

FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE GYMNASTIQUE



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Rules for the FIG World Cup Competitions and Series in Rhythmic Gymnastics



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1. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

FIG World Cup Series in Rhythmic Gymnastics will be composed every year of the following two categories.

- The A Category
- The B Category

Should there not be a minimum of 3 valid applications for Individual Competitions, All Around and Individual Apparatus, regardless of Category A and B, no World Cup Series will be held in the following year.

Should there not be a minimum of 3 valid applications for Group Competitions, All Around and Group routines (5 Apparatus and 3+2 Apparatus), regardless of Category A and B, no World Cup Series will be held in the following year.

The maximum number of World Cups Events in total (regardless of the Category and regardless of Individual (All around and Apparatus competitions) and Group (All Around and Group routines (5 / 3 +2) is eight (8).

The A Category are for Individual and/or Group All Around Competitions and Apparatus Competitions. They are the best events, staged in attractive and well known cities and venues, with guaranteed TV coverage and a limited participation. Their aim is to showcase the World's very best gymnasts in a surrounding good for the media and the public.

The B Category are for Individual and/or Group All Around Competitions and Apparatus Competitions. These are major FIG events with a broader participation. They are aimed at supporting the affiliated federations in developing gymnastics worldwide through the organization of high standard FIG international events.

At each event, the gymnasts will have the opportunity to win World Cup Points which will count towards the respective World Cup Ranking Lists (see 14). These World Cup Ranking Lists will begin with the 1st event of the year and will end with the last event of the year.

2. RIGHTS AND ADVANTAGES OF FIG WORLD CUP COMPETITIONS

- Each event may use the official title of "FIG World Cup Competition XXX".
- Each event will contribute points to the respective World Cup Ranking Lists.
- Each event will be considered as an official FIG event.
- Each event will be listed in the official FIG calendar of events.
- The events dates will be protected by FIG.
- Each event will be published in the FIG-Bulletin.
- Each event will be published on the FIG Official Website (www.fig-gymnastics.com)
- The Organizing Committee of each event will be entitled to use the services of the FIG Offices to send information to all FIG Member Federations by mail and/or through the official FIG Website.
- The Organizing Committee of each event will be entitled to use the FIG Logo on official communications, posters, and programme. This does not apply for any selling item (i.e. T-Shirts, Souvenirs, etc.)
- The Organizing Committee of each event will be entitled to require assistance from the official RG Technical Delegate and the FIG EC Member (if appointed).
- Each event will be included in the official FIG result service system (publication of the results on the FIG website).

3. CANDIDATURES AND APPLICATIONS

3.1 Criteria for Approval

Bids for the World Cup Competitions must be received at the FIG Offices by 30th June of the previous year for the following year. The World Cup Competitions for the next season will be assigned by the FIG Presidential Commission in July of the previous year. Candidatures can only be submitted by FIG Member Federations. To be approved, the following minimum requirements must be met:

- Member Federations wishing to organize a World Cup Series Competition or have one of their existing International Tournaments approved to be eligible for the FIG World Series must apply in writing to the FIG Secretary General by 30th of June in the previous year of the Series. Information on the date, the location, the name of the event, the federations which will be invited, the prize money, and the equipment used must be completed.
- No later than 6 months before the competition the Organizing Member Federation must send to the FIG, the name of the manufacture of the floor and the measurement table as well as the name of the product as defined in the FIG website.
- World Cup competitions may exceptionally be held in conjunction with other events provided those are clearly separated in the competition schedule and do not hinder the World cup competitions, its training and warm-up in any way.
- Applications must include the name and contact address of the Event Manager and the Media Officer.
- The Organizing Member Federation for A Category must offer minimum two different hotel categories including the Official Hotel for the Delegation members who must pay for their own accommodation and meals. The prices charged for the hotel rooms can not exceed the usual hotel rates.
- The Organizing Member Federation for B Category must offer minimum three different hotel categories, including the Official Hotel and one of them being a “low cost hotel”. The prices charged for the hotel rooms can not exceed the usual hotel rates.
- Applications can be made for one year, but in any case, the FIG reserves the right to withdraw the approval at any time in case of violation of rules or non fulfilment of obligations.
- The Organising Member Federation must pay an application fee of CHF 5'000.- for Tournaments of Category A and CHF 2'000.- for Tournaments Category B to the FIG. This fee must accompany the application with the bid form. The application fee will only be returned in full, should the application not be considered by the FIG Presidential Commission.
- The Organizing Member Federation applying for an A Category must pay a deposit of CHF 10'000. The Organizing Member Federation applying for an B Category must pay a deposit of CHF 5'000
- This deposit must accompany the invitation letter and forms. The deposit will be returned in full, should the FIG decide not to assign the A or B Category to the Organizing Member Federation. The deposit will also be returned in full after the A or B Category, provided all conditions of these Rules are fulfilled. Infractions and/or non-fulfilment of conditions set out in these Rules will result in the FIG not returning the deposit in full. The deposit will be lost in full (i.e. stay with FIG) if the dates, the city, or the venue of the A or B Category are changed by the Organizing Member Federation or if the A or B Category cannot be organised by the Organizing Member Federation (see also point 12.3 of these Rules).
- Late applications and applications which are not complete or are not accompanied by the application fee and the deposit are not accepted.

