

FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE GYMNASTIQUE



**Rules for the
FIG World Cup Series
2025-2028**



**in
Rhythmic Gymnastics**

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ART. 1 GENERAL PRINCIPLES

During the Olympic cycle 2025-2028, there will be one Rhythmic Gymnastics World Cup Series in 2025, 2026, 2027 and 2028, with four events each, taking place between February and April. The 3 best results (max.) out of 5 are taken into consideration.

The Rhythmic Gymnastics World Cup competitions are best events, staged in attractive and well known cities and venues, with guaranteed TV coverage and a limited participation. Their aim is to showcase the Worlds very best federations and gymnasts in a media and public friendly surrounding. The events will take place in the same city and if possible, at the same date every year.

At each event, the gymnasts / groups will have the opportunity to win prize money and World Cup points which will result in a Rhythmic Gymnastics World Cup Series Ranking List (Individuals All-Around, Individuals per apparatus, Groups All-Around, Groups per routine) for every year.

ART. 2 RIGHTS AND ADVANTAGES OF RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS WORLD CUP COMPETITIONS

- Each event will use the official title of "FIG Rhythmic Gymnastics World Cup"
- Each event will contribute points to the Rhythmic Gymnastics World Cup Series Ranking List.
- Each event will be considered as an official FIG event.
- Each event will be listed in the official FIG calendar of events.
- The event dates will be protected by FIG.
- Each event will be announced in the FIG *World of Gymnastics* magazine.
- Each event will be published on the FIG official website (www.gymnastics.sport).
- The Directives of each event will be published by FIG directly to all eligible member federations and updated regularly in FIG's communication platforms.
- The FIG Office and the Local Organising Committee of each event will send information to all FIG Member Federations by e-mail and/or through the official FIG website.
- The Local Organising Committee of each event will be entitled to use the FIG logo on official communications, posters and programme. This does not apply for any selling item (i.e. T-shirts, souvenirs, etc.).
- The Local Committee of each event will be entitled to require assistance from the official RG Technical Delegate and the FIG EC Member (if appointed).
- Each event will be included in the official FIG result service system (publication of the results on the FIG website).

ART. 3 CANDIDATURES, APPLICATIONS AND ASSIGNMENT

Art. 3.1 Bids and criteria for approval

Bids for the Rhythmic Gymnastics World Cup Competitions for the four series in 2025-2028 must be received at the FIG Office by 30th June 2024.

The four Organising member federations will be assigned by the FIG Executive Committee in August 2024.

Should the Executive Committee not be in a position to approve at least three bids, the FIG World Cup Series 2025-2028 in Rhythmic Gymnastics will not take place.

Candidatures can only be submitted by FIG affiliated Member Federations. To be approved, the following minimum requirements must be met:

- All 4 World Cup competitions must offer competitions for Individual Gymnasts and Groups, and take place between February and April in 2025, 2026, 2027 and 2028, if possible at the same date. The 4 competitions should be spread over the whole period.
- World Cup Competitions must be separate and distinct competition, and may not be combined with any other competitions.
- A venue with capacity of minimum 3'000 seats
- One specific warm-up area in the competition hall or adjacent.
- Training hall(s) adjacent to the competition venue or nearby.
- Total of 8 RG competition floors (competition hall 1, warm-up area 1, training hall(s) 6)
- FIG Member Federations interested in organising a World Cup Competition must apply in writing to the FIG Office and complete the appropriate Directives and forms (if any) provided to them by the FIG as soon as possible, but by no later than 30.6.2024 (23:59 hours CET) for the first event in 2025. They have to commit to host the event also in 2026, 2027 and 2028 and propose the dates. The Directives and forms (if any) for their second third, and fourth events must be completed by no later than 30 June (23:59 hours CET) of the previous year.
- Information on the date, the location, the prize money, and the apparatus supplier* for the competition must be completed.
- Applications must include the name and contact address of the Event Manager and the Media Officer.
- Television production: Applications must include the name and address of the Host Broadcaster and the name of the person in charge of the production.
- Applications must include the name and contact address of the official Hospital.
- The Member Federation for FIG World Cup events must offer minimum three different hotel categories, including the Official Hotel and one being a “low cost hotel”. The prices charged for the hotel rooms cannot exceed the usual hotel rates.
- The Organising Member Federation must pay a non-refundable application fee to the FIG of CHF 3'000.-. This fee must accompany the Directives and forms (if any). The application fee will be returned in full, should the application be rejected by the FIG Executive Committee.
- The Organising Member Federation must pay a deposit of CHF 5'000. This deposit must accompany the Directives and forms (if any). The deposit will be returned in full, should the FIG decide not to assign the World Cup Competitions to the respective Member Federation. The deposit will also be returned in full after the World Cup Competitions, provided all conditions of these Rules are fulfilled. Infractions and/or non-fulfilment of conditions set out in these Rules will result in the deposit being lost partly or in full. The deposit will be lost in full (i.e. stay with FIG) if the dates, the city, or the venue of the event are changed by the Organising Member Federation or if the event cannot be organised.
- Late applications, applications which are not complete, or are not accompanied by the application fee and the deposit will not be taken into consideration.

