

# FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE GYMNASTIQUE



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## 2012 World Cup Rules – major changes and clarifications

This document has been created to highlight the major changes and clarifications in the 2012 World Cup Rules decided by the FIG Presidential Commission on July 15<sup>th</sup> (in comparison to the 2011 World Cup Rules):

### 1. Changes/clarifications valid for all disciplines

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#### 1. List of apparatus (new article)

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.

#### 2. Deposit for Category B World Cups and Challenge Cups

The Organizing Member Federation (also Category B and Challenge Cups) must pay a deposit.

#### 3. Change of dates, etc

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.

#### 4. Tie-breaking rules

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

#### 5. “Hors Concours” and Wild Card Gymnasts

Wild Card and “Hors Concours” gymnasts must be named at the time of the closing of the nominative registration.

Hors concours gymnasts are not eligible to receive World Cup points and prize money and they must not appear on the official results lists.

#### 6. Participation

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

#### 7. Entry fees

If an Organiser want to have entry fees (not compulsory), the amount must be approved by the FIG.

#### 8. Fine for missing judges

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.

#### 9. Video control system (new article)

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.

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### 10. Doping controls

The Organizing Member Federation must provide at its own charge a minimum X controls (different in different disciplines). **Failure to do so will result in the deposit being lost in full.**

### 11. Drawing of lots (new article)

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 (Appendix I).

## 2. Changes/clarifications valid for Artistic Gymnastics

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### 1. 2 separate set of Rules

Due to the decisions related to the All-Around World Cup Series, two different rules for the Artistic Gymnastics World Cup and Challenge Cup Series have been created: 1 for the All-Around Series and 1 for the Individual Apparatus Series.

### 2. Number of E-judges

The number of E-judges at World Cup (Category A) competitions shall be **minimum** 5.

### 3. Drawing of lots

Procedures for the gymnasts' drawing of lots have been established.

## 2.1 Changes/clarifications valid for the ART All-Around World Cup Series

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### 1. Change of the World Cup “season”

It has been decided that the All-Around World Cup Series shall begin after the World Championships/Olympic Games and end with the last event in April of the following year. As a consequence, the 2012 AA World Cup Series has been prolonged to include 2 additional World Cup competitions in 2013 (to be held before 30 April 2013). The 2012/2013 All-Around World Cup Series will include 6 competitions and the gymnasts can count their 4 best results.

### 2. Abolishment of All-Around Category B events

The FIG will no longer organize a World Cup Category B Series (Challenge Cup Series) for All-Around.

### 3. Rule regarding NFs organizing World Cup events (new article)

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.

### 4. Clarifications regarding “Hors Concours” and “Wild Card” gymnasts, etc

- 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.**

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### 5. Gymnasts to be invited

The top 8 ranked gymnasts in C-II at the previous\* World Championships / Olympic Games shall be invited.  
*These places are nominative*

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.

*\* 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.*

### 6. Replacement policy

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.

### 7. Registration deadlines

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:

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. Participation on all apparatus (new article)

All participating gymnasts are required to compete on all apparatus.

### 9. Financial conditions

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)

### 10. Jack-pot (new article)

The Organising Member Federations of the Series may agree to contribute to a *jack-pot* to be distributed at the end of the Series.

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.

## 2.2 Changes/clarifications valid for the ART Individual Apparatus Series

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### 1. Combined Series

The Individual Apparatus Ranking List will be combined for World Cups (Category A) and Challenge Cups (Category B), with more points being attributed at World Cup events.

As a consequence, there will be no promotions or relegations between the World Cup Series / Challenge Series.

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The gymnast with the highest number of points after the last event of the Series will be the Winner of the Series, **counting the best four (4) results**.

### 2. Maximum number of C-III events in the Series

The maximum number of World Cup and Challenge Cup events in total shall be **eight (8)**.

### 3. Criteria for assignment

When assigning organisers of World Cup / Challenge Cup events, the Presidential Commission shall consider whether the event has TV coverage or not.

### 4. Clarifications regarding “Hors Concours” and “Wild Card” gymnasts, etc

#### WORLD CUPS

- Wild Cards for the Organising Member Federation (**limited to maximum 1 man and 1 woman on one apparatus only**) provided the organising member federation has no qualified gymnast at any 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 and prize money **and they must not appear on the official results lists**.
- The Organizing Member Federation is allowed to name a max. of “2 hors concours” competitors in Women’s Artistic Gymnastics and a max. of “2 hors concours” competitors in Men’s Artistic Gymnastics for a total of 4 “hors concours” gymnasts (**while one “hors concours” gymnast can compete on more than one apparatus, the 2 “hors concours” gymnasts cannot compete on the same apparatus**).
- 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 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 first, except if an “hors concours” gymnast is participating on the same apparatus, in which case the Wild Card gymnast will compete second and the “hors concours” gymnast first.

#### CHALLENGE CUPS

- 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.
- 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**).

### 5. Number of finalists

The number of finalists in Challenge Cup events shall be **eight (8)**.

### 6. Gymnasts to be invited – World Cups

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

Places	Participation criteria
Places 1-8	<b>The top 8 ranked gymnasts in C-III at the previous* World Championships / Olympic Games. <i>These places are nominative.</i></b>
Places 9-10	<b>The best 2 gymnasts per apparatus from the 2011 World Cup (Category A) Ranking List for Individual Apparatus (in case of a tie at any of the first 2 places, the tie will not be broken). <i>These places are nominative.</i></b>
Places 11-12	<b>The best 2 gymnasts per apparatus from the 2011 Challenge Cup Ranking List for Individual Apparatus (in case of a tie at any of the first 2 places, the tie will not be broken). <i>These places are nominative.</i></b>

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The participation of these nominatively 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.

