanje je ponudilo vrhunske nastope na vseh orodjih, ob tem pa je domače občinstvo lahko spremljalo tudi številne slovenske finaliste, ki so se enakovredno kosali z najboljšimi tekmovalci sveta.

V ospredju slovenskih uspehov je bila olimpijka **Lucija Hribar**, ki je navdušila z zmago na dvovišinski bradlji in srebrno medaljo na gredi, ob tem pa nastopila še v finalu parterja. Odlično je nastopila tudi **Teja Belak**, ki je slavila na preskoku, medtem ko je mladi **Anže Hribar** osvojil srebrno medaljo na parterju in

tako potrdil svoj velik potencial. V finale so se uvrstili še **Beno Kunst**, **Zala Trtnik**, **Gregor Rakovič**, **Luka Bojanc** in **Tjaša Kysselef**, kar je pokazalo širino slovenske reprezentance.

Poleg slovenskih uspehov so gledalci spremljali tudi vrhunske mednarodne nastope. Med zmagovalci in dobitniki medalj so izstopali Kazahstanca **Diyas Toishybek** in **Zeinolla Idrissov** na konju z ročaji, turški olimpijec **Ibrahim Colak** na krogih, Britanka **Georgia-Mae Fenton** na gredi, predstavnik Kitajskega Tajpeja **Wei-Sheng Tseng** na preskoku ter Brazilki **Gabriela Rodrigues Barbosa** in **Julia Coutinho**, ki sta navdušili v ženskih finalih. Močna mednarodna konkurenca iz Evrope, Azije in Južne Amerike je tekmovanju dala dodatno težo, Slovenija pa je ob tem osvojila kar pet medalj, dve zlati, dve srebrni in eno bronasto, ter dosegla enega najuspešnejših izkupičkov v zgodovini domačega svetovnega pokala.

ABOUT THE 20TH WORLD CHALLENGE CUP KOPER 2026

This year, the Slovenian Gymnastics Federation will organize the **20th FIG World Challenge Cup Koper**, which will take place from **28 to 31 May 2026** at Arena Bonifika and the sports hall of Koper Primary School. The event was originally organized as part of the **Šalamun Memorial**, which 19 years ago became part of the FIG World Cup series under the auspices of **World Gymnastics (WG)**. Over time, the competition outgrew those beginnings and has become one of the world's major gymnastics events. This year, for the eighth time on the Slovenian coast, it is expected to attract more than 350 participants, including many of the world's best gymnasts.

We are pleased that our General Sponsor, **BTC**, and our Honorary Sponsor, the Slovenian Tourist Board with its **I Feel Slovenia brand**, continue to support the event.

The 20th World Challenge Cup in Artistic Gymnastics begins this Thursday in Koper's Arena Bonifika. Qualification rounds will take place on Thursday and Friday, while the best gymnasts will compete in the apparatus finals on Saturday and Sunday.

Nearly **140 athletes from 31 countries** will participate in the competition, including Olympic medalists as well as medal winners from World and European Championships. Slovenia will be represented by 14 athletes, most of whom arrive in Koper—the country's largest gymnastics event—with excellent results from this year's World Challenge Cup circuit.

The Slovenian women's team will be represented by vault specialists **Tjaša Kysselef** and **Teja Belak**, while Olympian **Lucija Hribar** will compete on uneven bars, balance beam and floor exercise. **Vita Prijanovič** will also represent Slovenia on uneven bars, balance beam and floor exercise. Competing out of competition will be balance beam specialist **Zala Trtnik**.

The Slovenian men's team will feature **Luka Bojanc** on rings, **Kevin George Buckley** on horizontal bar, parallel bars and pommel horse, **Anže Hribar** on floor exercise and vault, **Gregor Rakovič** on pommel horse, **Beno Kunst** on vault and **Toni Kastelic** on horizontal bar. Competing out of competition will be **Tin Štros** on floor exercise and **Julij Jan Obal** on pommel horse.

We are delighted to once again welcome medallists from the world's most prestigious gymnastics competitions:

- **Nariman Kurbanov (KAZ)**: Olympic silver medallist on pommel horse at Paris 2024 and the first Kazakh gymnast ever to win an Olympic gymnastics medal. He is also a multiple Asian champion on the apparatus.
- **Samir Aït Saïd (FRA)**: Bronze medallist on rings at the 2019 World Championships and one of the most recognizable rings specialists of the past decade. He also served as France's flag bearer at the Tokyo Olympic Games.
- **Lee Chih-Kai (TPE)**: Olympic silver medallist on pommel horse at Tokyo 2020 and one of the world's leading specialists on the apparatus in recent years, with numerous World Cup and Asian Championship podium finishes.
- **Zsófia Kovács (HUN)**: One of Europe's best all-around gymnasts of the past decade, European vault champion and multiple European

Championship medallist. She was named European Gymnast of the Year in 2022.