Art. 3.2 Assignment of World Cup Competitions by the FIG Executive Committee

Preference will be given to leading tournaments as follows:

- the highest media impact (quality of the Host Broadcaster and Worldwide sales)
- the highest prize money and other advantages provided to the gymnasts and participating member federations
- experienced and reliable Organising Member Federations and Local Organising Committees
- traditional and worldwide established tournaments
- attractive and large venues, located in famous leading cities of the world
- venue capacity (number of seats).

ART. 4 RULES AND REGULATIONS

The competition must be organized under the following FIG rules, as valid in the year of the competition, except for any deviation mentioned in these Rhythmic Gymnastics World Cup Rules:

- Statutes
- Code of Ethics
- Code of Conduct
- Technical Regulations
- Licence Rules
- Code of Points and relevant Help Desk
- General Judges' Rules
- Specific Judges' Rules for Rhythmic Gymnastics
- Medical Organization of the Official FIG Competitions and Events
- Anti-Doping Rules
- Framework for Safeguarding Athletes and other Participants from Harassment and abuse in Sport during Events
- Media Rules
- Apparatus Norms
- Advertising and Publicity Rules
- Accreditation Rules
- Regulations for Awards Ceremonies
- World Cup Rules for Rhythmic Gymnastics

and subsequent decisions of the FIG Executive Committee.

ART. 5 COMPETITION FORMAT, PARTICIPATION AND PROGRAMME

The Organising Federation has to respect the following format and programme:

- All-Around competition for Individual Gymnasts (sum of scores of 4 routines) and Groups
- Finals for Individual Gymnasts by apparatus (8 gymnasts each, max. 2 per NF)
- Finals for Group (5 / 3+2) (8 groups each)

The All-Around competition will serve as qualification for the apparatus finals / group routines.

In case of a tie at any place, the tie-breaking rules as set up for the World Championships shall be applied. If there is still a tie, the tied gymnasts / groups will proceed to the final.

Competition programme

Day 1	Arrival of delegations
Day 2	Training and podium training
Day 3	Qualifications: Individuals – 2 apparatus Groups – 1 exercise
Day 4	Qualifications: Individuals – 2 apparatus Groups – 1 exercise
Day 5	Finals Individuals and Groups
Day 6	Departure of delegations

ART. 6 INVITATION / PARTICIPATION

Individual Gymnasts

The participation is limited as follows:

- All member Federations may participate with max. two (2) individual gymnasts.
- The current All-Around World Champion is invited in addition to the two (2) places mentioned above. This place is nominative.

Groups

All member Federations may participate with one (1) group.

ART. 7 DIRECTIVES

The Directives must be approved by the FIG and published at least five months prior to the event. For 2026, 2027 and 2028, they have to be submitted to the FIG as soon as possible but no later than six months prior to the event.

ART. 8 REGISTRATIONS AND DELEGATIONS SIZE

On-line registrations will only be accepted from eligible FIG Member Federations. Only senior gymnasts in good standing with the correct age and holding a valid FIG License at the time of registration until the end of the competitions may participate.

