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## INTERPRETATION

The following definitions apply in the interpretation of these Statutes:

<b>FIG</b>	<i>Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique</i>
<b>Affiliated Member Federation</b>	Any national Gymnastics federation which has been admitted as member to the FIG with a full membership
<b>Associated Member Federation</b>	Any Gymnastics federation which has been admitted as member to the FIG with restrictive rights
<b>Member Federation</b>	Any national federation which is member of the FIG; it includes both Associated and Affiliated Member Federations
<b>Statutes</b>	Statutes of the FIG
<b>FIG Governing Bodies</b>	Official bodies of the FIG as established at Article 10 of these Statutes
<b>Congress</b>	Congress of the FIG
<b>Council</b>	Council of the FIG
<b>Executive Committee</b>	Executive Committee of the FIG
<b>Technical Committee</b>	Committees of the FIG dealing with “Gymnastics” disciplines except for Gymnastics for All
<b>Gymnastics for All Committee</b>	Committee of the FIG dealing with Gymnastics for All activities
<b>Para Gymnastics Commission</b>	Commission of the FIG dealing with FIG Para Gymnastics
<b>President</b>	President of the FIG
<b>Secretary General</b>	Secretary General of the FIG
<b>Gymnastics Ethics Foundation</b>	Independent Foundation comprising a Safeguarding section, a Disciplinary section and a Compliance section, promoting and supervising ethical principles in gymnastics and dealing with disciplinary and ethics procedures
<b>FIG Official Events</b>	Official events of the FIG as established at Article 27 of these Statutes
<b>Gymnastics</b>	Sports and/or activities of Gymnastics for All, Artistic Gymnastics (Men and Women), Rhythmic Gymnastics, Trampoline Gymnastics, Acrobatic Gymnastics, Aerobic Gymnastics and Parkour and Para Gymnastics; unless specified otherwise in these Statutes, the term “gymnastics” comprises all disciplines, including virtual/electronic forms of gymnastics
<b>Gymnast/Athlete</b>	Any person participating in any of the activities described under “Gymnastics”
<b>Discipline</b>	Any of the sports and/or activities defined in “Gymnastics”

<b>Gymnastics for All (GfA)</b>	Gymnastics without or with competitions (World <i>Gymnaestrada</i> without competition) of a recreational nature covering a wide range of gymnastic activities
<b>Artistic Gymnastics (ART) (MAG/WAG)</b>	Competitive Gymnastics performed on different pieces of apparatus
<b>Rhythmic Gymnastics (RG)</b>	Competitive Gymnastics performed using different hand apparatus
<b>Trampoline Gymnastics (TRA)</b>	Competitive Gymnastics performed on the trampoline, double mini trampoline and tumbling track
<b>Acrobatic Gymnastics (ACRO)</b>	Competitive Gymnastics performed without apparatus by pairs or groups
<b>Aerobic Gymnastics (AER)</b>	Competitive gymnastics' discipline based on the performance of variety of AMP (Aerobic Movement Patterns) continuously to the music, which originates from traditional aerobic exercises
<b>Parkour (PK)</b>	Competitive sport (outdoors and indoors) consisting of using urban equipment for a timed run or a run with style
<b>Para Gymnastics</b>	Competitive Gymnastics performed on different pieces of apparatus for those gymnasts with approved Para classification
<b>Organiser</b>	The responsible for the organisation of any of the official events of the FIG
<b>Code of Ethics</b>	Code of Ethics of the FIG as in force from time to time
<b>Code of Discipline</b>	Code of Discipline of the FIG as in force from time to time
<b>Technical Regulations</b>	Regulations for the determination and observance of the technical requirements of the FIG
<b>Gymnastics for All Manual</b>	Manual to ensure control, excellent preparation, and management of Gymnastics for All events, comprising the World <i>Gymnaestrada</i> Rules and the Gym for Life Challenge Rules
<b>Codes of Points</b>	Rules prepared by the respective Technical Committees/ Para Gymnastics Commission to provide an objective means of evaluating Gymnastics exercises at all levels of regional, national, and international competitions, identify the best gymnast/athlete in any competition, and guide coaches and gymnasts/athletes in the composition of competition exercises
<b>FIG Rules or Regulations</b>	Statutes, rules, regulations, codes, guidelines and decisions issued by the FIG
<b>FIG Procedural Regulations</b>	Procedural regulations as established at Appendix 1.
<b>Continental Union</b>	Group of Member Federations that are affiliated in a determined continent
<b>Regional Group</b>	Group of Member Federations that belong to the same region

<b>Annual Membership Fee</b>	non-refundable fee that a Member Federation must pay to the FIG as a condition of its admission or retention of its membership
<b>Extraordinary Events</b>	as established at Article 13.3 of these Statutes
<b>Safeguarding</b>	Any and all actions, policies and procedures adopted or implemented within the FIG to protect everyone in Gymnastics from any form of non-accidental violence, including harassment, abuse and neglect

Please note that:

Words referring to natural persons are applicable to both genders.

Words referring to the singular number shall include the plural number and vice versa.

# CHAPTER I

## NAME, HEADQUARTERS AND OBJECTIVES

### ARTICLE 1 – NAME AND HEADQUARTERS

#### Art. 1.1 Name

The *Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique* (“FIG”) is the sole and exclusive world governing body for the disciplines of Gymnastics. The FIG is made up of the Member Federations that are affiliated and/or associated with it and recognised by it as the governing bodies of Gymnastics in their respective countries.

It is a non-for-profit association established for an unlimited period of time and governed by Article 60 *et seq.* of the Swiss Civil Code.

The FIG is recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC); it is member of the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF) and a signatory of the World Anti-Doping Code issued by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).

The FIG may promote, market, and develop all or part of its activities under various trademarks, trade names, logos, and other symbols, including but not limited to the designation “World Gymnastics”.

#### Art. 1.2 Headquarters

The official headquarters and the management of the FIG are in Lausanne, Switzerland. A majority of three-quarters (3/4) of the valid votes cast at the Congress is necessary to make any changes to this provision.

### ARTICLE 2 – OBJECTIVES

#### Art. 2.1 Objectives

The objectives of the FIG are:

1. to govern the sport of Gymnastics internationally,
2. to promote and develop the sport of Gymnastics at all levels worldwide, considering evolving community needs, fostering inclusion and innovation to enhance the sport and stimulate wider participation,
3. to codify the rules of Gymnastics at the international level,
4. to coordinate efforts for safe and healthy physical and moral development in gymnastics and the practice of all sports activities relating to it,
5. to fight against all forms of doping, of violence and of sports injustice,
6. to respect and implement the World Anti-Doping Code including the International Standards issued by WADA and to protect clean gymnasts/athletes,
7. to organise the FIG Official Events and supervise the Gymnastics’ events of the Olympic Games, the Youth Olympic Games and any other multisport Games,
8. to support efforts to enhance operational effectiveness, economic efficiency and environmental sustainability within its own structure as well as for the FIG Official Events organised by its member federations,
9. to contribute and to consolidate friendship amongst gymnasts of all nations,
10. to assist in the formation and work of Continental Unions and Regional Groups by maintaining effective liaison and communication,

11. to assist, through co-operation and Olympic Solidarity, in the formation of national federations in countries where Gymnastics has not been developed,
12. to further the principles of the Olympic Movement,
13. to respect the IOC Olympic Charter and the IOC Code of Ethics including its implementing provisions, in particular the Rules Concerning Conflicts of Interest Affecting the Behaviour of Olympic Parties as well as the Basic Universal Principles of good Governance of the Olympic and Sports Movement and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions,
14. to safeguard gymnasts/athletes and other participants in Gymnastics from any kind of harassment and abuse.

To fulfil these objectives, the FIG is empowered to incorporate and operate entities or structures, such as joint ventures, subsidiaries, affiliates, or charitable foundations, to enhance its capabilities and effectiveness. Additionally, the FIG is authorized to undertake any actions deemed necessary or incidental to achieving its objectives.

## **Art. 2.2 Non-discrimination and human rights**

The FIG does not advocate, support or practice any form of discrimination on any grounds such as race, skin colour, ethnic, gender, sexual orientation, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth, disability, physical attributes, athletic ability or any other reason; the Federation does not permit any violation of human rights amongst its members. FIG respects and follows the UN universal declaration of human rights and the UN's Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) in all its affairs.

In relations amongst themselves, and within their own activities, Member Federations and their members must conform to the requirements of fair-play, equality for all, non-discrimination and must always comply with the Code of Ethics.

The FIG may take any appropriate measure to protect the sport of Gymnastics against any form of discrimination and/or any violation of human rights committed by Member Federations, its officials, judges and/or gymnasts/athletes.

# **CHAPTER II MEMBERSHIP**

## **ARTICLE 3 – DEFINITION**

Membership in the FIG, by national federations, consists either of affiliated membership or associated membership.

## **ARTICLE 4 – ADMISSION**

### **Art. 4.1 Application**

Each national Gymnastics organisation wishing to affiliate or associate with the FIG must apply in writing to the Secretary General. It must commit, in writing, to respect the FIG Rules.

### **Art. 4.2 Requirements**

Only one (1) national federation is recognised in each country and this national federation must be recognised officially by the national governmental authority responsible for Physical Education and/or Sport (e.g., National Sports Committee, National Association of Sports Federations) and by the National Olympic Committee (NOC).



In this context, the term “country” shall refer to an independent state recognised by the international community and having its NOC recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC). This provision shall not affect the status of national federations which are already members of the FIG.

In response to its application, the concerned federation will receive from the FIG Office the necessary official application form. This document, duly completed, must be returned to the Secretary General at least five (5) months before the beginning of the Congress – respectively the Council – together with the following:

1. the statutes of the applicant federation, in English, together with an undertaking to keep the FIG informed of any changes which might be made after the affiliation or association to the FIG. The statutes shall abide by the FIG Rules and Regulations, the IOC Olympic Charter and the IOC Code of Ethics and the World Anti-Doping Code.
2. a certificate, signed by the national governmental authority responsible for Physical Education and/or Sport authorising the application to be submitted;
3. a certificate, signed by the National Olympic Committee recognised by the IOC, authorising the application to be submitted;
4. a detailed report on the structure of the organisation and its activities in the field of Gymnastics, including a development plan;
5. a written commitment to communicate to the FIG, subject to the applicant’s full compliance with all applicable privacy and data protection laws, the identity of any person member of or related in any way to the applicant convicted by any judicial or disciplinary authority for any kind of harassment and abuse in relationship with any Gymnastics activities.

Furthermore, the federation must have a minimum of three (3) gymnastics clubs and twenty (20) gymnasts/athletes. The Executive Committee may consider at its discretion, an application to affiliate or associate from a federation having less than three (3) clubs where the national population is small.

#### **Art. 4.3 Examination of the application**

Any application for admission is examined by the Executive Committee which, if necessary, could appoint a person conducting the inquiry. The investigation will be specific to the Gymnastics activity in the applicant country.

#### **Art. 4.4 Acceptance of the application and Provisional Admission**

Federations shall be admitted as affiliated members only by the Congress by a two-thirds (2/3) majority.

Awaiting final admission, the Council may grant provisional membership to the applicant federation subject to the respect of the FIG requirements for affiliation.

Provisionally affiliated Member Federations are entitled to participate in the FIG Official Events.

Federations shall be admitted as associated members by the Council by a two-thirds (2/3) majority.

Awaiting final admission, the Executive Committee may grant provisional membership to the applicant Federation subject to the respect of the FIG requirements for association.

Member Federations which are definitely admitted before 30 June in any year must pay the Annual Membership in its entirety. If admission has occurred after 30 June, half of the Annual Membership Fee is due.