- **Caitlin Rooskrantz** (RSA): Multiple African champion and Olympian who has been among Africa's leading women's gymnasts for many years, particularly on uneven bars.
- **Ana Barbosu** (ROU): Bronze medallist on floor exercise at Paris 2024 and one of the brightest stars of the new generation of Romanian gymnastics. In addition to her Olympic medal, she has also won medals at European Championships and World Cup events.

The World Challenge Cup will follow the same format as in previous years. Qualification rounds will be held on Thursday and Friday, followed by apparatus finals on Saturday and Sunday, featuring the top eight athletes on each apparatus.

Due to live television broadcasting on RTV Slovenia 2, the finals will begin at 11:20 a.m. on **Saturday** and **11:35 a.m. on Sunday**. Through the international broadcast feed, the competition will be available to audiences both in Slovenia and abroad.

The event will also be promoted through radio programs and live radio coverage (in previous editions covered by VAL 202 and Radio Capris), prize contests, the federation's and event's social media channels (**World Challenge Cup ART Slovenia**), and the event website.

Last year's World Challenge Cup in Koper once again confirmed its status as one of the most important gymnastics events in the region. Arena Bonifika welcomed a strong international field featuring Olympians, World and European Championship medallists, and athletes from nearly 25 countries. Spectators enjoyed world-class performances on every appara-

tus while also cheering on a large number of Slovenian finalists competing alongside the world's best gymnasts.

Among the Slovenian highlights was Olympian **Lucija Hribar**, who captured gold on uneven bars and silver on balance beam, while also competing in the floor exercise final. **Teja Belak** won the vault title, and young star **Anže Hribar** claimed silver on floor exercise, confirming his tremendous potential. Other finalists included **Beno Kunst**, **Zala Trtnik**, **Gregor Rakovič**, **Luka Bojanc**, and **Tjaša Kysselef**, demonstrating the depth of the Slovenian national team.

In addition to Slovenia's success, spectators witnessed outstanding international performances. Among the standout medalists were **Diyas Toishybek** and **Zeinolla Idrissov** on pommel horse, Turkish Olympian **Ibrahim Colak** on rings, Britain's **Georgia-Mae Fenton** on balance beam, **Wei-Sheng Tseng** of Chinese Taipei on vault, and Brazilian gymnasts **Gabriela Rodrigues Barbosa** and **Julia Coutinho**, who impressed in the women's finals. The strong international field from Europe, Asia, and South America added further prestige to the event, while Slovenia finished with an impressive haul of **five medals—two gold, two silver, and one bronze—one of the most successful results in the history of its home World Challenge Cup**.

SLOVENSKA REPREZENTANCA ZA 20. SVETOVNI POKAL V ŠPORTNI GIMNASTIKI

MOŠKA EKIPA:



LUKA BOJANC
(ŠD Narodni dom Ljubljana)
krogi



BUCKLEY KEVIN GEORGE
(ŠD Sokol Bežigrad)
drog, bradlja, konj z ročaji



TJAŠA KYSSSELEF
(GD Zelena jama)
preskok



TEJA BELAK
(GD Zelena jama)
preskok



ANŽE HRIBAR
(ŠD Sokol Bežigrad)
parter, preskok



GREGOR RAKOVIČ
(ŠD Center Maribor)
konj z ročaji



LUCIJA HRIBAR
(GD Zelena jama)
bradlja, gred in parter



VITA PRIJANOVIČ
(GD Zelena jama)
bradlja, gred in parter



BENO KUNST
(TD Brežice)
preskok



TONI KASTELIC
(Društvo Partizan Vič)
drog

SLOVENIAN NATIONAL TEAM FOR THE 20TH WORLD CHALLENGE CUP

MEN'S TEAM:



LUKA BOJANC
Still Rings



BUCKLEY KEVIN GEORGE
Horizontal Bar, Parallel Bars,
Pommel Horse



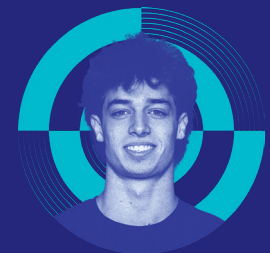
TJAŠA KYSSLEF
Vault



TEJA BELAK
Vault



ANŽE HRIBAR
Floor Exercise



GREGOR RAKOVIČ
Pommel Horse



LUCIJA HRIBAR
Uneven Bars, Balance
Beam, Floor Exercise



VITA PRIJANOVIČ
Uneven Bars, Balance
Beam, Floor Exercise



BENO KUNST
Vault



TONI KASTELIC
Horizontal Bar



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