

FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE GYMNASTIQUE



Rules for the FIG Individual  
Apparatus World Cup and  
World Challenge Cup Series  
in Artistic Gymnastics



**2016**

## **ART. 1 GENERAL PRINCIPLES**

The FIG Individual Apparatus World Cup and World Challenge Cup Series will be run every year and begins with the 1<sup>st</sup> event of the year and ends with the last event of the year. This Series is composed of the following two categories:

- Category A - World Cup
- Category B – World Challenge Cup

The Series consists of a minimum of 3 events. The maximum number of World Cup and World Challenge Cup events in total shall be 8.

The World Cup events 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 media and public friendly surrounding.

The World Challenge Cup events 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 have the opportunity to win World Cup and World Challenge Cup points which will count towards the Individual Apparatus World Cup Ranking List\*. This Individual Apparatus World Cup Ranking List will begin with the 1<sup>st</sup> event of the year and will end with the last event of the year.

*\* The Individual Apparatus World Cup Ranking List includes the World Cup competitions and the World Challenge Cup competitions.*

## **ART. 2 RIGHTS AND ADVANTAGES OF FIG INDIVIDUAL APPARATUS WORLD CUP AND WORLD CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITIONS**

- Each event will use the official title of "FIG World Cup Competition" or "FIG World Challenge Cup Competition" respectively
- Each event will contribute points to the Individual Apparatus World Cup Ranking List (World Cup and World Challenge Cup combined).
- Each event will be considered as an official FIG event.
- Each event will be listed in the official FIG calendar of events.
- The event dates will be protected by FIG.
- Each event will be announced in the FIG *World of Gymnastics* magazine.
- Each event will be published on the FIG official website ([www.fig-gymnastics.com](http://www.fig-gymnastics.com)).
- Each event (calendar) will be published and updated regularly on all FIG communication platforms.
- 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 MAG and WAG 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).

## **ART. 3 CANDIDATURES AND APPLICATIONS**

### **ART. 3.1 CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL**

Bids for the Individual Apparatus World Cup and World Challenge Cup competitions must be received at the FIG Offices by 30<sup>th</sup> June of the previous year for the following year. The Individual Apparatus World Cup and World Challenge 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:

- All World Cup and World Challenge Cup competitions must offer competitions for MAG and WAG.
- World Cup and World Challenge Cup competitions may not be combined with any other competitions. Nevertheless, it is allowed to organise other non-conflicting competitions before or after the World Cup/World Challenge Cup competition.
- FIG Member Federations interested in organizing a World Cup or World Challenge Cup competition must apply in writing to the FIG Offices and complete the appropriate invitation letter and forms provided to them by the FIG as soon as possible, but by no later than 30 June for the following season. Information on the date, the location, the name of the event, the federations which will be invited, the prize money, and the apparatus supplier\* for the competition must be completed.

*\*in addition, a detailed list of certified equipment (as well as the name of the products as defined on the FIG website) to be used must be completed and submitted to the FIG Offices no later than 6 months before the competition.*

- Applications must include the name and contact address of the Event Manager and the Media Officer.
- Applications for World Cup events must include the name and address of the Host Broadcaster and the name of the person in charge of the production.
- Applications must include the name and contact address of the official Hospital.
- The Organizing Member Federation for World Cup events must offer minimum two different hotel categories for the Delegation members who must pay for their own accommodation and meals. The prices charged for the hotel rooms cannot exceed the usual hotel rates.
- The Organizing Member Federation for World Challenge Cup events 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 cannot exceed the usual hotel rates.
- The Organizing Member Federation must pay a non-refundable application fee to the FIG of CHF 5'000.- for a World Cup competition and CHF 2'000.- for a World Challenge Cup competition. This fee must accompany the invitation letter and forms. The application fee will only be returned in full, should the application not be considered by the FIG Presidential Commission.
- The Organizing Member Federation must pay a deposit of CHF 10'000 for World Cup events and CHF 5'000 for World Challenge Cup events. This deposit must accompany the invitation letter and forms. The deposit will be returned in full, should the FIG decide not to assign the event to the Member Federation. The deposit will also be returned in full after the event, 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 event are changed by the Organizing Member Federation or if the event cannot be

organised by the Organizing Member Federation (see also point 12.3 of these Rules).

