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DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

The terms used in this Code of Discipline shall be interpreted as follows:

CAS	Court of Arbitration for Sport
CAS ADD	Anti-Doping Division of the Court of Arbitration for Sport
Code	FIG Code of Discipline
Congress	FIG Congress
Council	FIG Council
Disciplinary Authorities	The Disciplinary Authorities listed under Article 5 of this Code; i.e. FIG Congress, FIG Council, FIG Technical Committees, FIG Secretary General, GEF Disciplinary Commission (individually referred as “Disciplinary Authority”)
Disciplinary Sanctions	The disciplinary measures listed in the FIG Statutes
FIG	Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique
FIG Competitions	organised, authorised or sanctioned by the FIG
FIG Rules	FIG Statutes, Regulations, Codes, Policies, Guidelines, decisions as well as all other official documents made by the FIG
GEF	Gymnastics Ethics Foundation
Member Federation	Any national federation which is a member of the FIG; it includes both Associated and Affiliated Member Federations. For the purpose of this Code, this term also covers the Continental Unions.
Secretary General	FIG Secretary General
Statutes	Statutes of the FIG
Director	Director of the Gymnastics Ethics Foundation

Terms referring to natural persons apply to both genders.

CHAPTER I – OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE

ARTICLE 1 Objectives

This Code serves to ensure that the statutory mission of the FIG is attained by setting out the substantive and procedural rules for sanctioning infringements of the FIG Rules. It constitutes a minimum standard and shall be implemented by all Member Federations within their own disciplinary frameworks.

In respect of procedural matters not expressly regulated in this Code, the GEF Procedural Rules shall apply.

ARTICLE 2 Material Application

Unless otherwise provided for in a specific FIG Rule, this Code governs infringements of the FIG Rules as well as the related disciplinary procedures and sanctions.

For instance, this Code applies to any infringement committed within the scope of, or in relation to, competitions or events organised, authorised or sanctioned by the FIG. It also applies to conduct occurring outside the competitions where it affects, or may affect, the integrity, reputation, or proper functioning of the FIG, its activities, or the sport of gymnastics.

This Code does not apply to anti-doping rule violations, which are governed exclusively by the FIG Anti-Doping Rules.

ARTICLE 3 Personal Application

The following persons shall be subject to this Code:

- Elected or appointed members of FIG Governing Bodies, FIG committees or commissions;
- FIG Member Federations and their representatives;
- Voting delegates at the FIG Congress;
- Candidates for election within the FIG, Continental Unions or Member Federations;
- Continental Unions and their representatives;
- Event Organisers and their staff;
- Natural and legal persons organising, involved in, or otherwise participating in the organisation or delivery of any competition, event or activity authorised or sanctioned by the FIG, a Continental Union or a Member Federation, including Local Organising Committees and their staff or contractors;
- Athlete Support Personnel (e.g. coaches, trainers, authorised athlete representatives, including technical staff, medical or para-medical support personnel, parents or any other person working with, treating or assisting

athletes participating in, or preparing for, Gymnastics events);

- Officials Judges, delegates, coaches, medical staff, and others);
- Gymnasts/athletes;
- Any person without a licence/accreditation who participates in an event or activity authorised or organised by the FIG, a Continental Union or a Member Federation;
- Any institution, organisation or person who agrees in writing to be bound by any FIG Rules.

If the alleged infringement is committed by or on behalf of a legal entity, both legal entities and their representatives may be parties in disciplinary proceedings to the extent they are subject to FIG Rules.

For the avoidance of doubt, this Code shall not prejudice the application of any regulations or policies applicable to FIG employees pursuant to the terms of their employment agreements.

ARTICLE 4 Temporal Application

This Code applies to all infringements committed after its entry into force (Effective Date) and apply to all procedures initiated on or after the Effective Date.

Any proceedings which is pending as of the Effective Date and any case brought after the Effective Date based on an infringement which occurred prior to the Effective Date shall be governed by the substantive rules in effect at the time the alleged infringement occurred, and not by the substantive rules of this Code, unless the principle of “*lex mitior*” appropriately applies under the circumstances of the case.