3.2 Assignment of World Cup Competitions by the FIG Presidential Commission

World Cup Competitions may offer competitions for Individuals and Groups, or for Individuals or Groups only.

Only one World Cup tournament may be assigned per member federation.

Preference will be given to the leading tournaments with:

- The highest media and public impact
- The highest prize money and other advantages provided to the gymnasts and participating member federations
- Experienced and reliable Organising Member Federations and Organising Committees
- Traditional and worldwide established tournaments
- A good integration in the FIG Competition Calendar
- Attractive and large venues, located in famous leading cities of the world
- Television coverage
- Venue capacity of min. 2,000 seats.

On confirmation of the proposed invitation letter and forms from the FIG Offices, the organizers must invite the eligible Member Federations at least four months prior to the date of the event.

Upon assignment of a World Cup Event by the FIG Presidential Commission, the Technical Committee will propose as soon as possible, but no later than 3 months, one Technical Committee member or one expert (to be approved by the FIG President) to serve as Technical Delegate. This Technical Delegate must receive all information from the Organizing Committee and she must be present at the event. The Technical Delegate will serve as President of the Superior Jury.

4. RULES AND REGULATIONS

The competition must be organized under the following FIG rules, as valid in the year of the competition, except for any deviation mentioned in these World Cup Rules:

- Statutes
 - Technical Regulations
 - Licences Rules
 - Code of Points and relevant Newsletters
 - General Judges' Rules
 - Specific Judges' Rules for Rhythmic Gymnastics
 - Medical Organization of the Official FIG Competitions
 - Doping Control Rules
 - Media Rules
 - Apparatus Norms
 - Advertising and Publicity Rules
 - Accreditation Rules
 - Regulations for Awards Ceremonies
- and subsequent decisions of the FIG Executive Committee*

5. COMPETITION FORMAT AND PARTICIPATION

The Organising Federation may choose from the following competition formats:

- a) Competition for Individual All-Around and by apparatus
- b) Competition for Groups All-Around and Group routines (5 / 3+2)
- c) Competition for Individual All-Around and by apparatus and Groups All-Around and Group routines (5 / 3+2)

The All-Around will also be a qualification for the apparatus finals.

In case of a tie at any place, the tie-breaking rules as set up for the World Championships shall be applied.

The chosen format(s) must be clearly described in the invitation.

5.1 Category A

5.1.1 Individual Competitions

All-Around and Apparatus competitions:

- All Around (qualification for the Finals)
- Finals

Participation in the qualification:

The participation is limited to the following FIG member Federations (maximum of 2 gymnasts per Federation) who must be invited by the Organising Member Federation:

- All Federations who have gymnasts in the top 18 at the last World Championships in the qualifying Competition (CI, All around), plus 1 wild card for the host country if not represented in the top 18. These places are at the free choice of the participating Federations. Wild Card gymnast must be named at the time of the closing of the nominative registration
- In addition, the current All-Around Olympic Champion and the current All Around World Champion are invited. These places are in addition to the two (2) places mentioned above. They are nominative.
- The Organizing Member Federation is allowed to add only for the qualifications "hors concours" competitors. These competitors are in addition to the official participants of the Organizing Member Federation's competitors, and they must be named at the time of the closing of the nominative registration. They will have to start first and they cannot qualify for the final. The "hors concours" gymnasts are not eligible to receive World Cup points and prize money and they must not appear on the official results list.
- The Organizing Member Federation is allowed to name 4 Individual Gymnasts as "hors concours" competitors.
- Until the time of the drawing of lots, in case of gymnasts' withdrawal or in case places remain "empty", the FIG will invite the next eligible Federations who have gymnasts ranked 19 to 24 at the last World Championships in the qualifying Competition (CI, All around), with a maximum of one gymnast per Federation. The final participation must not exceed 2 gymnasts per Federation.
- Once the draw has been conducted, in case of gymnasts' withdrawal or in case places remain "empty", the Organising Member Federation is entitled to nominate and invite gymnast(s) from its country or a country of its choice to fill those "empty" places (limited to maximum 1 gymnast per country). The final participation must not exceed 2 gymnasts per Federation. It is understood that such invitations must be made through the respective member federation and that the FIG must be informed. These gymnasts will receive World Cup points, medals and prize money.

Participation in the Finals:

- The top eight gymnasts per apparatus from the All Around competition (qualification) will participate in the Finals. In addition, if the Organising Member Federation has not qualified for the finals, it may participate in one final, at its free choice.
- The participation in the Finals is limited to 2 gymnasts per apparatus per Federation.

For A tournaments, the Organising Member Federation must pay accommodation including full board for the top eight (8) gymnasts in the All-Around from the previous Olympic Games present at the event, and the top eight (8) gymnasts in each apparatus from the previous Olympic Games present at the event.

5.1.2 Group competitions

Group All Around and Group Routines competitions:

- All Around (qualification for the Finals)
- Finals

Participation in the qualification:

The participation is limited to the top twelve (12) Groups from the last World Championships, plus one (1) Wild Card for the Organising Member Federation should it not be qualified. Wild Card Group must be named at the time of the closing of the nominative registration.

In addition, the current Olympic All-Around (General competition) Group winner is allowed to participate, should they not be qualified.

- Until the time of the drawing of lots, in case of groups' withdrawal or in case places remain "empty", the FIG will invite the next eligible group from those ranked 13 to 18 from the last World Championships.
- Once the draw has been conducted, in case of groups' withdrawal or in case places remain "empty", the Organising Member Federation is entitled to nominate and invite group(s) from its country or a country of its choice to fill those "empty" places (limited to maximum 1 group per country). It is understood that such invitations must be made through the respective member federation and that the FIG must be informed. These groups will receive World Cup points, medals and prize money.

Participation in the final:

The top eight (8) groups of each Group Routines will qualify for the Finals.

For A tournaments, the Organising Member Federation must pay accommodation including full board for the top three (3) Groups in the All Around from the previous Olympic Games present at the event.

5.2 Category B

5.2.1 Individual Competitions

Individual All Around and Apparatus competitions:

- All Around (qualification for the Finals)
- Finals

Participation in the qualification:

The participation is open to the following FIG member Federations who must be invited by the Organising Member Federation:

- All FIG member Federations who have gymnasts in the top 40 at the last World Championships in the qualifying Competition (CI, All around) are entitled to participate with two (2) gymnasts. These places are at the free choice of the participating Federations.
- All other FIG member Federations in good standing are entitled to participate with one (1) gymnast.
- In addition the current All-Around Olympic Champion and the current All-Around World Champion are invited. These places are in addition to the two (2) places mentioned above. They are nominative.
- The Organizing Member Federation is allowed to add only for the qualifications "hors concours" competitors. These competitors are in addition to the official participants of the Organizing Member Federation's competitors, and they must be named at the time of the

closing of the nominative registration. They will have to start first and they cannot qualify for the final. The “hors concours” gymnasts are not eligible to receive World Cup points and prize money and they must not appear on the official results list.

- The Organising Member Federation is allowed to name 4 Individual Gymnasts as” hors concours” competitors.

Participation in the Finals:

- The top eight gymnasts per apparatus from the All Around competition (qualification) will participate in the Finals
- In addition, if the Organising Member Federation has not qualified for the finals, it may participate in one final, at its free choice. The Wild Card gymnast will have to start first.
- The participation in the Finals is limited to 2 gymnasts per apparatus per Federation.

