

FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE GYMNASTIQUE



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



New Rules
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Rules for the FIG World Cup Competitions

Criteria for the Intl. Tournaments to be eligible for the FIG World World Cup Series

Principles:

An FIG World Cup Series will be held every year.

It consists of a min 3 events and a total of max 8 events (Cat A or B).

Each event will contribute World Cup Points to the World Series Ranking List.

The World Series Ranking list begins with the 1st World Cup Competition every year and ends with the last World Cup Competition every year.

Bids for the World Cup Competitions must be received by 31st August of the previous year.

1. Rights and advantages of FIG World Cup Competitions

- May use the official title "FIG World Cup Competition".
- Will contribute Points to the current FIG World Series Ranking List.
- Are considered as an official FIG event.
- Will be listed in the official FIG calendar of events.
- The date will be protected by FIG,
- Will be published in the FIG-Bulletin.
- Will be published in the FIG Official Website www.fig-gymnastics.com
- Can use the services of the FIG Secretariat to send information to all FIG Member Federations by mail and/or the official FIG Website
- Are allowed to use the FIG Logo on official communications, posters, programme. This does not apply for anything that is going to be sold, e.g. T-Shirts, Souvenirs etc.
- Can require assistance from the official FIG representative.
- Will be included in the official FIG result service (publication of results on the FIG website).

2. Obligations and Criteria for Approval

2.1 Approval

World Cup Competitions must be approved by the FIG Presidential Commission. Applications can only be made by FIG Member Federations. To be approved, the following requirements must be met:

2.1.1 Member Federations wishing to organize a World Cup Competition or have one of their existing Intl. Tournaments approved to be eligible for the FIG World Series must apply in writing to the FIG Secretary General by 31st August in the previous year of the Series. This application must include the date, the location, the name of the event, the planned competition format(s), the federations which will be invited, the prize money, the equipment used, and the proposed invitation and entry form. Applications for A-Tournaments must include the name and address of the Host Broadcaster and the name of the person in charge of the production.

It is strongly recommended that the invitation include the following rules:

At the time of the Definitive entry (2 months prior to the event) 50% of the accommodation costs and 100% of the entry fee must be paid. The entry fee is not refundable. The accommodation is only refundable, provided cancellations are made at least two weeks prior to arrival. Late entries and entries without payment of entry fee and 50% accommodation will not be accepted.

The Organizing Member Federation must offer minimum three different hotel categories, one of them being a "low cost hotel". The prices charged for the hotel rooms may not exceed the usual hotel rates.

An application will be decided within 30 days, subject to the fulfillment of all other requirements included in these Rules.

Applications can be made for one or two years, but in any case the FIG reserves the right to withdraw the approval at any time in case of violation of rules or non fulfillment of obligations.

- 2.1.2 The organizing Member Federation must pay an application fee to the FIG of 2.000 Swiss Francs for Tournaments of Category A and Swiss Francs 1.000 for Tournaments Category B. This fee must accompany the application. The application fee will be returned in full, should the application not be considered.
- 2.1.3 On confirmation of the proposed entry form and information from the Secretary General, the organizers must invite at least the member federations eligible as per Reg. 2.4 at least three months prior to the date of the event.
- 2.1.4 Entries will only be accepted from FIG Member Federations.
- 2.1.5 The FIG President may appoint one Executive Committee member. The respective Technical Committee will propose one Technical Committee member or other expert for the FIG President to approve to serve as FIG representatives at least 3 months prior to the date of the event. The FIG representatives must be integrated and receive all minutes of the Organizing Committee. They must be present at the event. The organizer must bear the costs for hotel accommodation including breakfast for the appointed FIG representatives as well as the travel costs and a daily indemnity of Swiss Francs 200.- including for the travel days for the two technical representatives. The FIG will bear the daily indemnity and travel costs for the representative of the FIG Executive Committee.
- 2.1.6 Late applications and applications which are not complete or are not accompanied by the application fee are not accepted.
- 2.1.7 Should there not be a minimum of 3 valid applications by the deadline of 31st August, no World Cup Series will be held in the following year.

2.2 Number of International Competitions / Tournaments Category A and B

There are two Categories of Tournaments. Category A, which will contribute max. 50 World Ranking List Points and Category B, which contributes max. 30 points. (for further details re: World Cup Points, see point 2.12 of the current rules).