### 7. Replacement policy – World Cups

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 9-10 in C-I (on the respective apparatus) at the previous\* World Championships / Olympic Games. 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\* 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.

*\* For the 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.*

### 8. Gymnasts to be invited – Challenge Cups

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 previous\* World Championships / Olympic Games
- ranked 1-8 from the 2011 World Cup (Category A) Ranking List for Individual Apparatus
- ranked 1-8 from the 2011 Challenge Cup Ranking List for Individual Apparatus

### 9. Number of judges – Challenge Cups

A participating federation may send two judges only if confirmed by the FIG and Organising Committee

### 10. Registration deadlines – World Cups

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:

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.*

### 11. Financial conditions – World Cups

The Organizing Member Federation must pay minimum for travel costs for the apparatus medallists at the previous World Championships/ Olympic Games present at the event and their respective coach (1 max. per gymnast)

### 12. Financial conditions – Challenge Cups

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:

- the 2011 World Championships (if the event takes place before the Olympic Games) / 2012 Olympic Games (if the event takes place after the Olympic Games)
- the 2011 World Cup (Category A) Ranking List
- the 2011 Challenge Cup (Category B) Ranking List

## 3. Changes/clarifications valid for Rhythmic Gymnastics

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### 1. Criteria for assignment

When assigning organisers of World Cup / Challenge Cup events, the Presidential Commission shall consider whether the event has TV coverage or not.

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### 2. Gymnasts / Groups to be invited

The current Continental Champions are no longer automatically invited to Category A World Cups.

### 3. Financial conditions for organisers

#### A Tournament

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

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

#### B Tournament

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

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

*\* For the World Cup competitions taking place before the 2012 Olympic Games, the ranking of the 2011 World Championships will be considered and for the World Cup competitions taking place after the 2012 Olympic Games the ranking of the 2012 Olympic Games World Championships will be considered*

### 4. Judges

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

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

## 4. Changes/clarifications valid for Trampoline Gymnastics

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### 1. Number of World Cup competitions

The World Cup Series in Trampoline consists of a minimum of 3 events and a maximum of 6 events.

The World Cup Series in Tumbling consists of a minimum of 3 events and a maximum of 4 events. World Cup competitions should be organized in geographic combination with a maximum of three (3) days in between each World Cup competition.

### 2. Criteria for Approval

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. The World Cup participants must have a dedicated training area (exclusively). The minimum required equipment for Trampoline is: 4 trampolines in case it is a World Cup only; if combined with another event: minimum 6 trampolines are required.

### 3. Competition format

If there are fewer than 8 participating gymnast/pairs and only 1 per federation, a qualification will not be held. However, if a federation has more than 1 participating gymnast or pair, even though there may be less than 8 participants, a qualification must be held.

If there are less than 4 countries in a category, no medals, prize money and World Cup Points will be awarded. The organizing member Federation 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 cancelation, the organizing member Federation must reimburse, in full, the entry fee and payments made for

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accommodation. Should flights have to be cancelled due to the above, the risk is at the charge of the participating member Federations

### 4. Judges

Each participating Federation must provide minimum one judge in each discipline in which they have competitors. Failure to do so, or if a participating Federation sends a judge with Category IV (instead of Category I, II or III), will result in a fine of Swiss Francs 2'000.- to be paid to the organizing member federation.

## 5. Changes/clarifications valid for Acrobatic Gymnastics

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### 1. Criteria for approval

The World Cup participants must have a dedicated training area (exclusively).

### 2. Last competition of the year

The text "Ideally, the last World Cup Competition in a year should be Cat. A" has been deleted

### 3. Competition format

Finals: The top eight pairs or groups per category from the qualifications qualify for the Finals, with no more than 2 pairs or groups per country.

If there are less than 4 countries in a category, no medals, prize money and World Cup Points will be awarded. The organizing member Federation 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 organizing member Federation 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

### 4. Maximum size of delegations

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 5 units)	2
	(if 6 to 8 units)	3
	(if 9 and more units)	4
Gymnasts	(3 units per category)	39
Doctor		1
Physiotherapist	(if 1 to 3 units)	1
	(if 4 and more units)	2
Judges		2 (Category I, II or III)

### 4. Judges

Each participating federation must provide minimum one judge. Failure to do so or if a participating Federation sends a judge Category IV (instead of a Category I, II or III) will result in a fine of Swiss Francs 2'000.- to be paid to the organizing member federation.

## 6. Changes/clarifications valid for Aerobics Gymnastics

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### 1. Criteria for approval

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 competition floors of the same manufacturer and product must be available.

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### 2. Last competition of the year

The text “Ideally, the last World Cup Competition in a year should be Cat. A” has been deleted

### 3. Competition format

If there are less than 4 countries in a category, no medals, prize money and World Cup Points will be awarded. The organizing member Federation 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 cancelation, the organizing member Federation 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

### 4. Gymnasts / federations to be invited

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

### 5. 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.

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.

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.

### 6. Drawing of lots

Procedures for the gymnasts' drawing of lots have been established.

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.

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