#### **Art. 4.5 Attendance at the Congress**

A representative of the applicant organisation may attend the Congress in the capacity of “observer” to state, if needed, the reason and background of the application. .

## **ARTICLE 5 – RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBER FEDERATIONS**

### **Art. 5.1 Rights of Member Federations**

Affiliated Member Federations are entitled to:

1. vote at the Congress;
2. submit proposals to the Congress;
3. make nominations for the elected positions as prescribed by the Statutes;
4. participate in the FIG Official Events;
5. host FIG events and competitions.

Associated Member Federations do not have any of the above-mentioned rights. However, they will receive all the information and documents addressed to the Affiliated Member Federations.

### **Art. 5.2 Obligations of Member Federations**

Affiliated Member Federations shall have the following obligations towards the FIG:

1. fulfil their financial obligations, including the payment of the Annual Membership Fee;
2. accept and fully comply with the FIG Rules;
3. execute the decisions issued by the FIG Governing Bodies and by the Gymnastics Ethics Foundation;
4. promote and develop the sport of Gymnastics in their country;
5. participate in the FIG events and competitions;
6. hold regularly elections in accordance with their constitution and inform the FIG about them;
7. manage their internal affairs with independence and ensure that no third party interferes in their management and operations;
8. remain in good standing and inform the FIG about any developments regarding Gymnastics in their country;
9. communicate to the FIG Office, subject to the federation's full compliance with all applicable privacy and data protection laws, the identity of any member convicted of harassment and/or abuse in relation with any Gymnastics activities by any judicial or disciplinary authority;
10. safeguard gymnasts/athletes and other participants in Gymnastics from any kind of harassment and abuse.

For the avoidance of doubt, a Member Federation in good standing means a member that has fulfilled all its obligations, including financial obligations which are due and payable, towards the FIG and has not been expelled or suspended.

Associated Member Federations have all the above-mentioned obligations, except those indicated at Art. 5.2 (5).

## **ARTICLE 6 – CHANGE OF MEMBERSHIP STATUS AND RESIGNATION**

Federations may request a change of membership status from affiliated member to associated member or vice versa. Such requests must be addressed, in writing, to the Secretary General.

### **Art. 6.1 Change from Associated Member to Affiliated Member**

In the case of a change from associated to affiliated Member Federation, the request must meet the same requirements as required for the new members.

The affiliated status is granted by the Congress by a two-thirds (2/3) majority.

Awaiting for Congress decision, the Council may grant provisional membership to the applicant Federation subject to the respect of the FIG requirements for affiliation.

#### **Art. 6.2 Change from Affiliated Member to Associated Member**

The associated status is granted by the Council by a two-thirds (2/3) majority.

Awaiting for Council decision, requests from Member Federations that have satisfied all their obligations, including the payment of any debts towards the FIG, who wish to change from affiliated member to associated member, can be provisionally approved by the Executive Committee.

#### **Art. 6.3 Resignation**

Any Member Federation having respected its obligations to the FIG, including the payment of any debts, and wishing to resign its membership, must inform the Secretary General by registered letter. Once the Council has taken note of the resignation, all Member Federations will be informed by the Secretary General.

In case of resignation, the Member Federation has to pay the Annual Membership Fee in its entirety.

### **ARTICLE 7 – SUSPENSION**

#### **Art. 7.1 Suspension of a Member Federation for Financial Reasons**

Any Member Federation defaulting with the payment of its membership fees or financial obligations towards the FIG shall be automatically suspended after thirty (30) days following the first reminder sent by the Secretary General. In case of a suspension, Article 7.3 hereunder shall immediately enter into force.

#### **Art. 7.2 Suspension of a Member Federation for Other than Financial Reasons**

Member Federations may be suspended for other reasons than financial default by the FIG or by the Gymnastics Ethics Foundation.

In case of internal conflicts, a Member Federation can be suspended by the Gymnastics Ethics Foundation upon submission of the President and/or the Secretary General until the conflict has been settled between the parties concerned or by a decision of the Court.

#### **Art. 7.3 Consequences of Suspension**

The consequences of suspension for an Affiliated Member Federation are the following:

1. no voting right at the Congress
2. no right to make proposals or nominations for office
3. no participation in, or right to organise any FIG Official Events and events of the Continental Unions or Regional Groups
4. no participation in events or activities with other affiliated Member Federations.

For the Associated Member Federation, the consequence of suspension is the suspension of all the rights granted.

#### **Art. 7.4 Reinstatement**

In case of suspension for financial reasons, the Member Federation shall reinstate its position, except for the right to vote and the right to submit proposals and/or bids for the next Congress, by payment of any amounts outstanding, plus a fine of ten percent (10 %).

The Member Federation concerned shall be fully reinstated in its rights after the Congress provided that it meets all the requirements about its financial obligations at the latest before the start of the Congress.

In case of suspension for other than financial reasons, the FIG or the Gymnastics Ethics Foundation shall determine the conditions of the reinstatement of the Member Federation.

Unless otherwise provided in the Statutes, the Executive Committee shall be informed of the reinstatement of the Member Federation.

## **ARTICLE 8 – EXPULSION**

### **Art. 8.1 Reasons for Expulsion**

Any Member Federation can be expelled by the FIG for one of the following reasons:

1. serious breach of the Statutes and/or FIG Regulations, or any decisions rendered by the FIG or by the Gymnastics Ethics Foundation;
2. serious breach of the IOC Olympic Charter or the IOC Code of Ethics, including its implementing provisions or the World Anti-Doping Code, including the International Standards issued by WADA;
3. serious prejudicial action against the FIG or any of its Member Federations;
4. complete disinterest in the activities of the FIG;
5. inappropriate words, gestures and/or acts by gymnasts/athletes/ coaches/judges/officials towards the FIG or towards any of its Member Federations, gymnasts/ athletes/ coaches/ judges/ officials;
6. failure to fulfil its financial obligations to the FIG or to any of its Member Federations;
7. failure to fulfil its contractual obligations to the FIG (e.g. in the organisation of events);
8. involvement in illegal activity;
9. failure to comply with anti-doping policies and/or measures;
10. unjustifiable failure to honour its agreements with other Member Federations (e.g. failure to fulfil competition arrangements)
11. failure to communicate to the FIG Office, subject to the federation's full compliance with all applicable privacy and data protection laws, the identity of any member convicted of harassment and or abuse in relationship with or to any Gymnastics activities by any judicial or disciplinary authority;
12. failure to safeguard gymnasts/athletes and other participants in Gymnastics from any kind of harassment and abuse

### **Art. 8.2 Process of Expulsion**

The expulsion of a Member Federation, for any of the reasons set out above, may be determined by the Congress (except for point 6) at the request of the Gymnastics Ethics Foundation (Disciplinary Section).

A Member Federation excluded from the FIG is not entitled to participate in any activity within the FIG or within the Continental Unions or Regional Groups.

### **Art. 8.3 Expulsion by the Congress**

With the exception of the provision made in Article 8.4, expulsion may be determined only by the Congress.

#### **Art. 8.4 Expulsion by the Council**

Where a Member Federation, suspended for financial reasons, has not reinstated its position, the Council may pronounce expulsion after two (2) years from the first reminder sent by the Secretary General.

#### **ARTICLE 9 – RE-ADMISSION**

A national federation wishing to be readmitted to the FIG must meet the same requirements and follow the same procedure as for the admission of a new Member Federation.

If a national federation has been expelled for financial reasons, it must pay any amounts outstanding, plus a fine of 10 % (ten percent) before re-admission can be considered.

Five (5) years after the expulsion for financial reasons, the debt shall be written off.

## **CHAPTER III ORGANISATION OF THE FIG**

#### **ARTICLE 10 - GOVERNING BODIES**

The governance structure of the FIG which operates for the purposes of the control and administration comprises the following bodies:

1. The Congress
2. The Council
3. The Executive Committee
4. The President
5. The Presidential Commission
6. The Secretary General
7. The Technical Committees and the Gymnastics for All Committee and the Para Gymnastics Commission
8. The Athletes' Commission
9. The internal Auditors

#### **ARTICLE 11 – CONGRESS**

##### **Art. 11.1 Function and Composition**

The Congress is the general assembly and the supreme legislative authority of the FIG.

It is composed of the Affiliated Member Federations represented by of their authorised delegates.

The Congress is held according to these Statutes, and FIG Procedural Regulations (Appendix 1).

##### **Art. 11.2 Duties and Responsibilities**

The duties and responsibilities of the Congress are the following:

1. to acknowledge the following biannual reports from:
  - a) the President (in particular, the activities of the Council and the Executive Committee)
  - b) the Presidents of the Technical Committees, the President of the Para Gymnastics Commission and the President of the Gymnastics for All Committee
  - c) the Presidents of the Continental Unions
  - d) the FIG Foundation for Solidarity
  - e) the Gymnastics Ethics Foundation

2. to deal with the following financial matters:
  - a) the approval of the quadrennial financial plan
  - b) the approval of the financial statements for the preceding two (2) years
  - c) the approval of the two (2) internal Auditors' report and the external Auditors' report for the preceding two (2) years
3. approval of the Annual Membership Fee any other financial obligations towards the FIG
4. to admit Affiliated Member Federations and expulse Member Federations
5. to elect (every four (4) years)
  - a) the President
  - b) three (3) Vice-Presidents
  - c) seven (7) members of the Executive Committee
  - d) seven (7) Presidents of each Technical Committee and the President of Gymnastics for All Committee
  - e) six (6) members of each Technical Committee and of the Gymnastics for All Committee
  - f) two (2) internal Auditors
6. to appoint the external Auditor (every four (4) years)
7. to allocate the next Congress
8. to consider and decide on the proposals submitted by the FIG Governing Bodies and the affiliated Member Federations
9. to approve and amend the Statutes and the Code of Ethics
10. to grant Honorary Awards.

### **Art. 11.3 Agenda**

The Executive Committee shall establish the agenda for the Congress.

The Congress agenda shall include the following items:

1. formal opening of the Congress
2. confirmation of delegations
3. formation of Voting Office
4. approval of agenda (including additions and amendments if any)
5. approval of Minutes of the previous Congress
6. presentation of the reports from:
  - a) the President
  - b) the Presidents of the Technical Committees and the Gymnastics for All Committee and the Para Gymnastics Commission
  - c) the Presidents of the Continental Unions
  - d) the FIG Foundation for Solidarity
  - e) the Gymnastics Ethics Foundation
7. the financial matters:
  - a) the approval of the quadrennial financial plan for the subsequent Olympic cycle
  - b) the approval of the financial statements for the preceding two (2) years
  - c) the approval of the internal Auditors' report and the external Auditor's report for the preceding two (2) years
  - d) the approval of membership fees and any other financial obligations towards the FIG for the four (4) years of the following Olympic cycle
8. admission, resignation, suspension and expulsion of Member Federations
9. elections (every four (4) years):

- a) President
  - b) Vice Presidents
  - c) Members of the Executive Committee
  - d) Presidents of the Technical Committees and the Gymnastics for All Committee
  - e) additional members of the Council
  - f) Technical Committees and Gymnastics for All Committee members
  - g) the internal Auditors
10. appointment of the external Auditor (every four (4) years)
  11. allocation of the next Congress
  12. consideration and decision on the propositions submitted by the FIG Governing Bodies and the Member Federations
  13. Honorary Awards
  14. Miscellaneous.

#### **Art. 11.4 Meeting**

The ordinary Congress is held biennially during even years. In the year of the Olympic Games the Congress will be held after the Games.

Upon the approval of the Executive Committee, the Congress may be held by teleconference, by videoconference, by another means of communication or a combination thereof. In such cases, the Congress may vote by correspondence, including email or other electronic means.

