

FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE GYMNASTIQUE



**Rules for the FIG World Cup
Competitions and Series in
Aerobic Gymnastics**



2015

1. **GENERAL PRINCIPLES**

FIG World Cup in Aerobic Gymnastics will be composed every year of the following two categories:

- The A Category
- The B Category

The World Cups consists of a minimum of 3 events and a total of maximum 8 events (regardless of Category).

Only one Tournament may be assigned per member federation. Should there be less than 8 events per year, the Presidential Commission may assign a Tournament to the same Member Federation.

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

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 announced in the FIG *World of Gymnastics* magazine.
- Each event will be published on the FIG Official website (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 AER 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:

- All World Cup Competitions must offer competitions in all 5 categories.
- 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.
- FIG Member Federations interested in organizing a World 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 equipment used must be completed.
- In addition, a detailed list of 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.
- Minimum 2 certified competition floors of the same manufacturer and product must be available.
- Applications must include the name and contact address of the Event Manager and the Media Officer.
- Applications for A Category 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 must offer minimum two 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 2'000.- for an A Category and CHF 1'000.- for a B Category. 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 applying for an A and B Category must pay a deposit of CHF 2'000.- to the FIG. This deposit must accompany the invitation letter and forms. The deposit will be returned in full, should the FIG decide not to assign an A and B Category to the Organizing Member Federation. The deposit will also be returned in full after the A and 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 and B Category are changed by the Organizing Member Federation or if the competition 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.

3.2 Assignment of World Cup Competitions by the FIG Presidential Commission

There are two Categories of Tournaments: A Category and B Category.

A Category

- Competition in all 5 categories

B Category

- Competition in all 5 categories

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

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 and B tournaments must offer a Final in all 5 categories.

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 Committees 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 he/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 Competition Rules for Aerobic Gymnastics:

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

Qualifications and Finals in all 5 categories.

5.1 Qualifications

- Participation is limited to 2 units per NF in each category

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, they must be named at the time of the closing of the nominative registration and cannot qualify for the final. They will have to start first, they are not eligible to receive World Cup Points and prize money and they must not appear on the official results lists.

The Organizing Member Federation is allowed to name 1 Individual Men, 1 Individual Woman, 1 Mixed pair, 1 Trio and 1 Group as “hors concours” competitors.

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 same final score will receive the same World Cup points.

5.2 Finals

- The top eight gymnasts per category from the qualifications qualify for the Finals.
- In addition, if the Organizing Member Federation has not qualified in any category, it may nominate one participation in max. 1 category of its choice.
- Maximum participation in the finals is therefore 8+1 participants in one category and 8 in the other four categories.
- Such “Wild Card Participant” must have participated in the respective category in the qualification.
- “Wild Card Participants” will receive medals and prize money, but they will not receive any World Cup Points.
- If there are less than 4 countries in a category, no medals, prize money and World Cup Points will be awarded.

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

5.3 Cancellation Policy

- The organizing member Federation (OMF) may cancel the competition in the respective category if at the time of the definitive entry there are less than 4 countries registered in a category. In case of such a cancellation, the LOC must reimburse, in full, the entry fee and payments made for accommodation. Should flights have to be cancelled due to the above, the risk is at the charge of the participating member Federations (NF).
- The participating member Federations (NF) may cancel its participation in a specific category without any penalty or payment for fees, accommodation and meals already booked, in case of less than 4 participating countries in that category after the definitive deadlines.
- Procedure and deadlines for the cancellation of a category by the LOC or participation by the NF is as follows:
 - FIG shall inform LOC and NF about the participation, within 5 days after the Definitive registration deadline.
 - LOC and NF have the possibility to cancel the event (in a specific category) respectively their participation within 5 days after information by the FIG. Such notification must be sent by e-mail or fax to the FIG. Cancellations after this deadline will not be accepted.

6. INVITATION

The Organising Member Federation must invite all FIG Member Federations who have paid their annual membership fee for Aerobic Gymnastics, unless it chooses to limit the participation with criteria to be defined by the Organising Member Federation. Those criteria must be approved by the FIG.

