

FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE GYMNASTIQUE



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Rules for the FIG All-Around World Cup Series in Artistic Gymnastics



2012/2013

1. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

The FIG All-Around World Cup Series begins after the World Championships/Olympic Games and ends with the last event in April of the following year.

The 2012/2013 All-Around World Cup Series consists of 6 events. These are 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 Worlds very best gymnasts in a media and public friendly surrounding.

At each event, the gymnasts have the opportunity to win World Cup points which will count towards the All-Around World Cup Ranking List. This All-Around World Cup Ranking List will begin with the 1st event of the Series and will end with the last event of the Series.

2. RIGHTS AND ADVANTAGES OF FIG ALL-AROUND WORLD CUP COMPETITIONS

- Each event will use the official title of "FIG World Cup Competition"
- Each event will contribute points to the All-Around World Cup Ranking List.
- 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).
- 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 Delegates 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 All-Around World Cup Competitions must be received at the FIG Offices by 30th June of the previous year for the following Series. In principle, the All-Around World Cup Competitions for the next Series will be assigned by the FIG Presidential Commission in July of the previous year, (e.g. the events of the 2013/14 Series will be assigned in July 2012). 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 for MAG and WAG.
- World 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 Competition.

- 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 Series. 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 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 must include the name and address of the Host Broadcaster and the name of the person in charge of the production.
- The Organizing Member Federation 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 can not exceed the usual hotel rates.
- The Organizing Member Federation must pay a non-refundable application fee to the FIG of CHF 5'000.-. 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. This deposit must accompany the invitation letter and forms. The deposit will be returned in full, should the FIG decide not to assign a World Cup Competition to the Member Federation. The deposit will also be returned in full after the World Cup Competition, 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 World Cup Competition are changed by the Organizing Member Federation or if the World Cup Competition cannot be organised by the Organizing Member Federation (see also point 12.3 of these Rules).
- Organizing Member Federations of World Cup Competitions will lose their deposit in full if they fail to send competitors (minimum one man and one woman) to all 6 World Cup events, if invited as per the replacement policy in case of withdrawals.
- 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

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
- venue capacity of min. 3'000 to 5'000 seats.

Note: should there not be a minimum of 3 valid applications for the All-Around World Cup Series by the deadline of 30 June, no Artistic Gymnastics All-Around World Cup Series will be held.

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.

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 All-Around World 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

5. COMPETITION FORMAT AND PARTICIPATION

The All-Around World Cup Competitions consist of:

- a "single Final round" competition with no qualifications:
 - Participation is limited to 8 Gymnasts, plus 1 Wild Card, provided the organising member federation has no qualified gymnast (limited to maximum 1 man and 1 woman). Wild Card gymnasts must be named at the time of the closing of the nominative registration.
 - Participation is limited to 2 gymnasts per country.
 - All participating gymnasts are required to compete on all apparatus.
 - "Wild Card Gymnasts" will receive medals and prize money, but they will not receive World Cup Points.
 - The Organising Member Federation is allowed to add "*hors concours*" competitors, maximum one MAG and one WAG. 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, are not eligible to receive World Cup Points, prize money or medals and must not appear on the official results lists.
 - The Wild Card gymnast will have to start first at every rotation, except if an "hors concours" gymnast is participating, in which case the Wild Card gymnast will compete second and the "hors concours" first at every rotation.
 - 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 country or a country of its choice to fill those "empty" places (limited to maximum 2 gymnasts per country). 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.
- FIG Competition II 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 will be divided by 2)

6. INVITATION

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

Places	Participation criteria
Places 1-8	The top 8 ranked gymnasts in C-II at the previous* World Championships / Olympic Games. <i>These places are nominative</i>

The participation of these nominatively qualified gymnasts (places 1-8) 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 does not accept to participate in the All-Around World Cup competition or withdraws, he/she is replaced, in order of priority, as follows:

- by the next ranked gymnast (places 9-12, nominative places) in C-II at the previous* World Championships / Olympic Games. These places must be confirmed as soon as possible, but no later than 2 months (nominative registration) prior to the competition.
- by a gymnast from the best ranked federations in C-IV at the previous* World Championships/Olympic Games. 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. Organisers of World Cup competitions are obliged to send minimum one male and one female competitor to all All-Around World Cup competitions, if invited according to this replacement rule.

** For the All-Around World Cup competitions taking place before the 2012 Olympic Games, the gymnasts' qualification will be based on the 2011 World Championships results and for the World Cup competitions taking place after the 2012 Olympic Games the gymnasts' qualification will be based on the 2012 Olympic Games results.*

In any case, no federation may participate with more than 2 male and 2 female gymnasts (except "Hors Concours" gymnasts).

Note: in the overall interest of All-Around World Cup Series and for unforeseen cases, the FIG Presidential Commission may award an additional "Wild Card" for an exceptional gymnast.

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 delegations is as follows:

Delegation member	Men	Women	Joint
Head of Delegation	1	1	1
Coach (max. 1 per gymnast*)			
Gymnasts (all eligible gymnasts)			
Doctor	1	1	1
Physiotherapist	1	1	1
Judges	1	1	2

*Note:** including Wild card and "hors concours" gymnasts

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.

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.

Late registrations are subject to fines as follows:

Fine for missing the deadline of the Nominative registration or for late registration	CHF 500.-
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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.