Maximum size of delegation: see Accreditation Rules for RG World Cup.

ART. 9 REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Registrations must be made on-line via the FIG online registration platform as follows:

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

**Note: it is not compulsory for the Organising Member Federation to request a Provisional Registration.*

Late registrations are subject to fines **as follows:**

Fine for missing or late Provisional registration (if any)	CHF 500.-
Fine for missing or late Definitive registration	CHF 750.-
Fine for missing or late Nominative registration	CHF 500.-

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

ART. 10 FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS FOR THE PARTICIPATING FEDERATIONS, THE ORGANISING MEMBER FEDERATION AND FIG

Unless stated otherwise in the Directives, the **participating federations** must pay for:

- Travel costs for the delegation members
- Accommodation expenses for the delegation members, exception see below
- Meals expenses for the delegation members, exception see below
- Entry fees, if requested by the LOC and approved by the FIG.

Federations which have not fulfilled their financial obligations towards the Local Organising Committee by the given deadline in the Directives may still have the possibility to participate, but the LOC will not guarantee the hotel booking, meals and local transportation. Federations which have not fulfilled their financial obligations towards the Organising Member federations upon arrival will not be accredited.

The **Organising Member Federation** must pay for:

- All costs for the preparation and the running of the event
- Application fee and deposit to the FIG
- FIG regular competition fee as decided by the Council (fees for senior events CHF 200, plus 5% of the prize money) and deposit to the FIG
- Prize money
- TV production costs
- Scoring and Result Service according to FIG requirements
- The local transportation and hotel accommodation in single room incl. breakfast for one FIG Executive Committee member if appointed by the FIG President
- The local transportation and hotel accommodation in single room incl. breakfast for the Technical Delegate

- International and local travel, accommodation and meals costs for any invited neutral judges approved by FIG
- Accommodation and meals for the top three (3) gymnasts in the All-Around ranking from the previous World Championships present at the event
- Accommodation and meals for the top three (3) Groups in the All-Around ranking from the previous World Championships present at the event.

The Organising member Federation shall determine the hotel at its discretion, but may not chose the “low cost” category hotel

- Local transportation and hotel accommodation in single room incl. breakfast for one FIG staff member, if appointed.

The **FIG** will pay for:

- International travel expenses and the Per Diem costs (including the travel days) for one FIG Executive Committee member if appointed by the FIG President.
- International travel expenses and the Per Diem costs (including the travel days) for the Technical Delegate
- International travel expenses and the Per Diem costs (including the travel days) for one FIG staff member if appointed.
- Additional prize money at the end of each of the four World Cup Series events (11.2).

ART. 11 PRIZE MONEY

Art. 11.1 Prize money to be paid by the LOC for each event

The Organising Member Federation must pay the minimum Prize Money of CHF 29'500.- for each FIG Rhythmic Gymnastics World Cup events as follows:

Ranking	Individuals All-Around	Individuals apparatus (by apparatus)
	Total of CHF 6'000.-	Total of CHF 3'250.-
1	2'000.-	1'000.-
2	1'500.-	750.-
3	1'000.-	500.-
4	500.-	300.-
5	400.-	250.-
6	300.-	200.-
7	200.-	150.-
8	100.-	100.-

Ranking	Groups All-Around	Groups 5 and 3+2 (each)
	Total of CHF 3'500.-	Total of CHF 3'500.-
1	2'000.-	2'000.-
2	1'000.-	1'000.-
3	500.-	500.-

If after application of the tie breaking rules outlined in the TR Section 3 there is still a tie, the prize money of the tied ranks will be added and divided by the number of ties.

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

The LOC will not be responsible for any local taxes payable in the beneficiary's residence country.

Art. 11.2 Additional prize money to be paid by the FIG at the end of each of the four Series

FIG shall pay an additional prize money to the best ranked Individual Gymnast/Group of each of the four Series as follows:

Individual All-Around competition: 1st rank: CHF 5'000
2nd rank: CHF 3'000
3rd rank: CHF 2'000

Group All-Around Competition: 1st rank: CHF 7'000
2nd rank: CHF 5'000
3rd rank: CHF 3'000

No additional prize money is paid for the winners of the Apparatus Finals and the Group Finals.