- Late applications, applications which are not complete, or are not accompanied by the application fee and the deposit are refused.

### **ART. 3.2 ASSIGNMENT OF WORLD CUP AND WORLD CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITIONS BY THE FIG PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION**

*A first right of opportunity to host being given to previous World Cup Competition or World Challenge Cup Organizers*

Followed by 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. 3'000 to 5'000 seats.

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

The respective Technical Committees will propose at least 3 months prior to the date of the event one MAG and one WAG Technical Committee member or one MAG and one WAG expert (to be approved by the FIG President) to serve as MAG and WAG Technical Delegates. These Technical Delegates must receive all information from the Organizing Committee and they must be present at the event. The MAG and WAG Technical Delegates will serve as President of the Superior Jury.

*Note: should there not be a minimum of 3 valid applications by the deadline of 30 June, no Artistic Gymnastics Individual Apparatus World Cup Series will be held in the following year.*

### **ART. 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 and World Challenge Cup Rules for Artistic Gymnastics:

- Statutes
- Technical Regulations
- License Rules
- Code of Points and relevant Newsletters
- General Judges' Rules
- Specific Judges' Rules for Artistic 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*

## ART. 5 COMPETITION FORMAT AND PARTICIPATION

### ART. 5.1 WORLD CUP COMPETITIONS

The Individual Apparatus Competitions for World Cup competitions consist of:

- Qualifications
- Finals

#### Qualifications:

- Participation is limited to 12 gymnasts including the Wild Cards for the Organising Member Federation provided the organising member federation has no qualified gymnast at this apparatus. Wild Card gymnasts must be named at the time of the closing of the nominative registration.
- Participation is limited to 2 gymnasts per NF (2 MAG and 2 WAG) on each apparatus.
- Until the time of the drawing of lots, in case of gymnasts' withdrawal, the FIG will invite the next eligible gymnasts as per the "Replacement Policy" as outlined in these rules.
- 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 NF or an NF of its choice to fill those "empty" places (limited to maximum 2 gymnasts per NF on each apparatus). 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.
- The Wild Card gymnast will have to start in the same starting order as the other gymnasts at every rotation.
- FIG Competition III rules will be applied for vault.
- In case of a tie at any place, the tie-breaking rules as set up for the World Championships shall be applied. Nevertheless, the gymnasts not qualified for the Finals and with the same final score will receive the same World Cup Points.

#### Finals:

- The best four gymnasts per apparatus from the qualifications qualify for the Finals.
- Participation is limited to 2 gymnasts per NF and each apparatus.
- In addition, the Organizing Member Federation has the right to a limited number of Wild Cards to guarantee the participation of the Host Country gymnasts in the Finals (limited to maximum 3 man and 2 woman gymnast only on 3 MAG or 2 WAG apparatus each, max 1 per apparatus).
  - Wild Card Gymnasts" will receive medals prize money and World Cup Points.  
The Wild Card gymnast will have to start in the same starting order as the other gymnasts, by a new draw conducted after the qualification round by the FIG technical delegate.
- FIG Competition III rules will be applied for vault.
- In case of a tie at any place, the tie will not be broken. The tied gymnasts will all have the same rank, but subsequent ranks will be skipped:  
1, 1, 3, 4  
1, 2, 2, 4  
1, 2, 3, 3

Tied gymnasts will receive the same medal and World Cup Points:

1, 1, 3, 4 (two gold medals, no silver medal, one bronze medal)

The Prize Money will be added and divided by the number of gymnasts:  
1, 1, 3, 4 (Prize Money for Rank 1 and 2 is added and divided by 2)  
1, 2, 2, 4 (Prize Money for Rank 2 and 3 is added and divided by 2)  
1, 2, 2, 2 (Prize Money for Rank 2, 3, and 4 is added and divided by 3)  
1, 2, 3, 3 (Prize Money for Rank 3, 4 is added and divided by 2)

## **ART. 5.2 WORLD CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITIONS**

The Individual Apparatus Competitions for World Challenge Cup competitions consist of:

- Qualifications
- Apparatus Finals

### Qualifications:

- Participation is limited to 2 gymnasts per NF on each apparatus.
- The Organizing Member Federation is allowed to add (only for the qualifications) “hors concours” competitors. These competitors are in addition to the official competitors of the Organizing Member Federation, they must be named at the time of the closing of the nominative registration and they cannot qualify for the Finals. They are not eligible to receive World Cup points, they must not appear on the official results lists and they will have to start first at every apparatus.
- The Organizing Member Federation is allowed to name a max. of “4 hors concours” competitors in Women’s Artistic Gymnastics and a max. of “4 hors concours” competitors in Men’s Artistic Gymnastics for a total of 8 “hors concours” gymnasts (i.e. while one “hors concours” gymnast can compete on more than one apparatus, not more than one “hors concours” gymnast can compete on an apparatus).
- FIG Competition III rules will be applied for vault.
- In case of a tie at any place, the tie-breaking rules as set up for the World Championships shall be applied. Nevertheless, the gymnasts not qualified for the Finals and with the same final score will receive the same World Cup Points.

### Finals:

- The best eight gymnasts per apparatus from the qualifications qualify for the Finals
- Participation is limited to 2 gymnasts per NF and each apparatus.
- In addition, the Organizing Member Federation has the right to a limited number of Wild Cards to guarantee the participation of the Host Country gymnasts in the Finals (maximum 1 man and 1 woman gymnast only at one apparatus each).
- These “Wild Card Gymnasts” must have participated at the respective apparatus in the qualification.  
“Wild Card Gymnasts” will receive medals prize money and World Cup Points  
FIG Competition III rules will be applied for vault.
- In case of a tie at any place, the tie will not be broken. The tied gymnasts will all have the same rank, but subsequent ranks will be skipped:  
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:

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

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

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

**ART. 6 INVITATION**

**ART. 6.1 WORLD CUP COMPETITIONS**

The Organizing Member Federation must invite all Member Federations according to the following principles:

Places	Participation criteria
Places 1-7	The top 7 ranked gymnasts in C-III at the previous Olympic Games/World Championships*. <i>These places are nominative.</i> <i>The 8<sup>th</sup> place is reserved for a gymnast from the Organizing NF (1 Wild Card MAG and 1 Wild Card WAG per apparatus) only if no athlete from the Organizing NF is qualified or able to confirm their participation.</i>
Places 8 -12	The best 4- 5 gymnasts per apparatus from the 2015 World Cup Ranking List for Individual Apparatus (in case of a tie at any place, the tie will not be broken). <i>These places are nominative.</i>

Should gymnasts who are qualified on the places 9 to 12 already be included in the places 1 to 8, then the replacement procedure as mentioned here below for non participation or withdraw shall apply.

The participation of these nominative qualified gymnasts (places 1-12) must be confirmed as soon as possible, but no later than 3 months prior to the competition. Failure to confirm in due time will automatically result in the FIG inviting the replacement as outlined here below.

In case a qualified gymnast (places 1-12) does not accept to participate in the World Cup competition or does not confirm participation in due time or withdraws, he/she is replaced by

- the gymnasts ranked 8 -10 in C-I (on the respective apparatus) at the previous Olympic Games/World Championships\*. These places are nominative and must be confirmed as soon as possible, but no later than 2 months (nominative registration) prior to the competition.
- a gymnast from the best ranked federations in C-IV at the previous Olympic Games/World Championships\*. These places are allocated to the National Federation, and must be confirmed as soon as possible, but no later than 2 months (nominative registration) prior to the competition.

(Invitation and selection from these national federations will be done directly by the Organizing Member Federation in consultation with the respective federation and will not necessarily be in order of the results.)

*\* For the 2015 series, the gymnasts' qualification will be based on the 2015 World Championships*

**Each qualified and invited gymnast (MAG and WAG) may chose 1 additional spot/ apparatus where he/she want to qualify for the finals**

## ART. 6.2 WORLD CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITIONS

The organizing member federation may invite FIG member federations in good standing at their discretion, but must invite at least all Member Federations who had gymnasts:

- ranked 1-8 in C-III at the World Championships\*
- ranked 1-8 from the 2015 World Cup Ranking List for Individual Apparatus

*\* For the 2016 series, the gymnasts' qualification will be based on the 2015 World Championships*

This provision must be mentioned in the invitation letter for FIG approval.