Investigation or disciplinary proceedings opened against someone who was subject to the FIG jurisdiction on the day the alleged infringement was committed shall not be interrupted or closed by the respective Disciplinary Authority solely on the basis that the person involved is no longer under FIG jurisdiction.

ARTICLE 5 Applicable Law

The Disciplinary Authorities shall base their decisions on:

- a. Primarily, on the FIG Rules,
- b. Subsidiarily, on Swiss law.

Upon the parties' agreement, the Disciplinary Authorities may decide in equity, that is, taking into account exclusively what they consider to be fair and equitable in the case at hand, without reference to the FIG Rules or any other applicable law.

CHAPTER II – SUBSTANTIVE LAW

ARTICLE 6 Infringements

Any infringement of the FIG Rules by any individual or entity subject to this Code shall be liable to sanctions provided for by the Statutes and this Code.

An Infringement is committed, in particular but without limitation, should someone, :

- a. Not abide by the FIG Rules or fails to comply with decisions of the FIG and/or the GEF;
- b. Violate the Apparatus Norms;
- c. Violate the FIG Policy and Procedures for Safeguarding Participants in Gymnastics;
- d. Fails to fully report to the competent FIG bodies and/or the GEF any potential violation of the FIG Rules, in accordance with this Code;
- e. Fails to cooperate with a request, instruction or investigation measure issued by the FIG, the GEF or any competent body acting under this Code;
- f. Commit any act of active or passive corruption or of attempted active or passive corruption;
- g. Damage the image of gymnastics, the FIG or its members, through their behaviour, their words or their deeds;
- h. Commit any behaviour that damages or could damage the integrity of competitions organised, authorised or sanctioned by FIG;
- i. Engages in conduct that endangers, or is likely to endanger, the safety of any participant, official, staff member or spectator in connection with a competition organised, authorised or sanctioned by FIG;
- j. Demonstrate anti-sport behaviour;
- k. Violate the verbal or written instructions and directives given by the FIG officials;
- l. Displays, promotes or communicates a political message in connection with a competition organised, authorised or sanctioned by FIG;
- m. Act in such a way so as to influence the course or the result of the competitions in an improper way;
- n. Show unsatisfactory and/or biased judging at competitions;
- o. Use the FIG, its name, its funds or its infrastructure for aims harmful to gymnastics;
- p. Behave in an offensive way towards the FIG members, gymnasts or FIG officials;

- q. Harass and/or abuse any person or group of persons, in any way, in particular due to their race, colour, sex, sexual orientation, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth, disability, physical attributes or athletic abilities or other status;
- r. Commit or attempt to commit any act of retaliation, intimidation, threat or other adverse action against any person for reporting a potential violation of the FIG Rules, or of the regulations of a Member Federation, submitting a complaint, providing information, or cooperating with any investigation or proceedings conducted by the FIG, the GEF, or by any competent body acting under the regulations of a Member Federation;
- s. Contravene Swiss criminal law;
- t. Violate their contractual obligations towards the FIG;
- u. Commit any breach or failure leading to a potential expulsion of a Member Federation, in accordance with the FIG Statutes.

Infringements or attempted infringements are punishable, whether committed intentionally or by negligence. Aiding or abetting an Infringement shall be considered as an Infringement itself.

ARTICLE 7 Liability of Member Federations

Member Federations are strictly liable for the behaviour of their representatives, officials, gymnasts and judges in relation to an event or activity authorised or organised by the FIG or them, as well as for any other person assigned by them to officiate during a competition.

They shall also be liable for the implementation of any FIG sanction imposed against those persons. Any failure of a Member Federation to implement a FIG sanction may lead to a disciplinary action against the Member Federation concerned.

Member Federations shall be jointly liable for financial consequences imposed on their representatives, officials, gymnasts or judges.

ARTICLE 8 Liability of Event Organisers

The Event Organiser bears a full and non-delegable responsibility for ensuring safety, security and public order within the competition venue before, during and after any competition or event, sanctioned or authorised by the FIG.