If the Executive Committee considers that special circumstances make it impossible for the Congress to be held at a date, period or venue already decided upon, it is entitled to take such decisions that it will deem necessary, including the postponement of the Congress or the selection of an alternative venue for its holding.

The Congress will decide the date and the venue of the next Congress. Member Federations interested in organising the upcoming Congress shall make an official submission.

The FIG must hold an extraordinary Congress at any time:

- at the request of the Executive Committee
- at the written request of at least one-fifth (1/5) of the Member Federations acting together.

The request shall specify the items for the agenda and must be signed by all the Presidents and General Secretaries of the Member Federations requiring the meeting. The Congress shall be called within the shortest time possible but no later than four (4) months following the receipt of the request.

The Member Federations requesting to hold an extraordinary Congress shall undertake the organisation and costs for this extraordinary Congress. By exception, the extraordinary Congress may decide by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote that FIG will reimburse the organisation's costs when considering the holding of such a meeting was justified. The FIG will bear the costs when the meeting is held at the request of the Executive Committee.

The Secretary General shall be responsible for recording the minutes at the Congress.

#### **Art. 11.5 Voting Office**

The Voting Office at a Congress is composed of four (4) to eight (8) delegates elected by the Congress and a member of the Executive Committee who acts as the Chair.

#### **Art. 11.6 Quorum**

A resolution may be validly voted only when two-fifth (2/5) of the Member Federations are present, except where the Congress is dealing with the proposed dissolution of the FIG.

### **Art. 11.7 Right to vote**

Only the accredited representatives of the Affiliated Member Federations, except the members of the FIG Governing Bodies, may vote. In case of exceptional circumstances, members of the FIG Governing Bodies may vote on behalf their federation with the agreement of the simple majority of the Congress.

All elections must be made by secret ballot.

For elections, each Affiliated Member Federation has one (1) vote.

In other cases, an Affiliated Member Federation has one (1) additional vote (to a maximum of three (3) votes) for each Olympic discipline and for Gymnastics for All in which it has participated at an international level during the last four (4) years (Olympic Games, World Championships, Youth Olympic Games, Junior World Championships, World *Gymnaestrada* or World Gym for Life Challenge).

### **Art. 11.8 Voting Majorities**

The word “majority” in the present context (with the exception of the reference to the “Dissolution of the FIG”) refers to valid votes cast and does not take into account, for the purpose of calculating the majority, abstentions or invalid votes.

Except for the specific cases mentioned below, a simple majority of the valid votes cast is sufficient for decisions to be valid.

Qualified majorities are required for the following specific purposes:

Dissolution of the FIG	Four-fifth (4/5) of the Member Federations
Transfer of the FIG Office	Three-quarter (3/4) of the valid votes cast
Admission of new Affiliated Member Federation(s) or re-admission	Two-third (2/3) of the valid votes cast
Expulsion of Member Federation(s)	Two-third (2/3) of the valid votes cast
Increase in subscriptions and fees	Two-third (2/3) of the valid votes cast
Revision of Statutes	Two-third (2/3) of the valid votes cast
Additional items on the agenda of the Congress	Two-third (2/3) of the valid votes cast

### **Art. 11.9 Chair**

The President chairs the Congress. At any time, the President may authorise one (1) of the Vice Presidents to chair the Congress. The President may also delegate the chairing of a meeting or a session of the Congress to the Secretary General.

In the President’s absence, the Executive Committee must appoint one (1) of the Vice Presidents or, if it is not possible, one (1) of the Executive Committee members, to chair the Congress.

### **Art. 11.10 Effective dates of decisions**

The decisions taken by the Congress are final and come into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> January of the year following the close of the Congress, unless the Congress decides otherwise.

### **Art. 11.11 Terms of Office of the persons elected by the Congress**

The President, Vice-Presidents as well as all the members of the Executive Committee, the Council, the Technical Committees, the Gymnastics for All Committee and the two (2) internal Auditors are elected by the ordinary Congress in the year of the Olympic Games. The elected members take up



their function on 1<sup>st</sup> January of the year following their election and will remain in office until 31<sup>st</sup> December of the fourth year or until the next electoral Congress.

The number of mandates of the above-mentioned members is limited to three (3) (i.e. complete mandates and in the same function). After three (3) mandates, a member may be a candidate for another function (e.g. an Executive Committee member may be a candidate for the function of Vice-President or President).

The total duration of all functions, with or without interruption, is maximum twenty-four (24) years.

## **ARTICLE 12 – COUNCIL**

### **Art. 12.1 Function and Composition**

The Council is the second highest authority of the FIG and is composed of the following forty-six (46) members, as follows:

Twenty-one (21) members elected during the Congress by the Continental Unions and twenty-five (25) “*ex-officio*” members which include:

- the President
- the three (3) Vice-Presidents
- the other seven (7) members of the Executive Committee
- seven (7) Presidents of the Technical Committees and the President (1) of the Gymnastics for All Committee
- five (5) Presidents of the Continental Unions
- the President (1) of the Athletes’ Commission

### **Art. 12.2 Duties and Responsibilities**

The duties and responsibilities of the Council are the following:

1. to ensure that the decisions of the Congress are properly implemented
2. to ratify the decisions of the Executive Committee when required
3. to allocate the World Championships (4 years prior to the event), the Junior World Championships (4 years prior to the event), the World *Gymnaestrada* and the World Gym for Life Challenge (5 years prior to the event)
4. to allocate the next Council meeting (1 year prior to the event)
5. to submit propositions to the Congress for the protection, advancement and viability of the FIG
6. to deal with membership:
  - a) to provisionally admit affiliated Member Federations
  - b) to admit associated Member Federations
  - c) to expel Member Federations suspended for financial reasons after two (2) years
7. to appoint a replacement of a member of the Executive Committee in case of vacancy until the next Congress
8. to revise and approve:
  - a) the Technical Regulations and the Gymnastics for All Manual
  - b) the Code of Discipline
9. to approve the annual financial statements, budget and competition fees
10. to acknowledge:
  - a) the reports from the President

- b) the reports from the internal and external Auditors
11. to make a decision, in all exceptional cases, whether the organisation of the Council meeting, World Championships, Junior World Championships, World *Gymnaestrada* and Gym for Life Challenge shall continue, be held elsewhere or be withdrawn. It may act similarly in the event of non-compliance with the FIG Rules.

### **Art. 12.3 Meeting**

The Council shall meet once a year, on a date and at a venue to be determined by its own decision. The meetings of the Council are not open to the public.

Notice of the date and venue for the meeting shall be given to each Council member at least two (2) months in advance, except in the case of an emergency. Notice of the meeting shall be:

1. in writing;
2. specifying the date, place and time of the meeting;
3. specifying the details of any technology which will be used as a mean of conducting and holding the meeting;
4. specifying the matter to be covered at such meeting.

Notice may be given to each Council member by post, telephone, or any other electronic means.

### **Art. 12.4 Quorum and voting**

The Council can make decisions only when at least half of the members are present.

Decisions are made by simple majority of the members present, except in case of changes in the Technical Regulations and admission of a new Associated Member Federation that require a two-thirds (2/3) majority.

Each member has one (1) vote. The President has a deciding vote which he may exercise in the case of a tie. Should the President refrain from voting in case of a tie, the proposition in question is not adopted.

Council members are not allowed to vote for the allocation of an FIG event if their Member Federations are candidates to organise such event.

### **Art. 12.5 Chair**

The President chairs the meetings. The President may authorise one (1) of the Vice-Presidents to chair at any particular time for any meeting. The President may also delegate the chairing of a meeting to the Secretary General.

If the President is absent, the Council shall appoint one (1) of the Vice-Presidents, or if not possible, one (1) of the members of the Council, to preside.

### **Art. 12.6 Proposals**

The Affiliated Member Federations have the right to submit proposals and bids for the organisation of events (Council, World Championships, Junior World Championships and World *Gymnaestrada* / World Gym for Life Challenge) in accordance with the FIG Procedural Regulations.

Once published by the FIG, the applying Affiliated Member Federation is not allowed to change the conditions of its bid for the organisation of events.

Any proposal made by any Affiliated Member Federation and refused by the Council cannot be resubmitted to the next meeting, unless the Executive Committee endorses it.

## **Art. 12.7 Changes in the Technical Regulations**

The Technical Regulations related to the Olympic disciplines cannot be modified less than two (2) years before the Olympic Games, except for emergency cases.

The amendments made the year prior to the Olympic Games and the year of the Olympic Games will come into effect the year after the Olympic Games only.

## **Art. 12.8 Vacancies**

If absent, a member cannot be represented at a meeting by another designated individual.

If a position on the Council becomes vacant, it will be filled by the non-elected candidate from the continent concerned who received the highest number of votes at the preceding Congress. If there is only one (1) candidate for the continent concerned, the Continental Union must designate a successor member who meets the selection criteria provided for in these Statutes.

Unless otherwise provided for in these Statutes, if a “*ex-officio*” member should vacate office before the termination of the period of office of the Council, his or her position will be assumed by the successor.

## **ARTICLE 13 – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

### **Art. 13.1 Function and Composition**

The Executive Committee is in charge of administration and financial management under the general direction and authority of the Council.

The Executive Committee is composed of the following twenty-five (25) members, as follows:  
eleven (11) elected members:

- the President
- three (3) Vice-Presidents
- seven (7) other members elected by the Congress

fourteen (14) “*ex-officio*” members:

- seven (7) Presidents of the Technical Committees and the President (1) of the Gymnastics for All Committee
- five (5) Presidents of the Continental Unions
- the President (1) of the Athletes’ Commission

### **Art. 13.2 Duties and Responsibilities**

The duties and responsibilities of the Executive Committee are the following:

1. to ensure that the decisions of the Congress and Council are properly implemented;
2. to appoint, upon proposal of the President, the Secretary General ;
3. to develop and approve all the rules and guidelines which are not within the competence of the Congress or Council;
4. to ratify:
  - a. propositions of the Commissions
  - b. urgent decisions of the Presidential Commission;
5. to supervise and control the work of the FIG Office;
6. to approve the financial rules, the financial statements, the budgets and regular reports on the financial position of the FIG;
7. to propose to the Council competition fees to be paid by the events organising Federations;

8. to report financial matters to the Council;
9. to endorse and approve negotiations and contracts on behalf of the FIG;
10. to make:
  - a. recommendations to the Council about World Championships, Junior World Championships, World *Gymnaestrada* and World Gym for Life Challenge
  - b. any decision, such as the transfer of the organisation of an event to another Federation, in case of withdrawal of the organising federation or of the relevant authority;
  - c. assignments and arrangements for other events;
  - d. recommendations to the Congress for Honorary Awards of the FIG;
  - e. necessary decisions in cases where there are no existing rules and to report this at the next meeting of the Council;
11. to approve the Code of Points for all disciplines;
12. to prepare the meetings of the Congress and Council;
13. to make a decision, in all exceptional cases, whether the organisation of a FIG event shall continue, be held elsewhere or be withdrawn. It may act similarly in the event of non-compliance with the FIG Rules;
14. to approve changes of sport nationality;
15. to take any necessary action to deal with matters of an urgent nature;
16. to provisionally admit Associated Member Federations;
17. to approve reports to be submitted to the Council
18. to exercise all powers not reserved by these Statutes to another FIG Governing Body.