ART. 12 JUDGES' PANELS AND FIG TECHNICAL DELEGATE

Technical Delegate

The Technical Committee will propose possibly at least 3 months prior to the date of the event one Technical Committee member or one expert (to be approved by the FIG Secretary General) to serve as Technical Delegate. The Technical Delegate must receive all information from the Local Organising Committee and must be present at the event. The Technical Delegate will serve as President of the Superior Jury.

Judges' Panels

The Judges' Panels will be composed as per the Technical Regulations, the Code of Points and the General Judges' Rules valid in the year of the competition.

The Judges' Panels are set up by a draw from the judges present at the event. The draw must be directed by the Technical Delegate. The participating member federations must send minimum one qualified judge (valid brevet for Individuals) if they participate with individual gymnasts and one qualified judge (valid brevet for Groups) if they participate with a group. The participating member federations must send judges of minimum cat. 3. The Organising Member Federation is entitled to apply a fine of CHF 2'000 per missing judge (to be paid to the LOC) should a federation fail to bring the required number of judges or judges without the requested qualification. This provision must be mentioned in the Directives.

The Organising Member Federation is responsible that there are enough FIG brevetted judges present with the appropriate valid category of brevet for their function. Should there not be sufficient judges as per the on-line nominative registration, or not sufficient cat. 1 and 2 judges, the Organising Member Federation must propose to the FIG for prior approval by the Technical Delegate the name of neutral additional judges to complete the panels (plus 2 reserves). These judges, once approved, have to be invited at the cost of the Organising Member Federation. Such invitation must be made through the respective Member Federation. Should the Organising Member Federation fail to propose names for additional judges, the FIG Office in consultation with the Technical Delegate concerned will invite these judges at the cost of the Organising Member Federation.

ART. 13 APPARATUS AND APPARATUS CONTROL

All RG floors must have a valid FIG certificate no later than six months prior to the event and until the end of the event. The Organising member Federation must inform FIG at least six months prior to the event about the name of the Apparatus Manufacturer and in addition must provide a detailed list of certified equipment (as well as the name of the products with reference number or article number, as defined on the certificate and published on the FIG website). This list must also include the Apparatus Manufacturers and references of the Replacement Hand Apparatus.

The Organising member Federation must enter into a service agreement with the official apparatus manufacturer which guarantees the presence of at least one technician for the installation of the RG competition floors in the competition hall, the warm-up hall, and the training hall(s), as well as throughout the duration of training, podium training, warm-up and competition. A copy of the service agreement must be sent to the FIG at least six months prior to the event.

The apparatus control in the competition hall, warm-up hall and training hall(s) prior to training and competition is the responsibility of the FIG Technical Delegate (TD). The TD will be accompanied by a technician of the Apparatus Manufacturer and the local Competition Director.

The Apparatus control includes the check of the dimensions of the RG competition floors which must respect the valid FIG Apparatus Norms. It must be verified that the duly certified RG floors are set up correctly and that the RG floors in the different halls are identical.

The FIG and Manufacturers' Logos on the Hand Apparatus will be checked randomly at any time during the Event.

A written report (see Control Form in the Apparatus Norms) about all the problems faced must be established. Adjustments must be made by the apparatus manufacturer concerned in cooperation with the LOC. The TD will approve the use of the RG floors by the gymnasts, after verifying that the adjustments have been made.

During the competitions, the TD is responsible for the RG floors control.

ART. 14 VIDEO CONTROL, SCORING AND RESULT SERVICE

The Organising Member Federation must provide a scoring and result service with outputs as provided by the official scoring / data handling provider at FIG World Championships, including a high quality video system with music (see Technical Regulations, Section 1, Art. 4.10.4.1) which allows the recording, storage and provision of compilation of the recorded images for the Superior Jury and its the President. The videos must be sent to the FIG within one week after the end of the competition.

Throughout the competition, the system must be able to redisplay in real time, normal speed, slow motion or fixed image, the different sequences and the registered scores of every exercise performed for the Supervisors and the Technical Delegate.