## ART. 7 REGISTRATIONS AND DELEGATIONS SIZE

On-line registrations will only be accepted from FIG Gymnastics Member Federations. Only senior gymnasts in good standing with the correct age and holding a valid FIG License may participate.

### 7.1 WORLD CUP COMPETITIONS

The maximum size of the invited delegations is as follows:

Delegation member	Men	Women	Joint
Head of Delegation	1	1	1
Coach (max. 1 per gymnast*)			
Gymnasts (all eligible gymnasts)			
Medical doctor	1	1	1
Paramedical staff	1	1	2
Judges	1	1	2

*Note: \* including Wild card gymnasts*

### 7.2 WORLD CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITIONS

The maximum size of the invited delegations is as follows:

Delegation member	Men	Women	Joint
Head of Delegation	1	1	1
Team Manager	1	1	2
Coach (max. 1 per gymnast *)	3	3	6
Gymnasts **	6	4	10
Medical doctor	1	1	1
Paramedical staff	1	1	2
Judges	2	2	4

*Notes:*

*\* including Wild card and "hors concours" gymnasts*

*\*\* the Organizing Member Federation may limit the maximum number of gymnast per delegation. This provision must be mentioned in the candidature and in the invitation letter for FIG approval.*

## ART. 8 REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Registrations must be made exclusively on-line via the FIG website or accordingly.

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



## 8.1 FOR WORLD CUP COMPETITIONS

Confirmation of participation for the nominative places *	3 months prior to the competition
Nominative registration *	2 months prior to the competition

\* *Note:* Cancellation of participation after this confirmation will result in the respective Member Federation being responsible to indemnify the Organising Member Federation for all costs incurred in terms of travel expenses, hotel accommodation and meal reservations.

## 8.2 FOR WORLD CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITIONS

Provisional registration*	4 months prior to the competition
Definitive registration	2 months prior to the competition
Nominative registration	4 weeks prior to the competition

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

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.-

**ATTENTION:** The Organizing Committee will be responsible for checking the validity of the gymnast' Licenses. No gymnasts will be accepted without a valid FIG License at the deadline of the Nominative Registration.

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

### ART. 9.1 WORLD CUP COMPETITIONS

Unless stated otherwise in the invitation letter and forms, the invited participating federations must pay for:

- Travel costs for the delegation members (see exception herein below)
- Accommodation expenses for the delegation members (see exception herein below)
- Meals expenses for the delegation members (see exception herein below)
- Entry fees, if requested by the LOC 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 Organizing Member Federation must pay minimum for:

- Travel costs for the apparatus medallists at the previous Olympic Games/World Championship\* present at the event and their respective coach (1 max. per gymnast)
- Accommodation expenses for all gymnasts, their respective coach (1 max. per gymnast) as well as 1 MAG judge and 1 WAG judge
- Meals expenses (full board) for all gymnasts, their respective coach (1 max. per gymnast) as well as 1 MAG judge and 1 WAG judge

Delegation member	Travel NF	Travel LOC	Accommodation and meals NF	Accommodation and meals LOC
<b>Head of Delegation</b>	X		X	
<b>Coach</b> (max. 1 per gymnast)		X		X (full board)
<b>Gymnasts</b> (all eligible gymnasts)		X (medalists)		X (full board)
Medical doctor	X		X	
Paramedical staff	X		X	
<b>Judges</b>	X			X (1 - full board))

### Additional Provisions

The Organising Member Federation must pay for:

- All costs for the preparation and the running of the event
- TV production costs
- Application fee and deposit to the FIG
- Local travel expenses as well as the accommodation costs incl. breakfast for the MAG and WAG Technical Delegates
- International and local travel, accommodation, and meals costs for any invited neutral judges approved by FIG
- FIG regular competition fee as decided by the Executive Committee and ratified by the Council 2002 (5% of the prize money).
- Prize money
- 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 costs (including the travel days) for the MAG and WAG Technical Delegates
- International travel expenses and the Per Diem costs (including the travel days) for one FIG Executive Committee member if appointed by the FIG President