### **Art. 13.3 Extraordinary Events**

In case of occurrence of events or circumstances of exceptional nature which are out-side the control of FIG (such as terrorism, riot, civil unrest, war (regardless of whether declared or not), strike, nuclear or chemical contamination, epidemic, etc.) (the “**Extraordinary Event**”) resulting in the safe and/or regular conduct of activities of FIG or sanctioned by it, notably, but without limitation, the conduct of activities of bodies/commissions of the Member Federations and/or the organization (including preparation thereof) of and/or the participation to events and/or competitions hosted and/or sanctioned by the FIG (the “**FIG Activities**”), being made impossible, objectively endangered, or, in the reasonable judgment of the Executive Committee, not reasonably possible or appropriate under adequate conditions given the circumstances, the Executive Committee may decide exceptional protective measures aiming at preserving the safe, peaceful and regular conduct of the FIG Activities.

The protective measures may include the temporary suspension of:

- (a) the exercise of rights of Member Federations representing countries that caused or contributed to or are otherwise relevantly involved in the Extraordinary Event; and/or
  - (b) persons who are affiliated to the Member Federations referred in the above lit. a and/or citizens of the concerned countries, to the extent they are participating in the FIG Activities (including without limitation persons who are elected or appointed as members of the bodies/commissions of the federation, gymnasts/athletes, officials, support personnel)
- (collectively referred to as the “**Concerned Parties**”).

The protective measures are issued irrespective of any violations by the Concerned Parties of their respective specific obligations under these Statutes and/or other rules of the FIG.

Without limitation, the protective measures may include restrictions to or exclusion of the right granted to any third party to organise (including for the avoidance of doubt cancellation/removal of

already scheduled FIG Activities) and/or restrictions to or exclusion of the right to participate thereto by the Concerned Parties.

Protective and preventive measures may be maintained by the Executive Committee (as issued or as amended from time to time) as long as reasonably required by the circumstances. They shall be lifted, partially or totally, as soon as reasonably adequate in view of the evolution of the circumstances having led to the issuance of the measures.

#### **Art. 13.4 Meeting**

Apart from the meeting held before the Congress and the Council, the Executive Committee shall meet twice (2) a year on a date, and at a venue to be determined by the members. The President, or a majority of the members, may decide to hold more meetings.

Notice of the date and venue for the meeting must be given by the Secretary General at least one (1) month before except in the case of an emergency. The notice of the meeting should be accompanied by the agenda, reports and other documents.

#### **Art. 13.5 Quorum and voting**

The Executive Committee can make decisions only when at least half of the members are present.

Decisions are made by a simple majority.

Each member has one (1) vote except when a Member Federation counts more than two (2) members, a maximum of two (2) will have the right to vote. Priority is given to:

1. elected members
2. Technical Committee Presidents and the President of the Gymnastics for All Committee
3. Athletes' Commission President
4. Continental Union Presidents

With regard to urgent matters under its jurisdiction, the Executive Committee may take decisions by electronic vote at the qualified majority of two-thirds (2/3).

The President has a deciding vote which he may exercise in the case of a tie. Should the President refrain from voting in case of a tie, the proposition in question is not adopted.

#### **Art. 13.6 Chair**

The President chairs the meetings. The President may authorise one (1) of the Vice-Presidents to chair any meeting. The President may also delegate the chairing of a meeting to the Secretary General.

If the President is absent, the Executive Committee shall appoint one (1) of the Vice-Presidents, or if it is not possible, one (1) of the members of the Executive Committee, to chair the meeting.

#### **Art. 13.7 Selection criteria for the members of the Executive Committee**

Candidates standing for a position within the Executive Committee must comply with the following selection criteria:

1. the candidate has not, at any time whatsoever, been or is convicted of any serious offence under any national laws and has not been declared bankrupted, whether under the laws of the country that the person is a domiciled or anywhere else;
2. the candidate expressly recognises to be bound and comply with all the FIG Rules and, in particular, with these Statutes and the Code of Ethics and accepts the authority of the FIG Governing Bodies or of the Gymnastics Ethics Foundation to sanction him/her in case of breach of the FIG Rules;

3. the candidate is a fit and proper person to perform his/her function as an Executive Committee member and has good command of English language.

Candidates are obliged to disclose any information and/or document relevant to their eligibility as members of the Executive Committee. In case of doubt about the eligibility of a candidate, the matter is referred to the Gymnastics Ethics Foundation which has the power to render a formal decision on his/her eligibility.

### **Art. 13.8 Participation at Olympic Games and FIG Events**

The members of the Executive Committee are entitled to attend the Olympic Games (subject to IOC rules and/or approval) and the FIG events and to perform the tasks allotted to them by the Executive Committee. The members inform the Secretary General, of their proposed participation, who will then communicate with the organisers in order to ensure accommodation and required accreditations.

## **ARTICLE 14 – PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENTS AND PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION**

### **Art. 14.1 President**

The President is elected by the Congress and represents the highest single authority of the FIG.

The President chairs the meetings of the Congress, the Council and the Executive Committee and represents the FIG legally in all circumstances. The President represents the FIG on all formal occasions and takes precedence over all other members. The President takes all the appropriate measures in order to manage the affairs of the FIG and protect its image subject to the subsequent approval of his or her actions by the Congress, the Council or the Executive Committee.

Apart from the cases expressly foreseen in these Statutes, the President in consultation with the members of the Presidential Commission nominates the Commissions, the working groups or any other person useful to the management of the FIG.

### **Art. 14.2 Vice-Presidents**

The Vice-Presidents assist the President and can be charged with special duties. The Vice-Presidents act for the President, in the event of a serious unavailability or in a case of urgency in order of precedence.

### **Art. 14.3 Presidential Commission**

The Presidential Commission is composed of the following:

- the President
- the three (3) Vice-Presidents

The President can invite experts to the meetings whenever necessary.

Upon the request of the President, the Presidential Commission advises the President and makes recommendations to the Executive Committee for decisions.

The Secretary General reports on the administrative and management issues to be dealt with.

Any technical issues can be discussed after consultation with the Technical Committees Presidents concerned.

Decisions are made by a simple majority and shall be reported to the Executive Committee within the shortest delay possible.

## **ARTICLE 15 – TECHNICAL COMMITTEES AND GYMNASTICS FOR ALL COMMITTEE AND PARA GYMNASTICS COMMISSION**

### **Art. 15.1 Function and Composition**

The seven (7) Technical Committees the Gymnastics for All Committee and the Para Gymnastics Commission are responsible to administer and manage the nine (9) disciplines of the FIG: Men's Artistic Gymnastics (MAG), Women's Artistic Gymnastics (WAG), Rhythmic Gymnastics (RG), Trampoline Gymnastics (TRA), Acrobatic Gymnastics (ACRO), Aerobic Gymnastics (AER), Parkour (PK), Gymnastics for All (GfA) and Para Gymnastics.

The committees are composed by a President, two (2) Vice-Presidents and four (4) other members. The representatives of the Athletes' Commission (except for the Gymnastics for All Committee) have the right to attend the meetings of their respective Committee.

### **Art. 15.2 Duties and Responsibilities**

The duties and responsibilities of the Technical Committees, the Gymnastics for All Committee and the Para Gymnastics Commission are the following:

1. to deal with all technical questions concerning the administration, management and development of their respective disciplines;
2. to draft the Technical Regulations and the Gymnastics for All Manual, relative to their respective activities, in cooperation with the Executive Committee and for approval by the Council;
3. to deal with competitions and to develop their respective Codes of Points to be approved by the Executive Committee;
4. to control the activities of judges in accordance with the Technical Regulations, the Code of Points and the Judges' Rules;
5. to make decisions about the formation, appointment, suspension and removal of judges during the competitions. The competences of the FIG disciplinary authorities with regard to suspension and removal of judges remain however reserved;
6. to ensure that, under the control of the Executive Committee, the Technical Regulations are properly implemented at the FIG events;
7. to supervise the technical organisation of the FIG Official Events as well as of the Gymnastics competitions during the Olympic Games, Youth Olympic Games and World Games. The supervision shall be extended to the preparation of the events;
8. to make decisions on any urgent technical matter and report this for approval to the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

### **Art. 15.3 Meeting**

The Technical Committees the Gymnastics for All Committee and the Para Gymnastics Commission meet three (3) times a year or when necessary, with the agreement of the President and within the budget.

Notice of the date and venue for the meeting must be given by the President of the Committee/Commission at least one (1) month before, except in the case of an emergency. The notice of the meeting shall be signed by the President of the Committee/Commission and the Secretary General and should be accompanied by the agenda, reports and other documents.

### **Art. 15.4 Quorum and Voting**

The Technical Committees, the Gymnastics for All Committee and the Para Gymnastics Commission can make decisions only when half of the members, including at least the President or one (1) of the two (2) Vice-Presidents, are present. Decisions are made by a simple majority.

Each member has one (1) vote. The Athletes' Commission representative has one (1) vote but he is not counted as part of the quorum.

The President has a deciding vote which he may exercise in the case of a tie. Should the President refrain from voting in case of a tie, the proposition in question is not adopted.

#### **Art. 15.5 Chair**

The Technical Presidents, the President of the Gymnastics for All Committee and the President of the Para Gymnastics Commission chair the meetings of their committees. In their absence one (1) of the Vice-Presidents chairs the meeting. If they are all absent, the committee appoints one (1) of its members to preside and the meeting is held on a purely deliberative basis only.

#### **Art. 15.6 Vacancies**

If a position on the Technical Committees, Gymnastics for All Committee or the Para Gymnastics Commission becomes vacant, the Executive Committee is empowered to appoint a replacement.

### **ARTICLE 16 – ATHLETES' COMMISSION**

#### **Art. 16.1 Composition**

The Athletes' Commission consists of seven (7) members belonging to seven (7) different Affiliated Member Federations. Each member is a representative of a different discipline and elected from among their fellow athletes/gymnasts. The members of the Athletes' Commission elect the President from among and by the members during the first meeting following their election.

#### **Art. 16.2 Duties and Responsibilities**

The duties and responsibilities of the Athletes' Commission are the following:

1. to represent the athletes' opinions on matters considered, or being considered, by the Executive Committee and the Council;
2. to attend the World Championships of their respective discipline once per Olympic Cycle in order to maintain contact with the gymnasts/athletes of that discipline. In this case, the FIG will cover all travel and accommodation costs, as well as a daily allowance from the official day of arrival until the official day of departure;
3. to attend the meetings of their respective Technical Committee with voting right. The financial conditions are identical to those of the members of the Technical Committee;
4. for the President to attend the meetings of the Executive Committee and the Council with voting right. The financial conditions are identical to those of the other members of the Executive Committee or Council respectively.

The Athletes' Commission shall liaise with the IOC's Athletes' Commission and be represented at the IOC International Athletes' Forum.

#### **Art. 16.3 Election of the members**

The eligibility criteria are as follows:

1. have a minimum age of 18 in the year of the election;
2. have previously participated in the Olympic Games, Youth Olympic Games, World Games or one (1) of the FIG World Championships. This is not applicable to Parkour athletes' representative;



3. if still active, must commit to retire from the FIG Events at the latest on 1<sup>st</sup> January of the year following their election;
4. if no longer active, have retired from the FIG Events not more than five (5) years before the year of their first election;
5. for outgoing members, have not been elected more than once to the Athletes' Commission;
6. have never been sanctioned by the FIG, the GEF or their Federation.

With regard to Olympic disciplines, the elections shall be held during the World Championships on the year following the Olympic Games with entry into force on 1<sup>st</sup> January of the following year.

With regard to AER, ACRO and PK, the elections shall be held during the World Championships on the Olympic year with entry into force on 1<sup>st</sup> January the year following the Olympic Games.

They are elected for four (4) years. The election procedure is identical to that of the election of the FIG President, taking into consideration the assurance required in Article 7.1 of the FIG Procedural Regulations. Each Federation has one (1) vote.

#### **Art. 16.4 Meetings and Vacancies**

The Athletes' Commission meets at least once a year. An additional meeting can be organised, if necessary, with the agreement of the President and within the budget.