The scoring and result system must include a TV graphics generator. The presentation of the TV-graphics on the international signal must be identical to those used at the FIG World Championships, free of advertising, and thus the same for all Organising Member Federations. These TV graphics are provided by the FIG. The title must include the FIG logo and the text e.g. "2025 FIG Rhythmic Gymnastics World Cup Lausanne (SUI)". The title has to be submitted to the FIG for approval.

ART. 15 MEDIA REQUIREMENTS

Art. 15.1 Media Rights across all means and Marketing Rights

Media Rights across all means and reproduction rights together with publicity and marketing rights concerning the World Cup events are the property of the FIG.

Art. 15.2 Media Rights across all means – Definition

The right during the Term to Exploit Footage of the Event throughout the Territory in any format and by all means, media and technologies (whether now known or invented) via any service and in any form for any purpose that FIG shall determine (including, without limitation, free and pay services, in the form of or via services which include any enhanced or interactive functionality and whether linear or on-demand and in whole and in part (including without limitation in the form of clips and highlights).

Art. 15.3 Television right and production

Media coverage is compulsory.

The Organising Member Federation must guarantee the production of a basic feed (international signal). The International signal must be available for the FIG and its Right holders free of charge at the international Broadcasting Centre or at the Gateway without any limitations and free of any access fees.

FIG releases all National Media Rights across all means to the Organising Member Federation. The Media rights are released free of charge and granted exclusively for a period of until one week after the competition and then on a non-exclusive basis until one year after the event. Then the rights are back with the FIG.

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

- the Organising Member Federation submits National Rights contracts to the FIG for written approval prior to signature.
- Each Organising Member Federation undertakes to provide the FIG Office with the contact details of the Host-Broadcaster at least six months prior to the event.
- Each Organising Member Federation undertakes to provide the FIG Office with a copy of the basic feed (international signal) immediately after the end of the competition on site to the FIG representative or agent. These footages are supplied to the FIG free of charge. Production costs and postage are at the cost of the Organising Member Federation. FIG may use the footage at its discretion.

The International Media Rights across all means remain with the FIG. The Rights will be offered as a package to the broadcasters worldwide (all events together for the series of 2025-2028) by the FIG Office or through an agent.

The total net revenue of the International Media Rights sales will be shared with the Organizing Member Federations. 90% of the revenue for the Organizing Member Federations and 10% for the FIG.

Art. 15.4 International TV signal- Definition

The International TV Signal shall be produced in accordance with the following:

- the International TV Signal shall be an integrated, complete, uninterrupted and continuous Live television feed produced to a first class professional sports broadcasting standard, using a minimum of six cameras in 16:9 format (but 4:3 protected and explicitly excluding letterbox format) and include coverage not only of the competition but also of any award ceremonies;
- the International TV Signal shall include slow motion replays, full graphics with all graphics text in English, including but not limited to starting numbers, starting lists, names of competitors, results, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, international sound with necessary related background sound effects on at least two audio tracks;
- the International TV Signal shall not include any domestic elements which would not be acceptable for international broadcast such as commercial elements, in-vision presenters, talking heads, interviews, commercial breaks and black holes or any other elements which may hinder ability to exploit the Rights;
- the International TV Signal must include full duration coverage of the Finals with award ceremonies and shall start at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the commencement of the competition.

Art. 15.5 Marketing Rights

For the 2025-2028 series, the FIG releases all Marketing rights (including the publicity space on the apparatus) free of charge to the Organising Member Federation. It is understood that the FIG Advertising and Publicity Norms must be respected.

Art. 15.6 Results

The Technical Delegate is responsible that the results of the competition, signed by the Technical Delegate, are sent by e-mail to the FIG Office immediately after the end of the respective competitions.

The results and the updated World Cup Ranking Lists will be published on the FIG website within 24 hours after the end of the respective competitions to the conditions that the Organising Member Federation respects the following process:

Art. 15.6.1 Before the competition (7 days)

The FIG Office will send the list of registered gymnasts with their respective license number and a template of the electronic results file (empty) to the federation who organises the competition.

Art. 15.6.2 After the competition

The organiser must return to the FIG at the end of the competition:

A copy of all detailed results (qualifications All-Around and per apparatus as well as finals) in PDF format and duly signed by the FIG TD for archival purposes only.