The Event Organiser shall ensure that the competition venue, installations and equipment comply with the applicable FIG technical and organisational requirements, as well as with any mandatory safety requirements applicable under the laws and regulations in force in the host country, and that any required authorisations have been duly obtained.

Any failure to comply with the applicable organisational, safety or security requirements, notably those enacted by the FIG and/or its Member Federations, may give rise to disciplinary measures in accordance with this Code.

The Event Organiser shall be liable for incidents of any kind occurring within the competition venue, unless it demonstrates that it exercised all due care in the organisation and conduct of the competition and that the organisational, safety and security measures actually implemented complied with the applicable rules and were adequate and proportionate in light of the specific circumstances of the event.

Any natural or legal person involved in the organisation, delivery or operational management of a competition or FIG event, including Local Organising Committees, venue operators, contractors or service providers, shall likewise be liable for compliance with applicable safety and security requirements within their respective area of responsibility and may also be subject to disciplinary measures under this Code in the event of any failure.

ARTICLE 9 Statute of limitations

Any disciplinary proceedings under this Code shall be commenced within the following time limits:

- a. for any breach occurring during a competition: 1 (one) year from the end of the competition except for b) or c) below;
- b. for any doping case: 10 (ten) years from the date of occurrence;
- c. for any act of a criminal nature: 12 (twelve) years from the date of conviction;
- d. for any case involving sexual abuse 30 (thirty) years from the date of occurrence;
- e. for any case involving abuse and/or harassment: 15 (fifteen) years from the date of occurrence, or where the victim is a minor 15 (fifteen) years from the date when they attain the age of 18;
- f. for any other infringement: 5 (five) years from the date of occurrence.

The limitation period shall be interrupted on the date on which disciplinary proceedings are officially opened by way of formal notification of the charges. Once interrupted, the limitation period shall not resume.

In the event that disciplinary proceedings are suspended pending the outcome of related civil and/or criminal proceedings in accordance with Article 25 (4) of this Code, the running of the applicable statute of limitation shall likewise be suspended for the entire duration of such suspension.

ARTICLE 10 Sanctions

The disciplinary measures set out in the Statutes may be ordered against any individual or legal entity that is found to have committed an infringement of the FIG Rules. Disciplinary measures may be combined.

The Disciplinary Authority shall determine the type and scope of the disciplinary measures in accordance with the FIG Rules and by considering both the objective and subjective elements of the infringement.

The Disciplinary Authority shall also take into account any relevant mitigating and aggravating circumstances.

Aggravating circumstances include, in particular, without limitation, the repetition of an infringement within five (5) years after the imposition of a former disciplinary measure or failure to cooperate.

Mitigating circumstances shall include in particular, but shall not be limited to, minor infringements, first-time offences or the substantial and full cooperation with the relevant authorities. In these cases, a financial fine may be imposed and combined with total or partial suspension.

The Disciplinary Authority shall consider the duration or nature of any provisional measures that have been applied when considering the application of a final sanction.

If the case is only minor in nature or due to appropriate justified reasons, the Disciplinary Authority, may decide, at its exclusive discretion, to not impose disciplinary sanctions.

Where a person subject to disciplinary proceedings provides information that substantially assists in the discovery or establishment of serious breaches, the Disciplinary Authority may, at its discretion, reduce the sanction to be imposed or refrain from imposing any sanction.

In case of a combination of infringements, the sanction imposed shall correspond to the most serious infringement, increased at the maximum by half of the sanction of the least serious infringement.

ARTICLE 11 Suspension of the implementation of sanctions

The Disciplinary Authority may decide to fully or partially suspend the implementation of a disciplinary sanction. By suspending the implementation of the sanction, the Disciplinary Authority subjects the sanctioned person to a probationary period.

If the sanctioned person commits another infringement of a similar nature and gravity during the probationary period, the Disciplinary Authority may revoke the suspension and immediately enforce the sanction, without prejudice to the imposition of any additional sanction in respect of the new infringement.