The top 8 ranked Federations per category in the qualifications at the previous World Championships must always be given the right to participate.

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.

The maximum size of the invited delegation is as follows

Head of delegation	1
Team Manager (if 4 and more units)	1
(if 8 and more units)	2
Coaches (if 1 units)	1
(if 2 to 7 units)	2
(if 8 and more units)	3
Gymnasts (2 units per category)	26
Medical Doctor	1
Paramedical staff (if 1 to 3 units)	1
(if 4 and more units)	2
Judges	2

A **unit** being an individual gymnast, a pair, a trio or a group

8. REGISTRATION DEADLINES

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

**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 Delegation members concerned will not be authorized to participate.

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

Financial Obligations for the participating Federations

Unless stated differently in the invitation, the invited participating federations pay for their travel, accommodation, meals and entry fees:

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 LOC 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.

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
- TV production costs
- Application fee and deposit to the FIG
- Local travel expenses as well as the accommodation costs incl. breakfast for the AER Technical Delegate
- Travel, accommodation, and meals costs for any invited neutral judges
- 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 shall pay for:

- International travel expenses and the Per Diem, including the Travel Days for the AER 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 federation must pay a minimum prize money per medallist as follows:

<u>For Tournaments Category A:</u>			Total CHF 25'250.-	
Individual Men	Gold	1'500.-	7 x 3'000.-	21'000.-
Individual Women	Silver	1'000.-		
Mixed Pairs	Bronze	500.-		
Trios				
Groups	Gold	500.-	5 x 850.-	4'250.-
	Silver	250.-		
	Bronze	100.-		
<u>For Tournaments Category B:</u>			Total CHF 8'950.-	
Individual Men	Gold	500.-	7 x 850.-	5'950.-
Individual Women	Silver	250.-		
Mixed Pairs	Bronze	100.-		
Trios				
Groups	Gold	300.-	5 x 600.-	3'000.-
	Silver	200.-		
	Bronze	100.-		

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

In case of a tie, the prize money will be added and divided by the number of gymnasts:

1, 1, 3 (prize money for rank 1 and 2 is added and divided by 2)

1, 2, 2, (prize money for rank 2 and 3 is added and divided by 2)

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

11. JURIES

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

The Juries are set up by a draw - directed by the FIG Technical Delegate - from the judges present at the event. Priority will be given to the judges of the highest category.

A jury must consist of one Chair of Judges' Panel, 4 Artistic, 4 Execution and 2 Difficulty judges.

A federation may not have a judge on both the execution and artistic panels. The Chair of Judges' Panel and the difficulty judges should also be from different federations. Only in exceptional situations can the Technical Delegate make the decision to deviate from this.

The CJP must be of Cat. 1.

The Difficulty Judges must be Cat. 1 or 2.

The Execution and Artistic judges must be Cat. 1, 2 or 3.

If, on the day of the competition, there are not sufficient number of judges in the requested categories, the Technical Delegate may take whatever action needed to secure the running of the event.

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

Each participating federation must provide minimum one judge, Cat 1, 2 or 3*. Failure to do so, or if a participating Federation sends a judge with a Cat. 4 (instead of Cat. 1, 2 or 3) will result in a fine of Swiss Francs 2'000.- to be paid to the Organizing Member Federation. This provision must be mentioned in the invitation letter.

*Member Federations who have only Cat. 4 judges are allowed to send a Cat. 4 judge who may be used as Time and Line judge only.

The Organizing Member Federation is responsible that there are 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. The videos or DVDs must be sent to the FIG office within one week after the competition.

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 office within 48 hours after the end of the competition, the video master of the basic feed on any of the following accepted format:

- DigiBeta, format PAL 16:9 tape.
- MOV codec Apple ProRes 422
- MOV codec Apple ProRes 422 HQ
- MOV codec XDCAM HD
- MXF op1a HD mpeg2 with audio
- MXF op1a HD uncompressed with audio

These footage are supplied to FIG free of charge. Production costs and postage are at the cost of the OM. 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 international 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 duly signed by the AER Technical Delegate 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 Cups.