If a position on the Athletes' Commission becomes vacant, the Executive Committee is empowered to appoint a replacement.

### **ARTICLE 17 – OTHER COMMISSIONS**

The President in consultation with the members of the Presidential Commission appoints and abolishes Commissions and decides the number and qualifications of the members in each Commission. In this case, the Commissions have the duties and responsibilities decided by the President.

The Commissions shall report to the President and the Executive Committee

### **ARTICLE 18 – SECRETARY GENERAL**

The Secretary General is the Chief Operational Officer (COO) of FIG and is responsible for the organisation, management and direction of the administration.

#### **Art. 18.1 Appointment**

Upon recommendation of the President, the Executive Committee appoints the Secretary General and is responsible for prescribing the terms, conditions and requirements of the appointment.

#### **Art. 18.2 Duties and Responsibilities**

The duties and responsibilities of the Secretary General are notably the following:

1. to implement the decisions taken by the Congress, the Council and the Executive Committee;
2. to negotiate, execute and perform all contracts on behalf of the FIG, in accordance with the policies and procedures established by the Executive Committee;
3. to be responsible for the day-to-day management of the FIG in accordance with the directions of the Congress, Council, Executive Committee and the President, the Rules, Regulations, policies, and procedures of the FIG and within the limitations of the delegated authority as established by the Executive Committee;
4. to supervise the organisation of all the FIG Events and competitions;

5. to prepare and attend the meetings of the Congress, the Council, the Executive Committee and the Presidential Commission (without voting rights), so as to report to and/or to advise the members of those bodies whenever necessary.

The Secretary General reports and is accountable to the Executive Committee. He/she receives direction from and is responsible to the Executive Committee and the President. If there is any inconsistency between the direction of the President and the Executive Committee, the matter shall be referred to the Executive Committee.

## **CHAPTER IV FINANCIAL PROVISIONS**

### **ARTICLE 19 –FINANCIAL PROVISIONS**

#### **Art. 19.1 Appointment of an External Auditor**

The Congress shall appoint for a period of four (4) years an external independent Auditor or chartered accountant to examine and certify the accounts. Her/his report shall be submitted to the Council and to the Congress together with any possible observations of the Executive Committee.

#### **Art. 19.2 Financial Year**

The financial year of the FIG goes from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December of each year.

#### **Art. 19.3 Responsibility for the Budget and the Financial Administration**

The Secretary General is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial reports, the budgets and the quadrennial financial plan. Once approved, the Secretary General is in charge of implementing the plan and monitoring the budgets.

The Secretary General is responsible for the financial management in accordance with the financial rules approved by the Executive Committee.

The financial statements approved by the Executive Committee shall be examined and certified by the external Auditor.

The internal Auditors shall audit the financial statements approved by the Executive Committee.

#### **Art. 19.4 Liability of Member Federation**

The liability of a Member Federation to contribute towards the payment of the debts and liabilities of the FIG or its costs, charges and expenses is limited to the amount, if any, unpaid by the member in respect of the Annual Membership Fee.

#### **Art. 19.5 Official and honorary positions**

With the exception of the position of the Secretary General, all members elected within the FIG serve as volunteers.

#### **Art. 19.6 Reimbursement of Expenses**

The members of the Council, the various committees and commissions are entitled to reimbursement of travel and accommodation costs incurred in carrying out designated functions (outside the official meetings) in the interests of the FIG. These expenses need authorisation by the President or his/her designate.

### **Art. 19.7 No claim for reimbursement or damages**

Under no circumstance will Member Federation be entitled to reimbursement of its Annual Membership Fee. The Member Federations shall claim no damages for decisions taken by the FIG Governing Bodies concerning them, except in case of abuse of law or serious offence.

## **ARTICLE 20 – MEMBERSHIP FEE**

Affiliated Member Federations shall pay an Annual Membership Fee, comprising a base affiliation fee which includes Gymnastics for All activities, plus increments charged for any additional discipline.

Associated Member Federations are required to pay to the FIG a reduced Annual Membership Fee.

The electoral Congress shall fix the amount of the Annual Membership Fee valid until the year of the following electoral Congress.

The Annual Membership Fee must be paid by 31 March of each year.

The FIG may set off the Annual Membership Fee with any other payments due to Member Federations.

## **ARTICLE 21 – COMPETITION RIGHTS AND OTHER REVENUES**

### **Art. 21.1 Competition Rights**

The FIG is the original owner of all of the rights, including data rights, deriving from competitions and FIG Official Events without any restrictions as to content, time, place and law. These rights include, among others, every kind of financial rights, audiovisual and radio recording, reproduction and broadcasting rights, multimedia rights, marketing and promotional rights and incorporeal rights such as emblems and rights arising under copyright law.

In particular, all television rights (broadcasting rights, including all forms of broadcasting such as internet and new media rights) as well as marketing rights (publicity, advertising, merchandising, sponsoring, logos and insigna) concerning the FIG Official Events are the property of the FIG.

The financial return from marketing rights is shared between the FIG and the organising Member Federation based on an agreement signed by the said Federation and the FIG.

## **CHAPTER V RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN FEDERATIONS, CONTINENTAL UNIONS, REGIONAL GROUPS**

## **ARTICLE 22 – RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MEMBERS**

### **Art. 22.1 Exclusive Control**

Each Member Federation is recognised by all other members, as being the exclusive authority over Gymnastics in its respective country.

### **Art. 22.2 Relationships Between Member Federations**

The FIG assists to foster and maintain friendly relations between Member Federations, Continental Unions and recognised Regional Groups.

A Member Federation shall not intervene or interfere in the internal affairs of another Member Federation.

## **ARTICLE 23 – UNIONS AND GROUPS**

### **Art. 23.1 Continental Unions**

Continental Unions are constituted according to the FIG Rules and consist of at least five (5) Affiliated Member Federations.

The FIG recognises the following Continental Unions:

1. Asian Gymnastics Union
2. European Gymnastics
3. Oceania Gymnastics Union
4. Union Africaine de Gymnastique
5. Union Panamericana de Gimnasia

### **Art. 23.2 Admission of Federations among the Continental Unions**

Only Member Federations that are already duly admitted within the FIG may be affiliated to a Continental Union.

Under exceptional circumstances, a Continental Union may accept, as a member, the Member Federation of a country which, in geographical terms, is not strictly part of the continent but in a geographical proximity. This may be accepted if the Member Federation is unable to join any other Continental Union for a reason beyond the Member Federation's control.

### **Art. 23.3 Regional Groups**

Member Federations may also, with the approval of the Executive Committee, form Regional Groups for competitive and/or development purposes. A written request, with statutes and programme, signed by all the Member Federations wishing to participate in such groupings, must be submitted.

### **Art. 23.4 Approval of Statutes and Regulations of Unions and Groups**

The statutes, the administrative and technical regulations, and all subsequent modifications made by all Continental Unions and Regional Groups, must be approved by the Executive Committee at least every four (4) years. Continental Unions and Regional Groups must undertake to respect the FIG Rules and to conduct their activities in the spirit of the FIG. Minutes of meetings are to be submitted to the Secretary General.

The statutes of the Continental Unions may not be in conflict with those of the FIG.

All development activities within the Continental Union shall be congruent with those of the FIG. The FIG reserves the right to supervise the use of aid granted by the FIG.

In the event that the Statutes are modified by the Congress, those of the Continental Unions shall be adapted accordingly at the time of their upcoming Congress. Upon request, exceptions may be accepted, subject to the prior consent of the Executive Committee.

Continental Unions and Regional Groups failing to respect the FIG Rules may lose the “recognition” within the FIG and all related rights.

## **ARTICLE 24 – RELATIONSHIPS WITH NON-AFFILIATED/ASSOCIATED ORGANISATIONS OF THE FIG**

Relationships with a federation not affiliated/associated, or its gymnasts/athletes, judges and officials are allowed, subject to the prior written consent of the FIG (Executive Committee or Council) and any Member Federation affected.

## **ARTICLE 25 – AUTONOMY OF MEMBER FEDERATIONS, CONTINENTAL UNIONS AND REGIONAL GROUPS**

Member Federations, Continental Unions and Regional Groups retain their entire autonomy and independence of action within the limits imposed by these Statutes.

# **CHAPTER VI FIG INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND OFFICIAL EVENTS**

## **ARTICLE 26 – FIG OFFICIAL EVENTS**

### **Art. 26.1 Official events list**

The FIG Official Events are the following:

1. Gymnastics competitions at the Olympic Games (OG)
2. Gymnastics competitions at the Youth Olympic Games (YOG)
3. Gymnastics competitions at the World Games (TWG)
4. The World Championships in the different disciplines (WCH)
5. The Junior World Championships (Jr WCH)
6. The World *Gymnaestrada* and World Gym for life Challenge
7. All World Cup and World Challenge Cup events of all disciplines
8. Multi-Continental Events
9. Multisport Games
10. Any other events of a competitive, instructional or display nature with an international character organised by the Executive Committee on behalf of the FIG.

### **Art. 26.2 Applications for FIG events and contractual responsibilities**

The Organisation of World Championships, Junior World Championships, the World *Gymnaestrada* and the World Gym for Life Challenge shall be open for bids from any Member Federation and the allocation will be made by the Council based upon reports submitted by the Executive Committee. The successful Member Federations will be required to enter into binding contracts with the FIG and such contracts will include an undertaking to respect and observe any contracts to which the FIG is subject, and which are, directly or indirectly, connected with the event.

Special regulations exist for the organisation and conduct of the event.

### **Art. 26.3 Awarding of Events and Action in Default**

The awarding of the World Championships, Junior World Championships, the World *Gymnaestrada* and World Gym for Life Challenge is done by the Council upon the recommendations of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee is competent and responsible for the allocation of all other FIG Official Events.

In case of default by any Member Federation, or by the relevant authority of the country involved, the Executive Committee is authorised to decide the action to be taken including, if necessary, to transfer the organisation of the concerned event to another Member Federation.

The organisation of events is entrusted, with advance notice, to Member Federations which fully guarantee that the Statutes and Regulations of the FIG will be observed together with the terms of the contract which they are obliged to enter into with the FIG. The preparation and conduct of the competitive programme is under the control of the FIG.

#### **Art. 26.4 Assurances Concerning Visas**

Entry visas must be granted to the gymnasts/athletes and to the officials of all Member Federations. In the event that this requirement is not fulfilled, the allocation of the event would be cancelled with immediate effect by the Executive Committee.

#### **Art. 26.5 Council and/or Executive Committee to act in Exceptional Cases**

In all exceptional cases, the Council and/or the Executive Committee has full power to make a decision whether the organisation of an event shall continue, be held elsewhere or be withdrawn.

#### **Art. 26.6 Costs to be covered by the Organising Committees**

The expenses relating to the FIG Official Events are charged to the organisers in accordance with the technical and financial requirements regulating the events and with the terms of the contract with the FIG.

#### **Art. 26.7 Participation Costs to be borne by the Delegations**

The expenses of participation of a Member Federation's delegation (including transport, hotel and meal costs) are attributed to the said Federation.

### **ARTICLE 27 – OTHER FIG EVENTS**

When aiming to carry out promotion of Gymnastics or to enhance the income and/or prestige of the FIG, the FIG may organise events of an international character. Where necessary, regulations for these events will be drawn up by the Technical Committee, the Gymnastics for All Committee or the Para Gymnastics Commission in charge and submitted to the Executive Committee for approval.

### **ARTICLE 28 – OTHER INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS**

#### **Art. 28.1 Control of International Competitions**

All international competitions organised by Continental Unions, Regional Groups, Member Federations or other organisations on their territory, are under the authority of the FIG and require collaboration and coordination with the FIG. For this purpose, the FIG Executive Committee establishes "Rules for Sanctioning of International Events".