ARTICLE 12 Burden and Standard of Proof

The FIG, the GEF or other prosecuting body shall have the burden of establishing that an infringement has occurred.

The applicable standard of proof shall be the balance of probabilities.

Infringement of the FIG Rules may be established by any reliable means, such as written statements, audio or video recording, admission or any other evidence relevant to the case. The Panel shall at its own discretion determine the admissibility, relevance, materiality and weight of the evidence offered.

Any and all issue concerning the admissibility of evidence shall be determined by the Disciplinary Authority concerned at its discretion. Such Disciplinary Authority shall not

be bound by any enactment or rule of law related to admissibility of evidence before a court of law or statutory tribunal.

Statements of FIG officials incorporated in any official documents such as, but not limited to procedural, administrative or technical matters_(e.g. reports or minutes) shall be deemed truthful unless proven otherwise.

ARTICLE 13 Duty to Report

Anyone subject to this Code shall immediately report to the FIG or the GEF (as applicable in accordance with their respective jurisdiction) any action that may be reasonably considered as an infringement or attempted Infringement of the FIG Rules. Failure to report may be considered as an Infringement.

Anyone subject to this Code who deliberately makes an unfounded or malicious accusation may be sanctioned.

Member Federations have a specific duty, in any safeguarding matter within the meaning of the FIG Rules, to notify the GEF of the following: (i) the imposition of any provisional or temporary measure; and (ii) any final decision, including a decision not to open proceedings or a dismissal of proceedings. The GEF may also require Member Federations to provide copies of or access to any relevant documentation. GEF may equally request Member Federations to provide any information related to other disciplinary proceedings at national level.

ARTICLE 14 Duty to Collaborate

Persons subject to this Code shall collaborate and act in good faith throughout the proceedings, including during the investigation phase.

In particular, parties or persons subject to this Code shall collaborate to establish the facts, provide any evidence requested, and comply with requests from the FIG, the GEF or the Disciplinary Authority.

Any breach of this provision by anyone subject to this Code may constitute an infringement or as aggravating circumstances. Any attempt to obstruct, delay or hinder investigations or ongoing proceedings, including but not limited to providing misleading, forged documents, withholding relevant information, or refusing to comply with legitimate requests, shall also constitute Infringement.

ARTICLE 15 Political Neutrality

Persons subject to this Code shall respect the principle of political neutrality in the exercise of their functions and in communications made in connection with FIG activities.

In particular, no person shall engage in conduct that undermines, or is liable to undermine, the political neutrality or institutional independence of the FIG or its Member Federations.

Any breach may give rise to disciplinary measures under this Code.

CHAPTER III – ORGANISATION

ARTICLE 16 Disciplinary Authorities

The bodies indicated in articles 17 and 18 below shall have the power to render decisions under the rules of this Code.

ARTICLE 17 FIG Bodies

In the context of this Code, the following entities within the FIG shall be considered as Disciplinary Authorities:

- The FIG Council within the limits of the FIG Statutes;
- The FIG Congress within the limits of the FIG Statutes;
- The FIG Technical Committees for offences committed by judges/coaches and other officials and competitors within the limits of the FIG Rules, such as the General Judges' Rules, the Specific Judges' Rules and respective Code of Points.
- The FIG Secretary General in accordance with the FIG Rules, such as in the Accreditation Rules.

ARTICLE 18 GEF Disciplinary Commission

In accordance with Article 31 of the FIG Statutes, the FIG has incorporated the Gymnastics Ethics Foundation (GEF) to deal with alleged infringements of the FIG Rules.

Unless otherwise specifically provided in the FIG Rules, the GEF Disciplinary Commission has jurisdiction to judge and sanction infringements of the FIG Rules.

Proceedings held before the GEF Disciplinary Commission shall be governed by this Code and the GEF Disciplinary Commission Procedural Rules.

ARTICLE 19 Member Federations

Member Federations have jurisdiction over national infringements of the FIG Rules, for which they are competent. Due process shall be respected.