Delegation member	Int'l. travel LOC	Int'l. travel FIG	Accommodation, local travel and meals - LOC	FIG	LOC
Preparation and running of event					X
TV production					X
Application fee					X
Competition fee					X
Prize money					X
Technical Delegate		X	X (breakfast)	Per diem	
Executive Committee		X	X (breakfast)	Per diem	
Invited neutral Judge confirmed by FIG	X		X		

## ART. 9.2 WORLD CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITIONS

Unless stated otherwise in the invitation letter and forms, the invited participating federations must pay for:

- Travel costs for the delegation members
- Accommodation expenses for the delegation members (see exception herein below)
- Meals expenses for the delegation members (see exception herein below)
- Entry fees, if requested by the LOC 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 Challenge 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 Organizing Member Federation must pay for:

- Accommodation expenses, including full board, for the gymnasts ranked 1-3, per apparatus, competing in the event from:
  - previous Olympic Games/World Championships\*
  - the 2015 World Cup Ranking List

### **Additional Provisions**

The organising member federation must pay for:

- All costs for the preparation and the running of the event.
- Application fee and deposit to the FIG.
- Local travel expenses as well as the accommodation costs incl. breakfast for the MAG and WAG Technical Delegates.
- International and local travel, accommodation and meals costs for any invited neutral judges approved by FIG.
- FIG regular competition fee as decided by the Executive Committee and ratified by the Council 2002 (5% of the prize money).
- 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 costs (including the travel days) for the MAG and WAG Technical Delegates
- International travel expenses and the Per Diem costs (including the travel days) for one FIG Executive Committee member if appointed by the FIG President.

## **ART. 10 PRIZE MONEY**

The organising member federation must pay the following minimum Prize Money of a total of CHF 100'000.- for World Cup events and of a total of CHF 25'000.- for World Challenge Cup events as follows:

<b>Event Type</b>	<b>World Cup events</b>	<b>World Challenge Cup events</b>
<b>Individual Apparatus</b>	CHF 10'000.- (per apparatus)	CHF 2'500.- (per apparatus)

The Prize Money will be distributed as follows:

<b>Ranking</b>	<b>World Cup events</b>	<b>World Challenge Cup events</b>
1	3'000	750
2	2'400	600
3	1'600	400
4	1'000	250
5	800	200
6	600	150
7	400	100
8	200	50

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

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

## **ART. 11 JUDGES' PANELS**

Each Judges' Panel must be composed as follows:

- World Cups: 2 D judges, min. 5 E judges, plus 1 Supervisor
- World Challenge Cups: 2 D judges, min. 4 E judges, plus 1 Supervisor.

The number of 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 (except for Time and Line Judges).

The Judges' Panels are set up by a draw from the judges present at the event. The draw must be directed by the MAG and WAG Technical Delegates. The participating Member Federations must send minimum one qualified judge for MAG if they participate with male gymnasts and one qualified WAG judge if they participate with female gymnasts. The Organizing Member Federation is entitled to apply a fine of CHF 2'000 per missing judge (to be paid to the LOC) should a federation fail to bring the required number of judges. This provision must be mentioned in the invitation letter.

The Organizing Member Federation is responsible that there are enough FIG brevetted judges present with the appropriate valid category of brevet for their function. Should there not be sufficient judges as per the on-line nominative registration, the Organizing Member Federation must propose to the FIG for approval the name of neutral additional judges to complete the panels (plus 2 reserves, 1 man and 1 woman). 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 Office in consultation with the TC Presidents concerned will invite these 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. The videos or DVDs must be sent to the FIG office within one week after the competition.

## **ART. 12 MEDIA REQUIREMENTS**

### **ART. 12.1 MEDIA RIGHTS ACROSS ALL MEANS AND MARKETING RIGHTS**

Media Rights across all means and reproduction rights together with publicity and marketing rights concerning the World Cup events are the property of the FIG.

## **12.2 MEDIA RIGHTS ACROSS ALL MEANS – DEFINITION**

The right during the Term to Exploit Footage of the Event throughout the Territory in any format and by all means, media and technologies (whether now known or invented) via any service and in any form for any purpose that FIG shall determine (including, without limitation, free and pay services, in the form of or via services which include any enhanced or interactive functionality and whether linear or on-demand and in whole and in part (including without limitation in the form of clips and highlights).