#### **Art. 8.2 Inter-Federation Events and Responsibilities of Federations**

Member Federations may organise events among themselves in accordance with these Statutes and the FIG Regulations. It is, however, forbidden for gymnasts/athletes or judges of a Member Federation to participate in events organised by another Member Federation without the prior consent of the Member Federations involved and that of the Federation organising the event. Likewise, the participation of gymnasts/athletes or judges of a Member Federation in events organised by a body other than a Member Federation is subject to the prior consent of all Member

Federations involved. Member Federations are also responsible to FIG for the behaviour of their gymnasts/athletes, coaches, judges and other officials and they act as guarantors to the FIG in respect of these responsibilities.

## **ARTICLE 29 – NATIONALITY OF GYMNASTS/ATHLETES, JUDGES AND COACHES AND MEMBERSHIP WITH MEMBERS FEDERATION**

The nationality of Gymnasts/athletes, judges and coaches as well as membership with Member Federation is provided for in Appendix 2.

# **CHAPTER VII DISCIPLINARY AND ETHICS PROCEDURES**

## **ARTICLE 30 – CODE OF ETHICS AND CODE OF DISCIPLINE**

The Code of Ethics shall be established by the Congress.

The Code of Discipline shall be established by the Council.

## **ARTICLE 31 – GYMNASTICS ETHICS FOUNDATION**

The FIG has incorporated the Gymnastics Ethics Foundation (GEF) to provide an independent decision-making body to deal with alleged breaches of FIG Rules in accordance with the FIG Code of Discipline and, in particular, to manage disciplinary proceedings in accordance with the FIG Rules. The GEF is composed of the following sections:

- the safeguarding section
- the disciplinary section
- the compliance section

The Disciplinary Commission is the authority qualified to impose disciplinary measures and sanctions except however special provisions provided for in these Statutes, and special provisions provided for by the FIG Regulations for the competitions.

FIG entrusts the Gymnastics Ethics Foundation with the election of the members of the Disciplinary Commission, its organisation as well as the running of the disciplinary procedures independently, in accordance with its constitution and operational rules and following the provisions set out in the FIG Code of Discipline.

## **ARTICLE 32 – COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT (CAS)**

Any disciplinary procedures dealt with by the GEF Disciplinary Commission may be submitted exclusively by way of appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland, which will resolve the dispute definitively in accordance with the Code of Sports-related Arbitration. The time limit for appeal is twenty-one (21) days from the receipt of the decision of the GEF Disciplinary Commission.

Complaints to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) can be addressed only when the appeals provided for in these Statutes have been duly exhausted.

An appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) does not have a suspensive effect, except if this authority orders it. The provisions of the Code of Sports-related Arbitration apply to this authority. Special provisions apply for doping cases.

## **ARTICLE 33 – DISCIPLINARY MEASURES**

Disciplinary measures which can be imposed amongst others on a Member Federation, on a legal entity or on an individual are the following:

1. the warning
2. the blame
3. the suspension of the Member Federation or the person concerned for one (1) or more official FIG events and other international events
4. the proscription to take part in the FIG events and other international events for one given or unspecified duration
5. the exclusion of any participation in the FIG activities and other international events for one given or unspecified duration
6. the demotion of functions
7. the withdrawal of a honorary title or distinction
8. the cancellation of the brevets or diplomas awarded
9. the financial fine
10. the suspension for one (1) or more functions of a person elected within one of the FIG Governing Bodies and/or of a continental Union for one given or unspecified duration
11. the suspension of a Member Federation for one given or unspecified duration
12. the expulsion of a Member Federation for one given or unspecified duration
13. the exclusion of an FIG person
14. the cancellation of results of a competition
15. the obligation to restore the financial benefits and prices received
16. the disciplinary measures resulting from the anti-doping regulations
17. or any other sanction which could be proposed by the Disciplinary Commission of the Gymnastics Ethics Foundation

All the sanctions taken can be published in the FIG bulletin or in any other official FIG publication.

Any gymnast/athlete or official who is suspended or declared temporarily or permanently ineligible as a result of the Disciplinary and Ethics Procedures of the FIG, shall automatically be considered suspended by all Continental Unions, Regional Groups and Member Federations.

## **ARTICLE 34 – RIGHT TO BE HEARD**

Any person or entity who/which is subject to a disciplinary or ethics procedure has the right to be heard before a disciplinary measure or sanction is imposed on it.



## **CHAPTER VIII MISCELLANEOUS**

### **ARTICLE 35 – DISPUTES WITHIN THE FIG**

The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland, is the sole competent authority, with the exclusion of state courts, to adjudicate disputes between FIG and its Member Federations or Continental Unions, Regional Groups or disputes between Member Federations.

### **ARTICLE 36 – HONORARY AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS**

#### **Art. 36.1 Awards of Special Merit**

The Congress, acting upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, may grant any of the following awards to any person who has rendered outstanding meritorious service to the FIG:

1. Honorary President (this can be granted only to a former President)
2. Honorary Vice-President
3. Honorary Member

#### **Art. 36.2 Entitlements of Awardees**

Recipients of any of the above awards are entitled to attend the Congress, Council and to free admission to all FIG events and official receptions.

#### **Art. 36.3 Distinction for Outstanding Merits**

The FIG may also confer awards of distinction upon any person who, in any capacity, has rendered particularly outstanding service to the cause of Gymnastics internationally. These awards shall be granted by the Executive Committee, on behalf of the FIG, and shall consist of the "FIG Silver Distinction" and the "FIG Bronze Distinction".

#### **Art. 36.4 Rules Concerning Awards**

The Executive Committee will set out Rules for granting awards.

#### **Art. 36.5 Withdrawal of an Honorary Title**

Anyone who did not honour his/her oath (judge, authorities' member), infringed the Code of Ethics or seriously breached these Statutes and/or the FIG Rules may be deprived from his/her honorary title(s).

The honorary title(s) shall be withdrawn upon decision by the Disciplinary Section of the Gymnastics Ethics Foundation.

### **ARTICLE 37 – SYMBOLS, LOGOS, AND DISTINCTIONS OF THE FIG**

The logo as well as the names "Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique" and "International Gymnastics Federation" (or the abbreviation "FIG") and other FIG's symbols are the exclusive property of the FIG and may not be used or reproduced without its prior written consent.

## **ARTICLE 38 – OFFICIAL LANGUAGE**

English is the official language of the FIG. Therefore, meetings, competitions, FIG Rules and Regulations, minutes and all the official documents published by the FIG must be in English.

At the Congress, delegates may speak in English, French, Arabic, German, Spanish and Russian. If this is not included in the languages indicated above, the cost of any translations must be borne by the Affiliated Member Federation requiring the translation.

The Code of Points can be published in English, French, Spanish and Russian. In the event of any discrepancies between the English and other languages versions of the Code of Points, the English shall prevail.

## **ARTICLE 39 – OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS**

Any reproduction or distribution of documents, instructional material or other edited material belonging to the FIG is prohibited without the prior consent of the FIG.

All official documents and official information are valid only if they are distributed by the Secretary General. Member Federations have to ensure that this rule is respected and are responsible for their enforcement.

Contracts, agreements and all other documents requiring the stamp of authority of the FIG must be signed by the President and the Secretary General.

## **ARTICLE 40 – LEGAL REPRESENTATION**

The President represents the FIG legally in all circumstances. Whenever possible, he/she obtains the advice of the Executive Committee and he may engage the assistance of professionals.

The FIG shall be validly bound to third parties by the joint signatures of the President and the Secretary General or a director appointed by the Executive Committee.

## **ARTICLE 41 – FINAL PROVISIONS**

### **Art. 41.1 Supremacy of Statutes**

The Statutes of the FIG are the fundamental rules and prevail over all other FIG Rules and Regulations.

### **Art. 41.2 Unforeseen Circumstances not Mentioned in the Statutes**

Cases not foreseen in these Statutes are resolved by the Executive Committee and/or the Council subject to ratification by the next Congress.

### **Art. 41.3 Dissolution**

After liquidation of all the obligations, the remaining FIG asset will be remitted to a tax-free institution in Switzerland for public utility. The remitted asset will obligatorily have to be assigned to a goal similar to those provided for by these Statutes, in particular, to support the practice of Gymnastics as a sport.

#### **Art. 41.4 Enforcement**

These revised Statutes have been approved by the Congress on 26 October 2024 and come into force on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025, unless otherwise indicated, and supersede all previous versions. Notwithstanding the above, all amendments to Chapter VII (Disciplinary and Ethics Procedures) apply to all proceedings opened after the date on which these Statutes have been approved.

Signed on behalf of the Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique.

## **FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE GYMNASTIQUE**



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## FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE GYMNASTIQUE

### PROCEDURAL REGULATIONS

Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalised terms in the present Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique (“FIG”) Procedural Regulations shall have the same meaning given in the “Definitions” section of the FIG Statutes.

#### **Article 1 Introduction**

The Congress takes place on a date and at a venue decided according to the relevant provisions in the Statutes. The Organisers of a Congress must always comply with the instructions of the Executive Committee.

Affiliated Member Federations interested in organising the Congress are required to make official submissions to the Secretary General.

These Procedural Regulations are applicable to the Congress, to the meetings of the Council and the Executive Committee, subject to necessary adjustments. Congress and Council shall be collectively referred to herein as “Assembly.”

All meetings are of a confidential nature and are open only to authorised persons according to these rules.

#### **Article 2 Notice of Meeting**

The Secretary General is responsible for summoning the Congress, stating the place, date and time of the meeting, to the Member Federations. The summons shall be sent by email or courier dependent upon the facilities available to each Federation at least eight (8) months (not applicable in the case of an extraordinary Congress) prior to the commencement of the Congress.

#### **Article 3 Documents to be published**

The following documents must be published for the Member Federations, Council, Technical Committees, Gymnastics for All Committee, Para Gymnastics Commission, Honorary Members and Continental Unions not less than two (2) months before the commencement of the Congress:

1. the report of the President
2. the reports of the Technical Coordinator, the seven (7) Technical Committees Presidents, the President of the Gymnastics for All Committee and the President of the Para Gymnastics Commission
3. the quadrennial financial plan (every four (4) years)
4. the reports of the Internal Auditors and the External Auditor for the preceding two (2) years
5. the financial statements
6. the reports of the Continental Unions
7. the agenda for the Congress
8. the minutes of the previous Congress
9. the propositions of the FIG Governing Bodies and the Affiliated Member Federations
10. Any other relevant documentation

## **Article 4 Appointment of Delegates**

Each Affiliated Member Federation, in good standing and without any overdue payment at the opening of the Congress, is entitled to participate in the Congress with up to four (4) delegates, including one (1) head of delegation –and one interpreter if needed. Affiliated Member Federations participating with more than two (2) delegates must include at least one (1) of each gender. Delegates, except the interpreter, must be seat in an official position or belong to the Affiliated Member Federation they represent. Voting by proxy is not permitted.

The members of the Executive Committee, are invited to attend the Congress.

At least two (2) months prior to the commencement of the Congress, each Affiliated Member Federations must send to the Secretary General the list with the names of the delegates who will represent it and who are authorised to vote on its behalf. Any amendments to the list of delegates shall be based on compelling reasons and be signed by the Affiliated Member Federation President, its Secretary General or a person duly authorised by the Affiliated Member Federation.

Members of the FIG Governing Bodies may be designated as a delegate by her/his federation without voting rights, except with the specific agreement of the Congress.

## **Article 5 Attendance**

Meetings of the Congress are held in “closed session”. The Congress is open to the FIG Governing Bodies, delegates, Honorary Members, interpreters and essential personnel. Any persons authorised by the President or the Presidential Commission may attend the Congress.