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 Competitions, A and B Category, the Organizing Member Federation has to provide a minimum of 5 doping controls at its own charge.

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

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

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

- Men Individual
- Women Individual
- Mixed Pairs
- Trio
- Groups

For Individual competitors, World Cup Points are assigned to the competitor **by name**.

Mixed Pairs are listed **by name**, but considered **as an entity**. In case of change of partner, the Mixed Pair is considered as a new Pair.

Trios are listed **by name**, but considered **as an entity**. One change of name in a Trio is allowed, but in case of a second change of name, the Trio is considered as a new Trio.

Groups are listed **by Federation**. The World Cup Points are assigned to the Federation. If more than one Group per Federation starts at an event, only the better result will be considered as per the example shown below.

Example of a Ranking list and the assignment of World Cup Points at a Tournament Category A		
1	AUS	50 points
2	RUS 1	45 points assigned to RUS
3	RUS 2	no points assigned
4	GBR	40 points
5	GER 2	35 points assigned to GER
6	FRA 1	30 points
7	GER 1	no points assigned
8	BRA	25 points

The World Cup Points are assigned as follows:

Finals: ranking from 1st to 8th place

Qualifications: ranking from 9th to 16th place

Ranking	Tournaments Cat. A	Tournaments Cat. 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
13	9	4
14	8	3
15	7	2
16	6	1

The gymnasts with same final score will receive the same World Cup points.

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

15. WINNER OF THE ANNUAL WORD SERIES RANKING LIST

The winner of the annual World Cup per category is the individual gymnast / pair / trio / group with the highest number of points of the World Cup 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 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.

After publication of the draw on the FIG website, the member Federation will be given an opportunity to modify the position of their gymnasts' starting order within 3 days by using the official document to be found on FIG website.

(see: Appendix I).

These Rules have been approved by the FIG Executive Committee at its meeting in May 2013.

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Appendix:

Appendix 1: Drawing of lots procedures

Drawing of lots procedures.

The draw will decide the order in which the lot for each team, or gymnast, will be drawn and determine the order in which the team or gymnast will commence to compete in the Competition, both in qualifications and finals.

For the health and safety of gymnasts, FIG has accepted that gymnasts competing in multiple finals require 10 minutes to recover before competing again.

In AER Gymnastics the draw will be adjusted according to this principle. If a gymnast or group compete 7th in one rotation and are drawn in positions 1-3 in the next rotation the new starting position will become 4th. If a gymnast or group compete last in a rotation and are drawn in positions 1-4 in the next rotation the new starting position will be 5th (see FIG T.R 2012 Section 1 Art 4.4)

At the time of the nominative registrations, every Federation must nominate its gymnasts on the FIG online registration.

This nomination must be made in every category, the respective Federation has made at the time of the definitive registration.

Every Federation is asked to nominate its gymnasts in the respective categories (IM, IW, MXP, TRIO and GROUP).

Two weeks after the deadline of the nominative registration, the drawing of lots will be performed.

This drawing of lots will be made by Federation (when 2 units are selected, a number one and a number two will appear in this drawing of lots).

After publication of the draw on the FIG website, the member Federation will be given an opportunity to modify the position of their gymnasts' starting order within 3 days by using the official document to be found on FIG webpage of the event on the FIG Calendar.

This document will allow every Federation to change its gymnasts', pairs', trios' and groups' position (i.e from position one to position two within the Federation).

This document is to be sent back to the FIG office, attention M. Alexandre Cola (acola@fig-gymnastics.org) no later than 3 days after publication of the drawing of lots on the FIG website.

Should no answer be received at the FIG office by the given deadline, the registration made by the respective Federation at the time of the nominative registration, will be considered as approved and final.

Should you have any other questions, please contact the FIG office.