### **ART. 12.3 TELEVISION RIGHT AND PRODUCTION**

For the Individual apparatus World Cup competitions and for the World Challenge Cup competition television coverage is compulsory.

The Organizing Member Federation must guarantee the production of a basic feed (international signal). The International signal must be available for the FIG and its Right holders free of charge at the international Broadcasting Centre or at the Gateway without any limitations and free of any access fees.

FIG releases all National Media Rights across all means to the Organizing Member Federation. The Media rights are released free of charge and granted exclusively for a period of three month after the competition and then on a non-exclusive basis until one year after the event. Then the rights are back with the FIG.

The release of the Rights shall only be effective under the condition that:

- That the Organizing Member Federation submits National Rights contracts to the FIG for written approval prior to signature.
- Each Organizing Member Federation undertakes to provide the FIG Office with the contact details of the Host-Broadcaster at least six months prior to the event.
- Each Organizing Member Federation undertakes to provide the FIG Office with a Beta tape copy (Digital Beta PAL Format) of the basic feed (international signal) immediately after the end of the competition on site to the FIG representative or agent. These footages are supplied to FIG free of charge. Production costs and postage are at the cost of the Organizing Member Federation. FIG may use the footage at its discretion.

The International Media Rights across all means remain with the FIG. The Rights will be offered as a package to the broadcasters worldwide (all events together for the series of 2013-2016) by the FIG Office or through an agent.

The total net revenue of the International Media Rights sales will be shared with the Organizing Member Federations. 90% of the revenue for the Organizing Member Federations and 10% for the FIG.

### **ART. 12.4 INTERNATIONAL TV SIGNAL- DEFINITION**

The International TV Signal shall be produced in accordance with the following:

the International TV Signal shall be an integrated, complete, uninterrupted and continuous Live television feed produced to a first class professional sports broadcasting standard, using a minimum of six cameras in 16:9 format (but 4:3 protected and explicitly excluding letterbox format) and include coverage not only of the competition but also of any award ceremonies;

the International TV Signal shall include slow motion replays, full graphics with all graphics text in English, including but not limited to starting numbers, starting lists, names of competitors, results, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, international sound with necessary related background sound effects on at least two audio tracks;

the International TV Signal shall not include any domestic elements which would not be acceptable for international broadcast such as commercial elements, in-vision presenters, talking heads, interviews, commercial breaks and black holes or any other elements which may hinder ability to exploit the Rights;

the International TV Signal must include full duration coverage of the Finals with award ceremonies and shall start at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the commencement of the competition.

#### **ART. 12.5     MARKETING RIGHTS**

For 2016 series the FIG releases all Marketing rights (including the publicity space on the apparatus) free of charge to the Organizing Member Federation. It is understood that the FIG Advertising and Publicity Norms must be respected.

#### **ART. 12.6     RESULTS**

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

The Results and the updated 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:

##### **ART. 12.6.1   BEFORE THE COMPETITION (7 DAYS):**

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

##### **ART. 12.6.2   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 duly signed by the respective MAG and WAG 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 on 8 columns 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 Ranking List.

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.

#### **ART. 12.7     MEDICAL INJURY REPORT FORM**

The organizing member federation must provide a Gymnast injury report form listing all the injuries occurred during the event. This report must be sent to the FIG Secretariat under medical confidentiality within 3 days after the event. Failure to do so after the first reminder will result in a deposit being lost in full.

#### **ART. 13       DOPING CONTROLS**

The Organizing Member Federation must provide at its own charge a minimum of 6 doping controls, 3 for Women and 3 for Men. Failure to do so will result in the deposit being lost in full.

Doping control forms must be sent to FIG secretariat by Doping control officer within 3 days after the event. Failure to do so after the first reminder will result in a deposit being lost in full.

**ART. 14 ASSIGNMENT OF POINTS FOR THE INDIVIDUAL APPARATUS WORLD CUP RANKING LIST**

Separate men’s and women’s World Cup Ranking Lists (World Cup and World Challenge Cup combined) are established for Individual Apparatus Competitions (i.e. for each apparatus). These lists begin with the first World Cup/World Challenge Cup event of the year and end with the last World Cup/World Challenge Cup event of the year as follows:

<b>Individual Apparatus Competitions</b> (World Cup and World Challenge Cup combined)	
Floor	Vault
Pommel Horse	Uneven Bars
Rings	Balance Beam
Vault	Floor
Parallel Bars	
Horizontal Bar	

The World Cup / World Challenge Cup points are assigned to the competitors by name.