Only the persons duly accredited have the right to enter the room during the Congress.

## **Article 6 Agenda**

The Executive Committee shall establish the agenda of the Congress. It must be approved at the commencement of the Congress by an absolute majority of the delegates present. The agenda shall include the items to be dealt with according to the Statutes.

Any additional items must be submitted to the Secretary General before the opening of Congress. Such items can only be added to the agenda by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the valid votes cast. Any late candidature for the elections and/or organisation of an FIG event as well as any new proposed modification to the Statutes shall not be admitted.

The agenda of an Extraordinary Congress may not be altered.

## **Article 7 Elections - Candidatures**

Candidates must be nominated by their own Affiliated Member Federation (of which they are citizen) at least five (5) months before the Congress in the same manner as set out in Article 11.1 of these Procedural Regulations. An individual cannot be a candidate for more than two (2) positions. The same Affiliated Member Federation cannot present more than one (1) candidature for the functions of President of Technical Committees or the Gymnastics for All Committee.

Any person who has been sanctioned during the current Olympic cycle cannot be a candidate for a function within the FIG except for a simple warning.

### **7.1 Assurance and information from Affiliated Member Federations**

The nominating Affiliated Member Federation must accompany each nomination by the following:

1. a certification that the candidate is a member in good standing of the Affiliated Member Federation and is qualified and able to serve in the position to which they seek election;

2. a commitment, stating that, if the candidate is elected, the Affiliated Member Federation will be responsible for the full costs of travel and accommodation involved in attendance at meetings (including the expenses of any interpreters) should the FIG be unable to offer any direct assistance in this regard nor find any other means of assistance;
3. an assurance must also be given that the nominee, if elected, will be provided with administrative support if required, and every facility to enable him to attend meeting;
4. a detailed curriculum vitae of their candidates.

## **7.2 Notification of Candidatures**

Information including curriculum vitae about candidates for office shall be published or otherwise communicated to Member Federations together with the propositions pursuant to Article 11.1 of these Procedural Regulations.

## **7.3 Requirements for Candidates for President, Vice-Presidents and President of a Technical Committee or the Gymnastics for All Committee**

Each candidate for the FIG Presidency must present, with his or her candidature a quadrennial plan of the activities the candidate intends to realise during the four (4) subsequent years.

In order to preserve continuity and to ensure experienced leadership:

1. candidates for the office of President must have been members of the Executive Committee for at least four (4) years;
2. candidates for the office of Vice-President must have been members of the Council or of the Executive Committee for at least four (4) years;
3. candidates for the office of President of a Technical Committee or of the Gymnastics for All Committee must have been members of this Committee for at least four (4) years.

Under exceptional circumstances, the Congress may decide upon an alternative procedure.

## **7.4 Mandatory requirements to apply to the Technical Committees or the Gymnastics for All Committee**

In each case, the seven (7) members of a Technical Committee and the Gymnastics for All Committee must belong to different Affiliated Member Federations.

### **1. Mandatory Requirements to Apply to the Technical Committees**

To be eligible for nomination and election to a position on a Technical Committee, the candidate must hold the required FIG Judges' brevet(s) of the current cycle (see below) and must have successfully completed – by passing the examination – an Academy in his/her discipline at the time of nomination.

ART, ACRO, AER and PK: Brevet cat. 1 or 2

RG: Brevets cat. 1 or 2 for RGI and for RGG

TRA: Brevet cat. 1 or 2 for TRA and brevets (cat. 1, 2, or 3) for TUM and DMT

These requirements are not applicable to the Representatives of the Athletes' Commission.

### **2. Mandatory Requirements to Apply to the Gymnastics for All Committee**

Candidates shall have taken part in at least one (1) World *Gymnaestrada* and one (1) World Gym for Life Challenge. In addition, they shall have the knowledge and expertise of Gymnastics for All on a national and international level and have participated in "Foundation" courses, Colloquiums and "Workshops" organised by FIG. They shall fulfil at least three (3) of these five (5) requirements.

## **Article 8 Elections – Voting procedures**

For all the elections: if there is not the minimum number of genders represented as required for the positions, the elected members of majority represented gender with the lowest number of votes will be replaced by candidates from unrepresented gender with the highest number of votes. This will continue until the minimum gender requirement is reached. If there are not enough candidates to fill the required quota, the rest of the positions will be filled with the majority represented gender with the highest number of votes who have not already been elected.

Every four (4) years, elections at Congress shall proceed in the following order:

1. FIG President
2. three (3) FIG Vice Presidents
3. seven (7) members of the Executive Committee
4. seven (7) Presidents of each Technical Committee and the President of Gymnastics for All Committee
5. twenty-one (21) Council members
6. technical Committee Members and Gymnastics for All Committee Members
7. two (2) internal Auditors

### **8.1 Election of the FIG President**

Nominations by Affiliated Member Federations for the FIG President are open for both genders.

If the President in office is a candidate, the chair during the election will be assumed by one (1) of the Vice-Presidents, who is not a candidate for the Presidency and who is appointed by the Executive Committee.

Where there are two (2) or fewer candidates, the candidate who having received the highest number of votes (simple majority) is elected.

Where there are more than two (2) candidates for the office of President, the following procedure shall apply:

1. where there are three (3) candidates and no candidate has received an absolute majority at the end of the first round, a second round takes place with the two (2) candidates who having received the highest number of votes in the first round. The candidate with the highest number of votes (simple majority) is elected;
2. where there are more than three (3) candidates, and, no candidate has received an absolute majority at the end of the first round, a second round takes place with the three (3) candidates who having received the highest number of votes in the first round. The candidate with the highest number of votes (simple majority) is elected.

In case of a tie, the tie-breaking rule provided for in these Procedural Regulations shall apply.

### **8.2 Election of three (3) Vice-Presidents**

Both genders must be elected (at least one (1) person of each gender) as far as the required number of candidates of each gender is available.

The following procedure shall apply:

1. Phase one: election of the First Vice-President of either gender

**First round:** all candidates are eligible to participate. An absolute majority is required to be elected. If no candidate obtains the absolute majority at the end of the first round, a second round takes place.

**Second round:** a maximum of three (3) candidates, who have received the highest number of votes at the first round, participate. The candidate with the highest number of votes (simple majority) is elected.

2. Phase two: election of the Second Vice-President (other gender than First Vice-President's gender)

Only candidates of the non-elected gender are eligible to participate.

The voting procedure is the same as described in the "Phase One".

3. Phase three: election of the Third Vice-President of either gender

All non-elected candidates of either gender participate.

The voting procedure is the same as described in the "Phase One".

In all phases and all rounds, in case of a tie the tie-breaking rule provided for in these Procedural Regulations shall apply.

### **8.3 Election of seven (7) Members of Executive Committee**

The names of the candidates already elected to positions of President and Vice Presidents will be removed from the list prior to the election. The members are elected in one (1) single round by simple majority.

Both genders must be represented (at least two (2) persons of each gender) as far as the required number of candidates of each gender is available. The seven (7) candidates who have received the highest number of votes are elected to the Executive Committee, provided that at least two (2) persons of each gender are elected.

In case of a tie, the tie-breaking rule provided for in these Procedural Regulations shall apply.

### **8.4 Elections of the seven (7) Presidents of the Technical Committees and the President of the Gymnastics for All Committee**

Each President is elected in one (1) single round by simple majority.

In case of a tie, the tie-breaking rule provided for in these Procedural Regulations shall apply.

Nominations by Affiliated Member Federations for the election of Presidents of the Technical Committees and the President of the Gymnastics for All Committee are open for any gender.

### **8.5 Election of twenty-one (21) Members of the Council**

Twenty-one (21) members of the Council are elected on the basis of a continental quota. The number of persons elected per continent shall be based upon the ratio determined by the number of Affiliated Member Federations in each Continental Union and the total number of Federations affiliated to the FIG at the time nominations were called. Notwithstanding the above, each Continental Union shall be entitled to have at least one (1) elected member on the Council.

The members of the Council are elected during the Congress by the representatives of their own Continental Unions, in one (1) single round by simple majority.

At least 30% of each gender per Continental Union, must be elected to the Council, as far as the required number of candidates of each gender is available.



In case of a tie, the tie-breaking rule provided for in these Procedural Regulations shall apply.

## **8.6 Elections of Technical Committee Members and Gymnastics for All Committee Members**

No gender quota is required for Men's Artistic Gymnastics (MAG), Women's Artistic Gymnastics (WAG) and Rhythmic Gymnastics (RG). For, Trampoline Gymnastics (TRA), Acrobatic Gymnastics (ACRO), Aerobic gymnastics (AER), Parkour (PK), and Gymnastics for All (GfA) at least two (2) members of each gender must be represented as far as the required number of candidates of each gender is available.

The members are elected in one (1) single round by simple majority and in accordance with the gender condition requirement if any.

The candidates elected with the highest number of votes, and the second highest number of votes, are appointed First and Second Vice-President respectively. In the event of a tie, the tie-breaking rule provided for in these Procedural Regulations shall apply. Each Committee elects its Secretary from among its members.

## **8.7 Election of Internal Auditors**

The two (2) auditors are elected in one (1) single round by simple majority.

## **Article 9 Oath of the FIG Governing Bodies**

At the beginning of each cycle, all the FIG Authorities shall make a declaration on oath and/or commit in writing to abide by the Statutes and any other FIG Regulations as well as to fulfil their duties. Where/when a transfer ceremony is organised, a person to be appointed by the President will read the following in English:

*"I agree to fulfil my obligations as an FIG Authority by taking the following oath:*

*"Granted the honour of becoming a member of the FIG Governing Bodies, and declaring myself aware of my responsibilities in such capacity, I undertake herewith,*

- to serve the FIG to the very best of my ability;*
- to respect and ensure the provisions of its Statutes, Regulations, Code of Ethics, Code of Discipline, Code of Conduct as well as the decisions of the Congress, the Council and the Executive Committee, which I consider as not subject to appeal on my part;*
- to understand and abide by the Anti-Doping Rules;*
- to agree to the processing and saving of my personal data by the FIG;*
- to keep myself free from any political or commercial influence and from any racial or religious consideration;*
- to fight against all other forms of discrimination;*
- to promote in all circumstances the interests of the FIG, with objectivity and neutrality, in a spirit of sportsmanship and fair-play".*"

Should someone violate his/her oath, his/her case might be brought to the Disciplinary Commission of the Gymnastics Ethics Foundation.

## **Article 10 Duties of the FIG Governing Bodies**

Membership on the Council or on any of the Committees of the FIG is a personal determination and is granted on the clear understanding that such members are not elected to represent their Affiliated Member Federations but to serve the international gymnastics community at large.

The Council or any Committee may not include more than one (1) elected member from an Affiliated Member Federation except for the following positions:

- the Presidents of the Technical Committees,
- the President of the Gymnastics for All Committee,
- the Presidents of the Continental Unions and the President of the Athletes' Commission.

In addition, a member may not exercise two (2) functions simultaneously at the same event except under exceptional circumstances duly approved by the Council or the Executive Committee.

All Members of the FIG Governing Bodies or any person representing the FIG or involved in the FIG shall be committed to promoting integrity and impartiality of the FIG's activities. They must not accept any position or function which can be in contradiction with their function as an elected member or presents conflicts of interests with the FIG.

Any individual who is directly involved in the matter to be decided should abstain from that particular decision-making process and may be requested to leave the room for the time of the decision-making process. In questionable situations the respective body may decide if a conflict of interest exists.

Attendance at the meetings is compulsory for the members of the FIG governing bodies. Members unable to attend a meeting must inform the President or the Secretary General prior to the meeting and give adequate and acceptable reasons for their absence.