For B tournaments, the Organising Member Federation must pay accommodation including full board for the top three (3) gymnasts in the All-Around from the previous Olympic Games present at the event and the top three (3) gymnasts in each apparatus from the previous Olympic Games present at the event.

5.2.2 Group competitions

Group All Around and Group Routines competitions:

- All Around (qualification for the Finals)
- Finals

Participation in the qualification:

The participation is open to one (1) Group per member Federation in good standing.

Participation in the final:

The top eight (8) groups of each Group Routines will qualify for the Finals.

For B tournaments, the Organising Member Federation must pay accommodation including full board for the top three (3) Groups in the All Around from the previous Olympic Games present at the event.

6. INVITATION

The Organising Member Federation must invite all FIG Member Federations who have paid their annual membership fee for Rhythmic Gymnastics. Participation may be limited as mentioned above and subject to conditions laid down by the respective Organising Member Federation or Organising Committee and approved by the FIG Secretary General.

7. REGISTRATIONS AND DELEGATIONS SIZE

The maximum size of the delegation is as follows:

	Individual Participation	Group Participation	Joint
Head of Delegation	1	1	1
Team Manager	-	1	1
Coach	max. 1 per gymnast	1	
Gymnasts	1 or 2 (plus Champions)	6	
Medical doctor	1	1	1
Paramedical staff	1	1	1
Judges	2	2	2

8. REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Provisional registration*	4 months prior to the competition
Definitive registration	2 months prior to the competition
Nominative registration ATTENTION: The Organizing Committee will be responsible for checking the validity of the gymnasts' Licenses. No gymnasts will be accepted without a valid FIG License at the deadline of the Nominative Registration.	4 weeks prior to the competition

**Note: it is not compulsory for the Organising Member Federation to request a Provisional Registration.*

Registrations must be made exclusively on-line via the FIG website or accordingly. Late registrations are subject to fines **as follows:**

Fine for missing or late Provisional registration (if any)	CHF 500.-
Fine for missing or late Definitive registration	CHF 750.-
Fine for missing or late Nominative registration	CHF 500.-

Registrations and payments made after the gymnasts' drawing of lots will not be accepted and the Delegations will not be authorized to participate.

9. FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS FOR THE PARTICIPATING FEDERATIONS, THE ORGANIZING MEMBER FEDERATION AND FIG

Unless stated differently in the invitation, the invited participating federations pay for their:

- Travel
- Accommodation and full board (except for the top ranked gymnasts/Groups as outlined in 5.1.1, 5.1.2, 5.2.1 and 5.2.2 above)
- Entry fee if requested by the OC and approved by the FIG

Federations which have not fulfilled their financial obligations towards the FIG (e.g. annual membership fees, unpaid invoices, etc.) will not be allowed to participate in these World Cups.

Federations which have not fulfilled their financial obligations towards the Local Organizing Committee by the given deadline in the Invitation/Directives, may still have the possibility to participate, but the LOC will not guarantee the hotel booking, meals and local transportation.

The Organising Member Federation must pay minimum for:

- All costs for the preparation and the running of the event
- The application fee and deposit to the FIG
- Accommodation including breakfast and local travel costs for the FIG Technical Delegate
- Accommodation including full board for Individual gymnasts and/or Groups as follows:
 - **Category A:** for the top ranked gymnasts/Groups as outlined in 5.1.1 and 5.1.2
 - **Category B:** for the top ranked gymnasts/Groups as outlined in 5.2.1 and 5.2.2
- Prize money
- Payment of the regular competition fee as decided by the Executive Committee and ratified by the Council 2002: (5% of the prize money).
- The local transportation and hotel accommodation incl. breakfast for one FIG Executive Committee member if appointed by the FIG President

The FIG must pay for:

- International travel expenses and the Per Diem including the Travel Days for the RG Technical Delegate
- International travel expenses and the Per Diem costs (including the travel days) for one FIG Executive Committee member if appointed by the FIG President

10. PRIZE MONEY

The organising member federations must pay minimum the following Prize Money (*amounts in Swiss Francs*):