All the decisions rendered by Member Federations shall be notified to the FIG and GEF who have the right to refer the case to the relevant Disciplinary Authority.

In the event of an infringement of the FIG Rules, where the relevant Member Federation fails to take appropriate action, or where any action taken is not compliant with FIG Safeguarding Rules, the FIG and/or the GEF have the right to refer the matter to the relevant Disciplinary Authority.

Member Federations shall adopt and implement disciplinary rules aligned with this Code which shall be considered as a minimum standard. Member Federations may decide to apply the present Code for their own organisation, subject to the necessary drafting amendments.

CHAPTER IV – GENERAL PROCEDURAL RULES

ARTICLE 20 Opening of proceedings

Proceedings before the FIG Disciplinary Authorities are opened by the FIG.

Proceedings before the GEF Disciplinary Commission are opened by the GEF.

In proceedings before the GEF Disciplinary Commission, the FIG may, at its own discretion, intervene in the proceedings. Upon such intervention, the FIG shall acquire the same procedural rights and obligations as a party to the proceedings.

A person or a Member Federation may be summoned by the Disciplinary Authority if he might be directly affected by the proceedings.

A person or a Member Federation that might be directly affected by the proceedings may request to intervene in the proceedings.

ARTICLE 21 Confidentiality

Any information relating to all disciplinary proceedings shall be regarded as confidential. All parties to the proceedings, as well as interveners and authorities, are bound by an obligation of confidentiality and shall not disclose such information to third parties, unless required by law or expressly authorised by the competent authority. Any violation of this confidentiality obligation may result in disciplinary sanctions and/or other appropriate measures.

Notwithstanding the above, the FIG or the GEF may make public announcements regarding the existence and status of a matter; in addition, the FIG or the GEF may make public announcements to address public comments based on information provided by any involved individual or third party. This provision is without prejudice to Article 30.

ARTICLE 22 Language of Proceedings

Proceedings shall be conducted in English.

All documents submitted and correspondence sent by and between the parties must be in English.

ARTICLE 23 Notifications

Notifications and communications from Disciplinary Authorities shall be delivered by email to the parties' address known by the Disciplinary Authority.

The Member Federation of a party subject to any disciplinary proceedings shall be notified of the opening of the disciplinary proceedings and the decision.

Notifications and communications may be validly made through the relevant Member Federation. The Member Federation shall ensure prompt transmission to the party concerned and shall confirm receipt to the Disciplinary Authority without delay.

Any notification made through a Member Federation in accordance with paragraph 3 above shall be deemed to have been received by the party concerned on the date on

which the Member Federation confirms transmission to the party, or, in the absence of such confirmation, five (5) working days after the date on which the notification was sent to the Member Federation, whichever is earlier. The Disciplinary Authority may, at its discretion, extend or reduce this period in exceptional circumstances.

ARTICLE 24 Time Limits

The Disciplinary Authorities fix the procedural time limits, unless otherwise provided for in this Code.

ARTICLE 25 Rights and Obligations of the Parties

The Disciplinary Authorities shall ensure that parties' procedural rights are respected at all times, including equal treatment and right to be heard.

Disciplinary Authorities must ensure simple, efficient and fair proceedings.

The parties shall have the right to be represented by a legal representative and/or other relevant representative of their choice at their own costs upon submission of a written proxy. Minors (i.e. under 18 years old) shall be represented.

The parties shall cooperate in good faith throughout the proceedings. If a party fails to collaborate, the Disciplinary Authority may draw adverse inferences and reach a decision based solely on the evidence in its possession.

ARTICLE 26 Conduct and suspension of the proceedings

Proceedings are initiated through the filing of a written request to the Disciplinary Authority.

The Disciplinary Authority shall fix a reasonable time limit for the Parties to answer.

The Disciplinary Authority conducts the proceedings and may at any time request to any Party to supplement their submission or produce further evidence.

The Disciplinary authority may, either on its own initiative or upon the application of one or all of the parties concerned, stay the proceedings pending the outcome of any related criminal or civil investigation and/or proceedings.