<b>Rank</b>	<b>World Cup competitions</b>	<b>World Challenge Cup competitions</b>
1	50	30
2	45	25
3	40	20
4	35	18
5	30	16
6	25	14
7	20	12
8	18	10
9	16	8
10	14	7
11	12	6
12	10	5

The gymnasts with the same final score will receive the same World Cup Points

In case that less than four federations participating per apparatus, no World Cup points, no medals and no prize money will be given.

## **ART. 15 WINNER OF THE ANNUAL INDIVIDUAL APPARATUS WORLD CUP SERIES**

The winner of the annual Individual Apparatus World Cup & World Challenge Cup Series is the gymnast with the highest number of points for each apparatus after the last event of the year as follows:

- If 5 or more 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 must be held at the last Individual Apparatus World Cup/World Challenge Cup competition of the year in which the Individual Apparatus World Cup & World Challenge Cup winners shall receive a Cup.

In case of a tie in the respective World Cup Ranking Lists after the last respective competitions of the year, the tie will not be broken.

## **ART. 16 DRAWING OF LOTS**

While the gymnasts' drawing of lots for all World Cup events will take place at the FIG Headquarters in Lausanne (SUI) within two weeks after the closing date of the nominative registration, that for the World Challenge Cup events will be directed by the FIG Technical Delegate and take place at the Orientation meeting of the event (Appendix I).

These Rules have been approved by the FIG Executive Committee during its meeting in February 2015.

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## Procedures for Drawing of Lots – Individual Apparatus competitions

### *World Cup competitions (at the FIG Headquarters)*

#### **Qualifications for MAG and WAG**

- To prepare bowl #1 with the names of the gymnasts competing on MAG FX, including the “empty places” if any.
- To prepare bowl #2 with numbers from 1-12 (i.e. starting order)
- To draw alternately from bowl #1 and from bowl #2 until all gymnasts are assigned their starting order on FX
- To repeat the same procedure for MAG PH-SR-VT-PB-HB and WAG VT-UB-BB-FX

#### **Finals for MAG and WAG**

- To prepare bowl #1 with: “gymnast ranked 1 after CI” - gymnast ranked 2 after CI - gymnast ranked 3 after CI - gymnast ranked 4 after CI on MAG FX
- To prepare bowl #2 with numbers from 1-4 (i.e. starting order).
- To draw alternately from bowl #1 and from bowl#2 until all gymnasts are assigned their starting order on MAG FX
- To repeat the same procedure for MAG PH-SR-VT-PB-HB and WAG VT-UB-BB-FX

The TD, in consultation with the LOC has the right to apply minor adjustments to the draw and starting order on site should the nominative registrations received or the final number of participants at the time of the competition generate organizational problems in terms of competition schedules and numbers of judges panels.

### *Challenge Cup competitions (at the Orientation Meeting)*

#### **Qualifications for MAG and WAG**

- To prepare bowl #1 with the names of the gymnasts competing on MAG FX
- To prepare bowl #2 with numbers from 1 and onwards (i.e. starting order), according to the number of registered gymnasts on MAG FX
- To draw alternately from bowl #1 and from bowl #2 until all gymnasts are assigned their starting order on FX
- To repeat the same procedure for MAG PH-SR-VT-PB-HB and WAG VT-UB-BB-FX

#### **Finals for MAG and WAG**

- To prepare bowl #1 with: “gymnast ranked 1 after CI” - gymnast ranked 2 after CI - gymnast ranked 3 after CI - gymnast ranked 4 after CI, etc on MAG FX
- To prepare bowl #2 with numbers from 1-8 (i.e. starting order).
- To draw alternately from bowl #1 and from bowl#2 until all gymnasts are assigned their starting order on MAG FX
- To repeat the same procedure for MAG PH-SR-VT-PB-HB and WAG VT-UB-BB-FX

The drawing of lots and starting order to be conducted on site must take into account the latest nominative registrations received and the final number of participants at the time of the competition in order to guarantee a smooth organization of the event in terms of competition schedules and numbers of judges panels.