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

9.1 A Category

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 OC and approved by the FIG.

The Organizing Member federation must pay minimum for:

- Travel costs for the top 8 ranked gymnasts at the previous World Championships/Olympic Games 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 OC	Accommodation and meals NF	Accommodation and meals OC
Head of Delegation	X		X	
Coach (max. 1 per gymnast)		X		X
Gymnasts (all eligible gymnasts)		X (top 8 WCH/OG)		X
Doctor	X		X	
Physiotherapist	X		X	
Judges	X			X (1 + 1)

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 Organising Member Federations of the Series may agree to contribute to a *jackpot* to be distributed at the end of the Series.

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 OC	Int'l. travel FIG	Accommodation, local travel and meals - OC	FIG	OC
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		

10. PRIZE MONEY

The Organising Member Federation must pay a minimum Prize Money of a total of CHF 100'000.- (50'000.- for Men and Women each).

The Prize Money will be distributed as follows:

<i>Ranking</i>	<i>Amount</i>
1	15'000
2	12'000
3	8'000
4	5'000
5	4'000
6	3'000
7	2'000
8	1'000

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

No prize money, medals and All-Around World Cup Ranking List points will be given, if there are less than 4 participating federations. This provision must be mentioned in the invitation letter.

11. JUDGES' PANELS

Each Judges' Panel must be composed as follows:

- 2 D judges, min. 5 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 OC) 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.

12. MEDIA REQUIREMENTS

12.1 Television

Television coverage is compulsory.

The Organizing Member Federation must guarantee the production of a basic feed (international signal). 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 Belatcam PAL tape. 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 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 the World Cup events are the property of the FIG.

12.2.1 TV Rights for A Category

For the 2012/2013 All-Around World Cup Series, the TV 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. FIG also releases for a period of one year all Internet rights worldwide to each Organizing Member Federation on a non-exclusive basis under the conditions that streaming and downloading video clips shall be granted on a free basis.

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

- each Organizing Member Federation undertakes to provide the FIG Office with a Beta tape copy (Digital Beta PAL Format) of the TV Production within 48 hours after the end of the competition.
- each Organizing Member Federation undertakes to provide the FIG Office with the contact details of the Host-Broadcaster as well as the contact details of the company or person in charge of the International TV Rights Distribution at least three months prior to the event.
- the Organizing Member Federation does not enter into any agreement valid longer than end of April 2013.
- that the Organizing Member Federation submits International TV Rights contracts to the FIG for written approval prior to signature.

For the 2013/2014 Series and onward FIG may, in order to extend the exposure of the All-Around World Cup Series, bundle all TV rights of the 2013/2014 (and future) All-Around World Cup Artistic Gymnastics Series and distribute them as a package (all events together) by the FIG Office or through an agent. The total net revenue of the International television sales will be shared with the Organizing Member Federations on an equal basis.

12.2.2 Marketing Rights

For 2012/2013, 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.

12.3 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 All-Around World Cup Ranking List will be published on the FIG website 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 organizes 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 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 All-Around 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

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.

14. ASSIGNMENT OF WORLD CUP POINTS FOR THE ALL-AROUND WORLD CUP RANKING LIST

Separate Men's and Women's Ranking Lists are established for the All-Around World Cup. This list begins with the first World Cup event of the Series and ends with the last World Cup event of the Series.

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

Rank	Points
1	50
2	45
3	40
4	35
5	30
6	25
7	20
8	15

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

15. WINNER OF THE ALL-AROUND WORLD CUP SERIES

The winner of the All-Around World Cup Series is the gymnast with the highest number of points of the World Cup Series Ranking List after the last event of the Series, counting the four (4) best results.

A special award ceremony must be held at the last All-Around World Cup Competition of the Series in which the All-Around World Cup winner shall receive a Cup.

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

Should the Organising Member Federations decide to create a *jack-pot*, then this jack-pot shall be distributed according to the special rules set up by the Organising Member Federations which must be approved in writing by the FIG.

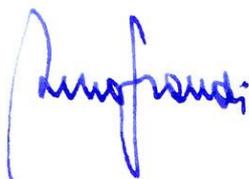
16. DRAWING OF LOTS

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

These Rules have been amended by the FIG Presidential Commission on July 15th, 2011 with authorization of the FIG Executive Committee.

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Procedures for Drawing of Lots - FIG All-Around World Cup competitions

Finals for MAG and WAG (no Qualifications)

- To prepare bowl #1 with the names of the gymnasts, including the "empty places" if any
- 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 (i.e. for MAG FX and for WAG VT)
- FIG Technical Regulations to be followed for the starting order of each rotation on MAG PH-SR-VT-PB-HB* and WAG VT-UB-BB-FX*

*** Note:**

The OC may change the starting order for the last apparatus (i.e. MAG HB and WAG FX) as follows:

- *draw athletes ranked 5-8 after the 5th rotation for MAG and the 3rd rotation for WAG in the 1-4 starting positions for the last MAG and WAG apparatus.*
- *draw athletes ranked 1-4 after the 5th rotation for MAG and the 3rd rotation for WAG in the 5-8 starting positions for the last MAG and WAG apparatus.*

In case of a gymnasts' tie for the draw, the «tie-breaking Rules» used for CI at FIG ART World Championships must be applied as per FIG Technical Regulations.

The TD, in consultation with the OC 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.