Up to a maximum of 24 hours after the end of the competition, the organizer must upload the competition data (results) to the Maelstrom JEP portal, using the access credentials to be given by the FIG, once the World Cup is assigned.

- The only accepted format for the upload is an XML file, with the specifications detailed on the Maelstrom JEP portal.

If the above deadlines are not respected or if the FIG does not receive any electronic results file in the format specified above, the Organising Member Federation's deposit will be lost in full.

Art. 15.6.3 Photographs

A selection of high-quality (min 2048 x 1536 pixel) photographs from the event taken by an experienced sports photographer. The photos should be in high-quality JPG format with captions embedded in the metadata. They should be delivered to the FIG Communications Department (mediafig@fig-gymnastics.org) as soon as possible, but no later than 24 hours, after the event using a cloud-based application such as WeTransfer or Dropbox. The selection should include the winners on each apparatus, the medal ceremonies and any other significant happenings during the event (e.g. visits by local or national dignitaries, FIG authorities).

ART. 16 MEDICAL INJURY REPORT FORM AND DOPING CONTROLS

The Organising Member Federation must provide a Gymnast injury summary report and all related injury reports or a written confirmation that no injury occurred. This report must be sent to the FIG Office under medical confidentiality within 3 days after the event. Failure to do so after the first reminder will result in a deposit being lost in full.

The Organising Member Federation must provide at its own charge a minimum of 8 doping controls, 4 for individual gymnasts and 4 for group gymnasts. Failure to do so will result in the deposit being lost in full.

Doping control forms must be sent to FIG secretariat by Doping control officer within 3 days after the event. Failure to do so after the first reminder will result in a deposit being lost in full.

ART. 17 ASSIGNMENT OF WORLD CUP POINTS FOR THE RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS WORLD CUP RANKING LIST

Separate RG World Cup Ranking Lists for:

- Individual gymnasts All-Around
- Individual gymnast per apparatus
- Groups All-Around
- Group routines

are established for each of the four World Cup Series. This list begins with the first World Cup competition of the series and ends with the last World Cup event of the series (4 competitions).

The following World Cup Points are assigned by gymnast / group.

Rank	Individuals	Groups
1	50	50

2	45	45
3	40	40
4	35	35
5	30	30
6	25	25
7	20	20
8	18	15
9	16	10
10	14	5
11	12	4
12	10	3
13	9	-
14	8	-
15	6	-
16	4	-
17	2	-
18	1	-

If after application of the tie breaking rules outlined in the TR Section 3 there is still a tie, the points of the equal ranks will be added and divided by the number of ties.

Should less than 4 federations participate in the World Cup competition (individual gymnasts and/or groups), World Cup points will not be awarded.

ART. 18 YEARLY WINNER OF THE FIG WORLD CUP SERIES

The yearly winner of the Rhythmic Gymnastics World Cup Series is the gymnast / group with the highest number of points of each of the World Cup Series Ranking List of the respective year, after the last event of the series, counting the best results (maximum 3, regardless of the number of competitions the gymnast participated in). The gymnasts/groups will receive an additional prize money paid by the FIG as per Art. 11.2.

Should there be a tie, it will be broken as follows

The number of ranks of the counting competitions achieved by the respective gymnast/group will be added and the gymnast/group with the lowest total will prevail.

Should there still be a tie, the total score of the counting routines will be added and the gymnast/group with the highest total will prevail.

Should there still be a tie, the total execution score of the counting routines will be added and the gymnast/group with the highest total execution score will prevail.

A special award ceremony must be held at the last Rhythmic Gymnastics World Cup Competition of the year in which the winning gymnasts and the winning groups shall receive a Cup.

ART. 19 DRAWING OF LOTS

The gymnasts' drawing of lots for all Rhythmic Gymnastics World Cup events will take place at the FIG Office in Lausanne (SUI) within two weeks after the closing date of the definitive registration.

These Rules have been approved by the FIG Executive Committee during its meeting in February 2024 in Kampala (UGA) and enter into effect on 1st January 2025.

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