The number of Category A and B Tournaments is limited to max. 8 events in total per year. Only one Tournament may be assigned per member federation. Should there be less than 8 events per year, the Executive Commission may assign a second Tournament to the same member federation.

Preference will be given to the Category A leading Tournaments with the best highest media and public impact, high prize money and wide participation. Category A Tournaments must offer competitions for men and women.

Category B Tournaments may offer competitions for men or women only. The last World Cup Competition in a year must be Cat. A.

2.3 Competition Format and Participation

The World Cup Competitions consist of Qualifications and Apparatus Finals. The organizing member federation may also offer an All Around competition (not eligible for the assignment of World Cup Points).

2.3.1 Qualifications

- FIG Competition III rules will be applied.
- Participation is limited to 2 gymnasts per country and each apparatus.
- In case of a tie at the 8th place, the tie breaking rules for Olympic Games will apply

2.3.2 Finals

- FIG Competition III rules for World Championships will be applied.
- Participation is limited to 2 gymnasts per country and each apparatus,
- The top eight gymnasts per apparatus from the qualifications qualify for the Finals.
- In addition, if the organizing member federation has not qualified with minimum 1 man and 1 woman, it may nominate maximum 1 man and 1 woman. Maximum participation in the finals is therefore 8+1 gymnasts on one apparatus for men and on one apparatus for women, and 8 gymnasts per apparatus on all other apparatus.
- Such "Wild Card Gymnasts" must have participated at the respective apparatus in the qualification.
- "Wild Card Gymnasts" will receive medals and prize money, but they will not receive World Cup Points.

2.4 Invitation, Registration and deadlines

Invitation

The organizing member federation may invite FIG member federations in good standing at their discretion, but must invite at least all Member Federations who have gymnasts in the top 8 of the World Ranking List and pay accommodation including full board for the top three gymnasts per apparatus listed in the FIG World Cup Series Ranking List. At the first event of the year, the federations of the top 8 gymnasts of the World Cup Series Ranking List of the previous year must be invited.

The maximum size of the invited delegations is as follows:

	Men	Women	Joint
Head of Delegation	1	1	1
Team Manager	1	1	2
Coach	3	3	6
Gymnasts	6	4	10
Doctor	1	1	1
Physiotherapist	1	1	2
Judges	2	2	4
Total	15	13	26

The organising member federation may limit the number of participating federations to only those who have gymnasts ranked in the top eight of the World Ranking Lists.

Registration

Registrations must be sent to the FIG, copy to the Organising member Federation. Late registrations and registrations which are not accompanied by the requested payments are not valid and will be refused.

Deadlines (minimum):

*Provisional registration: 4 months prior to the competition

Definitive registration: 2 months prior to the competition

Nominative registration: 4 weeks prior to the competition

* It is not compulsory for the organising member Federation to request a Provisional Registration

2.5 Financial Obligations for the Participating Federations

Unless stated differently in the invitation, the invited participating federations pay for their travel, accommodation and entry fee, except for the top three gymnasts per apparatus listed in the World Ranking List, for whom the organising member federation has to pay accommodation including full board.

2.6 Financial Obligations for the organising member federations

The organising member federation is responsible for all costs for the preparation and the running of the event, the application fee to the FIG (see 2.1.2), the cost for the FIG representatives (see 2.1.5), accommodation incl. full board for the top three gymnasts per apparatus of the World Ranking List (see 2.4) and the prize money (see 2.7).

Payment to the FIG of the regular competition fee as decided by the Executive Committee and ratified by the Council. (2002: 5% of the prize money).

2.7 Prize Money

The organising member federation must pay the following minimum Prize Money:
(Amounts in Swiss Francs.)

	Categorie A	Categorie A
per Apparatus	5.000.- CHF	2.500.- CHF

The Prize Money will be distributed as follows:

Ranking	Prize Money in Swiss Francs A-Tournaments	Ranking	Prize Money in Swiss Francs B-Tournaments
1	1500	1	750
2	1200	2	600
3	800	3	400
4	500	4	250
5	400	5	200
6	300	6	150
7	200	7	100
8	100	8	50

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

No prize money, medals and World Ranking Lists points will be given, if there are less than 4 participating federation per apparatus or category. This must be mentioned in the invitation.