If a member of a FIG Governing Body fails to attend three (3) consecutive meetings or four (4) meetings during the same cycle, his/her mandate can be revoked, and he/she can be replaced for the remainder of the cycle by the Executive Committee.

## **Article 11 Proposals**

### **11.1 Submission and notification of Proposals**

All proposals, together with the applications for the organisation of Congresses and the organisation of events allocated by the Council, must be sent to the Secretary General by electronic document, or mail, five (5) months before the commencement of the Congress/Council.

Proposals may only be submitted by the Affiliated Member Federations in good standing, the Council and the Executive Committee.

Should the proposals be sent by regular mail, the date of the postage stamp at the local post office of the FIG Office will be considered as proof.

Proposals must be published in the FIG Bulletin or otherwise communicated to Member Federations, at least two (2) months before the commencement of the Congress.

### **11.2 Classification of Proposals**

The Executive Committee and/or the Committee in charge, in agreement with the Affiliated Member Federations concerned, will join into a single proposal those proposals relating to the same subject and having the same objective.

### **11.3 Proposals submitted to Vote**

All proposals contained in the agenda must be submitted to the vote provided that the Affiliated Member Federation that submitted the proposal is present. Otherwise, the proposal will be automatically withdrawn unless the Council or the Executive Committee endorses it as its own proposal and submits it to the vote.

## **Article 12 Voting rules**

### **12.1 Voting system**

Elections shall be conducted by secret ballot and using an electronic device (or paper ballots in case of technical issue).

For any other decisions, voting may be conducted with an electronic device, by the show of hands using the official voting cards, or tacit approval, unless any delegate requests an electronic vote.

- Voting by using an electronic device

An electronic device is handed out to each head of delegation of the Affiliated Member Federations in good standing present at the Congress. They are solely responsible for holding their electronic device during the time of the Congress. No device will be replaced.

- Voting by show of hands

When a vote is taken by show of hands, the Secretary General shall make appropriate arrangements for the authorised delegates only to receive a voting card. Only the votes of those delegates who show these cards will be counted.

During a vote by show of hands, if it is self-evident that a majority exists, the President may announce the result immediately. However, the delegates of three (3) Member Federations at least may request a verification and a vote recount.

In the case of a tie, the President has a casting vote. Should the President refrain from voting in case of a tie, the proposition in question is not adopted.

### **12.2 Business may continue during counting of votes**

Whenever possible, the business of Congress shall continue while the result of a secret ballot is being tabulated.

### **12.3 Valid and invalid ballots**

Ballots containing at least one (1) name, save as otherwise provided, are considered valid ballot papers.

If the members are elected using a single ballot system with a simple majority system, a minimum of half of the positions available for election must be marked off.

In particular, invalid ballots are:

- Blank ballots containing no name
- Ballots containing recognisable marks (signature, cross, etc.) or messages
- Ballots containing more names than the number of candidates to be elected
- Ballots not respecting the specific rule of half of the available positions to be marked off when applicable
- Ballots not respecting gender condition requirements when applicable

## 12.4 Determination of absolute / simple majority - ELECTIONS

An absolute majority is a fifty percent (50%) vote count of valid ballots cast plus one (1).

A simple majority is the highest number of valid votes cast.

### Example 1:

Ballots issued	78
Blank ballots	4
Spoiled ballots	2
Ballots taken into account	72
<b>Absolute Majority</b> ( $72:2 = 36 + 1$ ) =	<b>37 votes</b>

### Example 2:

Ballots issued	74
Blank ballots	3
Spoiled ballots	2
Ballots taken into account	69
<b>Absolute Majority</b> ( $69:2 = 34,5$ ) =	<b>35 votes</b>

## 12.5 Determination of simple / two-thirds Majority - DECISIONS

### Examples:

Number of votes (valid)	68
<b>2/3 Majority</b> ( $68 \times 2/3 = 45,32$ ) =	<b>46 votes</b>
<b>Simple Majority</b> ( $68:2 + 1$ ) =	<b>35 votes</b>

Number of votes (valid)	78
<b>2/3 Majority</b> ( $78 \times 2/3 = 52$ ) =	<b>52 votes</b>
<b>Simple Majority</b> ( $78:2 + 1$ ) =	<b>40 votes</b>

## 12.6 Tie-breaking rule

In case of a tie, the more senior candidate within the FIG (as elected member) will be given preference. If need be, the importance of the last duty in office of both candidates shall be taken into consideration.

If there is still a tie, another round shall be conducted to break the tie between candidates with the same number of votes.

## Article 13 Good order

If, in the course of a meeting, the President considers that a delegate or an observer is behaving in an irregular or aggressive manner so as to disturb the conduct of business, the President (or any other persons who chairs the meeting) may take the following actions:

- call to order
- a reprimand
- exclusion from one or more sessions

In addition, the President (or any other persons who chairs the meeting) may adjourn a meeting if he/she considers that the general disturbance renders the proper conduct of business impossible. He/She may exercise this right without having had a proposition or discussion on the matter.

#### **Article 14 Provisions governing debates**

1. In order to take the floor to speak, a delegate of an Affiliated Member Federation shall rise and start by stating his/her name and that of his/her federation. His/her speech shall be concise and remain directed to the question which is the subject of discussion.
2. The duration of a speech shall not exceed five (5) minutes. The original mover of a proposal may avail himself/herself of maximum ten (10) minutes at the maximum to develop his theme. In the event of a very important or complex proposal, the President, acting within his/her discretionary powers, may ask the Congress, by absolute majority, to agree to grant the mover more than ten (10) minutes for the development of his/her proposal.
3. Subject to paragraph (n), no delegate may speak more than once to a proposal or on an amendment.
4. A delegate who originally presents a proposal will, however, have the right of reply to an amendment before the vote is taken by the Congress.
5. The mover of an amendment does not have the right of reply.
6. A delegate may, however, raise any point concerning the application of these Rules or may ask a question.
7. The President determines all questions concerning the application of these Rules. His/her decision on this subject, and upon the subject of the procedure during the course of debate, shall be without appeal and shall not give rise to any discussion.
8. If the President raises his/her hand during the course of a debate, the delegate who is speaking must interrupt his/her statement or speech.
9. The President, or any other member duly authorised by the FIG, has the right to speak to the Congress to give the perspective of the FIG for each proposal or each amendment submitted to the Congress.
10. An amendment must be confined to:
  - leaving out words, or
  - leaving out words and inserting others, or
  - referring a question to another authority of the FIG

An amendment may not introduce a new proposition nor reject the original proposal.

11. No amendment may be submitted for discussion before having been duly presented and seconded by a delegate.
12. All proposals and all amendments, presented by the Committees of the FIG, will be treated in the same manner as other proposals or amendments.
13. A proposal or an amendment may not be seconded by a delegate belonging to the same Affiliated Member federation as the one who has presented it.
14. If an amendment is withdrawn, other amendments can be submitted for the original proposal. If an amendment is carried, the proposal thus amended is substituted for the original proposal and can, in turn, be amended subsequently.

15. No new amendment shall be submitted before the Congress has decided upon the amendments previously submitted. After every amendment has been disposed of, the proposal will be submitted to the Congress without any supplementary debates
16. A delegate may modify the proposal submitted on the following grounds:
  - that the Congress gives its consent without discussion
  - that the proposal of amendment submitted by another delegate can be assimilated as an amendment
17. At the termination of a delegate's address, another delegate may propose, without comment, that (at his/her choice):
  - the question be put without further debate
  - debate be adjourned
  - the Congress proceed to the next item on the agenda
  - the Congress be adjourned

If the proposal is seconded, the President (if he/she considers the proposition before the meeting has been sufficiently discussed) shall put the question to the vote, subject to the right of reply of the mover of the proposal. If the proposal is accepted, it will be given immediate effect.

### NATIONALITY OF GYMNASTS/ATHLETES, JUDGES AND COACHES AND MEMBERSHIP WITH FEDERATION

#### Article 1 Principle

Gymnasts/athletes and judges taking part in any international competition must have the nationality (citizenship) of the Affiliated Member Federation they represent and authority to participate from their federation.

Coaches taking part in FIG academies must be registered either by their Affiliated Member Federation (citizenship) or the Affiliated Member Federation they represent.

Gymnasts/athletes who have been granted an official UN refugee status and the permission to reside in the country of an Affiliated Member Federation may be admitted to participate in the FIG Official Events as refugee, provided that the requirements set out in applicable competition rules are met.

#### Article 2 Permission to Represent Another Federation

Gymnasts/athletes and judges may request a nationality change through their federations, provided they received the nationality (citizenship). The number of nationality changes a federation may request for gymnasts/athletes is limited to two (2) per year per discipline and three (3) over all disciplines.

##### 2.1 Gymnasts/Athletes and Judges who have Represented their Country Internationally

###### 2.1.1 Gymnasts/athletes

When a gymnast/athlete who has represented his/her country, moves to another country and obtains nationality (citizenship) of the latter country, he/she may – with the consent of the two (2) Affiliated Member Federations concerned and the Executive Committee – immediately represent the new country. Where such consent is not granted, he/she may (with the consent of the Executive Committee) represent the new country one (1) year after the date of the positive decision made by the Executive Committee.

Gymnasts/athletes who had the nationality change approved may not request a further nationality change before three (3) years for a third country or for the initial country after the date the previous nationality change entered into effect.

###### 2.1.2 Judges

When a judge who has represented his/her country, moves to another country and obtains nationality (citizenship) of the latter country, he/she may – with the consent of the two (2) Affiliated Member Federations concerned and the Executive Committee – immediately represent the new country. Where such consent is not granted, he/she may (with the consent of the Executive Committee) represent the new country one (1) year after the date of the positive decision made by the Executive Committee.

Judges who had the nationality change approved may not request a further nationality change before three (3) years for a third country or for the initial country after the date the previous nationality change entered into effect.

## **2.2 Dual Nationality**

Where a gymnast/athlete or a judge has dual nationality, he/she may choose which country he/she wishes to represent but, having represented that country, he/she cannot also – except as provided for in article 2.1 above – represent the other country in question.

## **2.3 Gymnasts/Athletes and Judges who have not Represented their Country Internationally**

### **2.3.1 Gymnasts/Athletes**

Where a gymnast/athlete moves to another country, and has not represented his/her former country, he/she may immediately after receiving the nationality (citizenship) represent his/her new country with the consent of the Executive Committee. Representation of his/her former country is determined by the holding of a licence (whether active or inactive/expired) as well as international competition participation.

### **2.3.2 Judges**

Where a judge moves to another country, and has not represented his/her former country, he/she may immediately after receiving citizenship (official nationality) represent his/her new country with the consent of the Executive Committee. Representation of his/her former country is determined by the holding of a brevet (whether active or inactive/expired) as well as international competition participation.

## **2.4 Political Division of Countries**

Where a country ceases to be a political entity and divides into one (1) or more countries, a gymnast/athlete or a judge may choose to represent any one of the new countries, or to represent any other country to which he/she may have moved, subject to the consent of the Executive Committee. He/she has to submit his passport of the new country.

## **2.5 Change of Discipline**

When a gymnast/athlete moves from one specific discipline to another discipline, article 2.1 will apply with the exception that the gymnast/athlete may represent the new country immediately in the new discipline.

## **2.6 Club Competitions**

A gymnast/athlete, temporarily or permanently residing in another country, may – with the consent of his/her national federation and that of the country in which he/she is resident – represent the said club.

## **2.7 Other Cases**

In other cases (exceptional or unforeseen circumstances) the Executive Committee shall make the determination.

The nationality of gymnasts/athletes participating in the Olympic Games and the Youth Olympic Games is governed by the Olympic Charter.