	CATEGORY A	CATEGORY B
Individuals All Around	5'000.-	2'500.-
Individuals by apparatus	5'000.-	2'500.-
Groups All Around	5'000.-	2'500.-
Groups Finals 5 and 3+2, each	5'000.-	2'500.-

The Prize Money will be distributed as follows:

Individuals All Around:

Ranking	CATEGORY A	CATEGORY B
	Total of 5'000.-	Total of 2'500.-
1	1'500.-	750.-
2	1'200.-	600.-
3	1'000.-	500.-
4	600.-	300.-
5	400.-	200.-
6	300.-	150.-

Individuals – per apparatus:

Ranking	CATEGORY A	CATEGORY B
	Total of 5'000.-	Total of 2'500.-
1	1'500.-	750.-
2	1'200.-	600.-
3	1'000.-	500.-
4	600.-	300.-
5	400.-	200.-
6	300.-	150.-

Groups All Around:

Ranking	CATEGORY A	CATEGORY B
	Total of 5'000.-	Total of 2'500.-
1	2'500.-	1'250.-
2	1'500.-	750.-
3	1'000.-	500.-

Groups – per routine (5 and 3+2), each:

Ranking	CATEGORY A	CATEGORY B
	Total of 5'000.-	Total of 2'500.-
1	2'500.-	1'250.-
2	1'500.-	750.-
3	1'000.-	500.-

The prize money and its distribution per rank must be mentioned in the invitations.

No prize money, medals and World Cup Points will be given, if there are less than 4 participating federations per competition. This must be mentioned in the invitations. "Wild Card Gymnasts" will receive medals and prize money.

11. JURIES

The number of Apparatus Juries (judges' panels) may be decided by the organizing member federation depending on the number of participating competitors and judges.

The Apparatus Juries are set up by a draw - directed by the FIG Technical Representative - from the judges present at the event.

The composition of the Jury is the following:

- 4 D judges (min. Cat II), 4 A judges and 4 E Judges (min. Category III).
- Priority will be given to the highest categories.

For countries who have no category I, II or III judges, category IV judges are allowed to judge Execution provided they have been registered by their federation on the nominative entry.

The FIG Technical Representative will serve as President of the Superior Jury.

The participating Member Federations must send minimum one qualified judge as mentioned above. Failure to do so, or if a participating Federation sends a judge with Category IV (instead of Category I, II or III) will result in a fine of Swiss Francs 2'000.- to be paid to the Organizing Member Federation.

The Organizing Member Federation is responsible for guaranteeing enough FIG brevetted judges present with the appropriate category of brevet for their function. Should there not be sufficient judges the Organizing Member Federation may propose to the FIG for approval the name of neutral additional judges to complete the panels (plus 1 reserve). These judges, once approved, have to be invited at the cost of the Organizing Member Federation. Such invitation must be made through the respective Member Federation.

Should the Organizing Member Federation fail to propose names for additional judges, the FIG will invite such judges at the cost of the Organizing Member Federation.

Video control system

Should IRCOS not be available, the Organizing Member Federation must provide another video control system which allows to treat inquiries and records all exercises of the competition in a quality which allows to judge the exercises.

12. MEDIA REQUIREMENTS**12.1 Television**

For Tournaments of A Category, television coverage is compulsory. For Tournaments of B Category, the same requirements will apply provided that a television production is available even if not compulsory.

The Organizing Member Federation must guarantee the production of a basic feed (international signal) at least for the Final rounds. This feed must conform to professional standards. A clean feed is required which must include the official competition standings, billboards and results but without any added commercial inserts.

It is acknowledged and agreed that all National television rights remains with the Organizing Member Federation.

The Organizing Member Federation must deliver to the FIG within 48 hours after the end of the competition, the video master of the basic feed on Digi Betacam PAL tape. These footage are supplied to FIG free of charge. Production costs and postage are at the cost of the Organizing Member Federation. FIG may use these tapes at its discretion.

12.2 Television and Marketing Rights

TV and reproduction rights together with publicity (including logo and insignia) and marketing rights concerning FIG events are the property of the FIG.

The Presidential Commission may release all rights to the organising member federations free of charge.