2.8 TV 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 Executive 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.

2.9 Juries

The Apparatus Jury (or Juries) must be composed as follows:

Cat. A: 2 D judges, 6 E judges, plus 1 Supervisor

Cat. B: 2 D judges, min. 4 E judges, plus 1 Supervisor.

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

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

Not more than one judge per Federation per panel will be permitted.

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

The participating member federations must send minimum one qualified judge for MAG if they participate with male gymnasts and one WAG judges if they participate with female gymnasts. Requirements see Specific Judges' Rules.

The organizing member federation is responsible that there are enough FIG brevetted judges present with the appropriate category of brevet for their function. At the latest 4 days after the deadline of nominative entry, the organizing member federation sends to the FIG the nominative list of judges. Should there not be sufficient judges, the organizing federation may propose to the FIG for approval the name of neutral additional judges to complete the panels (plus 2 reserves, 1 men and 1 women). These judges, once approved, have to be invited at the cost of the organizing federation. Should the organizing federation fail to propose names for additional judges, the FIG will invite such judges at the cost of the organizing member federation.

2.10 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 Rules

- Statutes
- Technical Regulations
- Code of Points
- Judges Rules
- Medical Organization of the Official FIG Competitions
- Doping Control Rules
- FIG Media Guidelines
- FIG Apparatus Norms
- FIG Advertising and Publicity Rules
- Regulations for Awards Ceremonies
- and subsequent decisions of the FIG Executive Committee

For the qualification to the finals (8th place), ties will be broken following the Tie Breaking Rules used at the Olympic Games (see FIG Technical Regulations).

In case of ties in the Apparatus Finals, the tied gymnasts will all have the same rank, but subsequent ranks will be skipped.

e.g.

1, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

1, 2, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

1, 2, 3, 3, 3, 6, 7, 8

Tied gymnasts will receive the same medal and World Cup Points. e.g.

1, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 (two gold medals, no silver medal, one bronze medal)

The Prize Money will added and divided by the number of gymnasts.

e.g. (with Prize Money for Rank 1- 8).

1, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 (Prize Money for Rank 1 and 2 is added and divided by 2)

1, 2, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 (Prize Money for Rank 2 and 3 is added and divided by 2)

1, 2, 2, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8 (Prize Money for Rank 2, 3, and 4 is added and divided by 3)

1, 2, 3, 3, 3, 6, 7, 8 (Prize Money for Rank 3, 4, and 5 is added and divided by 3)

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 7 (Prize Money for Rank 7 will be divided by 2)

2.11 Media Requirements

The results of the competition, signed by the respective supervisor and the FIG representative, must be sent to the Secretary General by fax or e-mail immediately after the respective competition. A hard copy (original) must be mailed within 24 hours.

The Results and the updated FIG World Cup Series Ranking List will be published on the FIG web site within 48 hours after the competition.

Tournaments Category A must be ensured of television coverage and the production of a basic feed, at least for the Final rounds. This feed must conform to professional standards and be clean, and must include the official competition standings, billboards and results but without any added commercial inserts.

The organizing member federation must deliver to the FIG within 24 hours after the end of the competition, the video master of a maximum of 3 (three) minutes highlights on Betacam SP PAL.

These highlights 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.

2.12 Assignment of World Cup Points for the World Cup Series Ranking List

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

<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
Floor	Vault
Pommel Horse	Uneven Bars
Rings	Balance Beam
Vault	Floor
Parallel Bars	
High Bar	

The World Cup Points are assigned to the competitors **by name**.

Rank	Tournaments Category A	Tournaments Category B
1	50	30
2	40	24
3	30	18
4	25	16
5	23	14
6	20	13
7	18	12
8	16	10
9	14	8
10	13	7
11	12	6
12	11	5
13	10	4
14	9	3
15	8	2
16	6	1

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

3. Winner of the annual World Cup

The winner of the annual World Cup per apparatus is the gymnast with the highest number of points of the World Cup Series Ranking List 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

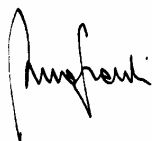
If 5 World Cup Competitions take place per year, the best 4 are counted

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 (Cat. A) in which the World Cup winner will receive the World Cup.

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

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