ARTICLE 27 Hearing

Disciplinary Authorities may decide to hold a hearing on their own initiative or upon reasoned request of one of the parties.

Hearing can be held in person or by electronic means (conference call or video conference).

Hearing shall be held behind closed doors.

The Disciplinary Authority may decide to apply special protective measures for minors, vulnerable witnesses or when a person's testimony could lead to threats to them or put them or any person close to them in danger.

ARTICLE 28 Scope of review

The Disciplinary Authority shall have full power to review the facts and the law.

ARTICLE 29 Procedural Sanctions

Any intentional impediment or intentional attempt to impede the proper running of disciplinary proceedings may be sanctioned by the Disciplinary Authority in front of which said proceedings are taking place as follows:

- a maximum fine of CHF 3'000; and
- the exclusion of the person or persons responsible from the hearings. The proceedings may carry on validly despite their absence.

ARTICLE 30 Cost of Proceedings

The Disciplinary Authority shall determine the costs of the proceedings and decide which party or parties shall bear them, in whole or in part.

Unless otherwise decided, the FIG or the GEF shall bear the costs of a procedure in the event of the termination of the procedure without the imposition of a sanction.

Unless otherwise decided, the party that is sanctioned bears the costs of the procedure.

If several parties are sanctioned, the costs of the procedure are distributed according to the parties' degrees of culpability.

The procedural costs may be reduced to a contribution or waived depending on the circumstances, in particular taking into account the financial situation of the parties.

Unless otherwise decided, the parties shall bear their own expenses and costs (e.g. costs associated to the hearing of experts or witnesses). The Disciplinary Authority may nevertheless request the unsuccessful party to pay the successful Party a reasonable contribution or all the expenses (costs of the Party and representation) incurred.

- The Disciplinary Authority may order an intervening party, if any, to contribute to the costs of the proceedings at its own discretion, on the same principles as the main party.
- For the sake of clarity, the costs of the proceedings shall include, where applicable, the costs of any investigation carried out prior to or in connection with the disciplinary proceedings. The Disciplinary Authority may order the sanctioned party or parties to bear such investigation costs, in whole or in part, on the same principles as set out in paragraphs 2 to 5 above.

ARTICLE 31 Decisions

The decisions of Disciplinary Authorities shall be passed by a simple majority, each member holding one vote. If votes are equal, the president of the Panel has the casting vote.

The decision shall be reasoned, unless all parties agree otherwise. The Disciplinary Authority may notify the operative part of the decision first and issue the full reasoned decision thereafter.

Decisions shall be notified to the parties by email.

Decisions rendered by the GEF Disciplinary Commission shall be notified to the FIG. Likewise, decisions rendered by the competent FIG bodies in disciplinary matters shall be notified to the GEF.

In principle, final decisions are published in full or partially on the FIG or GEF websites or in other FIG official publications. Specific parts may be redacted.

ARTICLE 32 Dismissal of Proceedings

Should the Disciplinary Authority deem that there is no Infringement or that the proceedings should be terminated, they shall issue a written and reasoned *nolle prosequi*.

The FIG or the GEF shall be entitled to lodge an appeal against such dismissal to the CAS.

Any proceedings terminated with a *nolle prosequi* may be reopened upon discovery of new evidence within the statute of limitations.

ARTICLE 33 Appeal to the CAS

Unless otherwise provided for in a specific provision, an appeal against a decision of a Disciplinary Authority may exclusively be lodged to the CAS in Lausanne (Switzerland), within 21 (twenty-one) days from the notification of the reasoned decision.

For the avoidance of doubt, interlocutory or procedural decisions, including but not limited to decisions on provisional measures, are not subject to appeal to CAS.

Unless otherwise provided for in a specific provision, only the parties to the disciplinary proceedings shall have standing to appeal.

The proceedings shall be conducted in English and governed by the CAS Code of Sports-related Arbitration.