FIG always retains non-exclusive Internet Rights, but refrains from showing any moving pictures, when the TV Rights have been released to the organising member federation

12.3 Results

The Technical Delegate is responsible that the results of the competition, signed by the Technical Delegate, are sent by e-mail to the FIG Offices immediately after the end of the respective competitions

The Results and the updated FIG World Cup Ranking List will be published on the FIG web site within 24 hours after the end of the respective competitions to the conditions that the Organizing Member Federation respects the following process:

12.3.1 Before the competition (7 days):

The FIG Office will send the event's ID, the list of registered gymnasts with their respective licence number and a template of the electronic results file (empty) to the federation who organize the competition.

12.3.2 After the competition:

The organizer must return to the FIG at the end of the competition:

A copy of all detailed results (qualifications & finals) in PDF format and dully signed by the respective RG Technical Delegates for archival purposes only.

The organizer must also return to the FIG maximum 24 hours after the competition:

An electronic file in XLS or CSV format using the same structure as the template previously sent by the FIG Office including necessary information for automatic processing of results and awarding points for the World Cup.

If the above deadlines are not respected or if the FIG does not receive any electronic results file in the format specified above, the Organizing Member Federation's deposit will be lost in full.

13. DOPING CONTROLS

For World Cup Tournaments, A and B Category, the Organizing Member Federation has to provide the following minimum doping controls at its own charge:

- Individual Gymnasts: 4
- Groups: 4

Failure to do so will result in the deposit being lost in full.

14. ASSIGNMENT OF WORLD CUP POINTS FOR THE WORLD CUP RANKING LIST

Separate World Cup Series Ranking Lists are established beginning with the first World Cup event of the year and ending with the last World Cup event of the year as follows

Individual Gymnasts (A and B combined)

- All Around
- Hoop
- Ball
- Clubs
- Ribbon

Groups (A and B combined)

- All Around
- Exercise with 5 apparatus
- Exercise with 3 + 2 apparatus

For the Individual All-Around and Apparatus World Cup Series Ranking Lists, World Cup Points are assigned to the competitors **by name**.

For the Groups (All Around and Apparatus), World Cup Points are assigned to the Federation. The Groups are listed **by Federation** only.

Rank	Tournaments Category A		Tournaments Category B	
	<i>Individuals</i>	<i>Groups</i>	<i>Individuals</i>	<i>Groups</i>
1	50	50	30	30
2	45	45	25	25
3	40	40	20	20
4	35	35	15	15
5	30	30	14	14
6	25	25	13	13
7	20	20	12	12
8	18	15	11	11
9	16	10	10	10
10	14	5	9	9
11	12	4	8	8
12	10	3	7	7
13	9	-	6	6
14	8	-	5	5
15	6	-	4	4
16	4	-	3	3
17	2	-	2	2
18	1	-	1	1

In the case that there are less than four federations participating per apparatus or per category, no World Cup Points, no medals and no prize money will be given.

“Wild Card Gymnasts” will not receive World Cup Points.

Tie-Breaking Rules:

All ties at any place will be broken following the tie breaking Rules used at the World Championships.

If there is still a tie, the points of the respective ranking are added and divided by the number of tied gymnasts / groups.

The same principle applies to the prize money.

15. WINNER OF THE ANNUAL WORD CUP RANKING LIST

The winner of the annual World Cup is the gymnast or group with the highest number of points of the all World Cup Series Ranking Lists (Groups, as well as All-Around for each apparatus as per paragraph 14) after the last event of the year as follows:

- If 8 World Cup Competitions take place per year, the best 4 are counted
- If 7 World Cup Competitions take place per year, the best 4 are counted
- If 6 World Cup Competitions take place per year, the best 4 are counted
- If 5 World Cup Competitions take place per year, the best 4 are counted
- If 4 or 3 World Cup Competitions take place per year all points are counted

A special award ceremony will be held at the last World Cup Competition of the year in which the World Cup winner will receive the World Cup.

In case of a tie at any place in the World Cup Series Ranking Lists after the last competition of the year, the tie will not be broken.

16. DRAWING OF LOTS

The gymnasts' drawing of lots for all World Cup events will take place at the FIG Headquarter in Lausanne (SUI) within two weeks after the closing date of the nominative registration.

These Rules have been amended by the Presidential Commission on February 2012 with authorization of the FIG Executive Committee.

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