ARTICLE 34 Case Resolution Agreement

At any time before or after disciplinary proceedings have been initiated, the FIG or the GEF, as applicable, may propose a Case Resolution Agreement to any party who fully or partially admits the alleged infringements. Any Case Resolution Agreement proposal shall be without prejudice to the sanctions that the FIG or the GEF may seek at a later stage of the proceedings.

Such agreement shall terminate the proceedings.

Parties may request that the Case Resolution Agreement is embodied by the competent Disciplinary Authority. The ratifying Disciplinary Authority shall be competent to hear cases related to the failure to respect case resolution agreements.

If a party breaches the terms of a Case Resolution Agreement, the competent Disciplinary Authority may reopen the proceedings and impose disciplinary measures in accordance with this Code.

ARTICLE 35 **Provisional measures**

Before or upon the initiation of disciplinary proceedings, the FIG or GEF, as applicable, may impose provisional measures where there are reasonable grounds to believe that: (a) there is a risk of harm to any person, including but not limited to athletes, officials, or other participants; (b) there is a risk of interference with an ongoing investigation or proceedings; (c) the integrity of the sport or of a competition may be compromised; or (d) the seriousness of the alleged infringement so warrants.

A person may voluntarily accept a provisional suspension pending the completion of the investigation or until the final adjudication of their case. Such acceptance shall not constitute as an admission or be used in any way to draw adverse inference against the person.

The duration of provisional sanctions shall be taken into account in the final decision

Decisions on provisional measures cannot be appealed to CAS.

CHAPTER V – ENFORCEMENT

ARTICLE 36 **Competence**

Any decision rendered by Disciplinary Authorities is to be enforced by the FIG itself, or through the Member Federation concerned to enforce it.

Disciplinary measures rendered by Disciplinary Authorities are enforceable in the territories of all Member Federations.

Member Federations (and their members) must respect and implement decisions taken by the FIG and the GEF. A failure of recognition or implementation shall represent an infringement that may lead to disciplinary sanctions set out by this Code.

Notwithstanding the above, as provided for in the Statutes, 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 37 **Enforceability**

Decisions are enforceable once the operative part has been communicated to the parties by email.

ARTICLE 38 **Consequences for unpaid monetary obligations**

In the event that a party fails to fulfil any monetary obligation in favour of the FIG or the GEF and/or any other consequences imposed in the context of disciplinary proceedings, they may be subject to separate disciplinary sanctions. In this case, the GEF may initiate separate such proceedings in accordance with this Code.

Monetary obligations could be subject to a payment plan.

ARTICLE 39 **Recognition and worldwide extension**

The GEF is responsible for the recognition and extensions or any sanctions imposed by

a Member Federation to all FIG Members' territories.

For this purpose, Member Federations shall provide the GEF all documentation related to the case.

An extension shall be pronounced solely if the measures decided are compatible with the FIG rules and general principles of law.

Only final and binding decisions may be subject to worldwide extension.

CHAPTER VI – MISCELLANEOUS AND FINAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 40 Invalidations

Any deviation from any provision of this Code and/or any irregularity, omission, technicality or other defect in the procedure will not invalidate any findings, procedures or decisions unless it is proven to render the proceedings unreliable or to have caused a miscarriage of justice.

ARTICLE 41 Liability

Neither the members of the Disciplinary Authorities, the Ad hoc Secretary nor the FIG or GEF staff shall be liable for any action or omission in connection with proceedings conducted under this Code, unless the actions or omissions are proven to constitute intentional wrongdoings or gross negligence.

ARTICLE 42 Unforeseen procedural matters

Where a matter arises that is not otherwise provided for in this Code or elsewhere in the FIG Rules, the Disciplinary Authorities shall resolve it according to Swiss law.

ARTICLE 43 Conflicts

In case of conflict between this Code and the Statutes, the latter shall prevail.

ARTICLE 44 Entry into Force

This Code of Discipline has been adopted by the FIG Council on 18-19 May 2026 and replaces the version approved by the FIG Council in May 2025. The changes enter into effect on 1st September 2026.

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