

FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE GYMNASTIQUE



FIG Rules for Sanctioning (approval) of International Events

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INTRODUCTION

Following the FIG Statutes Art. 29.1 below, all international competitions must be approved by the FIG.

FIG Statutes Art. 29.1 Control of international competitions:

All international competitions organised by Continental Unions, Regional Groups, the 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”

The FIG Executive Committee herewith decrees the following Rules for the Sanctioning of International Events:

1. RIGHTS AND ADVANTAGES OF FIG APPROVED EVENTS

FIG approved events:

- are published in the FIG Calendar, on the official FIG Website (www.gymnastics.sport) and on all FIG Communication platforms;
- may use the title “FIG approved event”;
- may use the official internet and intranet for publishing the invitations and information to all FIG Member Federations by mail and/or through the official FIG website;
- may request an FIG Technical Delegate;
- may publish a report and results on the official FIG website;
- may use the FIG logo on official communications, posters, and program. This does not apply for any selling item (i.e. T-Shirts, souvenirs, etc.);
- will be included in the official FIG result service system (publication of the results on the FIG website);
- may use the services of the FIG Secretariat to publish information;
- are taken into account for the judges’ careers as mentioned in the General Judges’ Regulations.

2. DUTIES OF THE ORGANISING UNION, OR MEMBER FEDERATION OF AN FIG APPROVED EVENT

The Organising Member Federation (OMF) must:

- Respect the procedures for approval listed here below
- Pay the fee (Financial Obligation) as defined in the FIG Technical Regulations (TR) Art. 11.3.1

- Respect the FIG Rules and Regulations, including:
 - Statutes
 - Code of Ethics
 - Code of Conduct
 - Technical Regulations
 - Code of Discipline
 - Code of Points and relevant Newsletters
 - General Judges' Rules
 - Specific Judges' Rules
 - Anti-Doping Rules
 - Licence rules (except for non-competitive events)
 - FIG Framework for Safeguarding Athletes and other Participants from Harassment and abuse in Sport during Events
 - FIG Medical Guidelines for FIG Competitions and Events
 - Media Rules
 - Apparatus Norms
 - Advertising and Publicity Rules
 - Regulations for Award Ceremonies
 - Accreditation Rules

and subsequent decisions of the FIG Executive Committee.
- Send the results (including detailed judges' scores and complete list of active judges in the event (using the dedicated forms) within 24 hours after the event to the FIG Secretariat.
- Send a report as soon as possible, but no later than 30 days after the event to the FIG Secretariat.

3. EVENTS WHICH MUST BE APPROVED BY THE FIG

For these Rules, the following competitions are recognized as International Competitions and therefore must be approved according to the FIG Statutes Art. 29.1.

- World Championships;
- Continental Championships and Games;
- All Multisport Games (Olympic Games, Youth Olympic Games, World Games, Mediterranean Games, Commonwealth Games, FISU World University Games, , etc.);
- All World Cup and World Challenge Cup Competitions.

It is understood that the abovementioned list includes senior, junior and age group competitions.

4. OTHER EVENTS WHICH MAY BE APPROVED BY THE FIG

FIG Member Federations and Continental Unions have the possibility to request approval from the FIG for all other International Competitions.

These events must fulfil the same requirements as defined in Art. 2. of the present Regulations.

5. EVENTS NOT SANCTIONED BY THE FIG

The events organised without having been sanctioned by the FIG or not subject to FIG sanctioning shall not benefit from any rights or advantages resulting from these FIG Rules.

Thus, such events shall not use the FIG logo or services.

6. PROCEDURE TO APPROVE EVENTS

All events as defined here above must be announced to the FIG as soon as possible, but at least 6 months prior to the beginning of the event.

These requests for approval of an event can only be made by the Organising Member Federation by filling in the online form to be found on the [FIG database](#) and by adding the official directives' template "FIG Form for the Request of Sanction of an Event".

In addition, a separate apparatus list must be duly completed.

All directives templates and forms can be obtained from the FIG Secretariat as well as on the [FIG administration](#) platform.

The minimum information required are mentioned in the directives templates and forms.

7. FIG APPROVAL

FIG shall consider the competitions within 14 days upon request made from the FIG member Federation on the FIG database platform.

The requested competitions can only be considered as "FIG Approved" once this is confirmed in writing by FIG and published on the FIG calendar.

Changes in the given information must be submitted in writing to the FIG, which will be subject to approval. The FIG will provide written notification upon approval of requested changes. The Organizing Member federation will be responsible for informing all parties concerned of the approved changes.

8. SANCTIONS

Failure to announce events may lead to a complaint to the Gymnastics Ethics Foundation.

In case of failure to fulfil the requirements for sanctioned (recognizing) events listed in the calendar (by the organising member federation or the LOC), the Organising member federation will be informed in writing by the Secretary General about the non-respect of the rules. This can lead to a complaint to the Gymnastics Ethics Foundation and/or result in refusing the recognition for the same event the next time the federation request sanctioning.

Further actions for violation of the rules may be engaged by the Secretary General in consultation with the President.

Failure to provide the FIG secretariat with the necessary documents (results books (media and delegation) and complete list of active judges) within 3 days after the event will lead to a reminder sent by the FIG secretariat to the hosting federation.

If, after 5 additional days, the necessary documents have still not been received at the FIG secretariat in the correct format, this event will no longer be considered as an FIG approved event and therefore will not appear on the FIG website until fulfilled. An official notification will be made to the hosting federation in such cases.

The fee for organizing an FIG approved event, as mentioned in the Art 11 – Financial Provisions of the current valid version of the TR remains nevertheless valid.

Should the FIG receive the results in the correct format no later than 3 weeks after the 2nd reminder, the event will appear again on the website and thus be considered an FIG event. However, in this case, the same event the following year will not be sanctioned (approved) by the FIG should such a request be submitted.

9. WADA NON-COMPLIANCE CONSEQUENCES

The exploitation of any rights related to the hosting of an event is subject, at all times, to the compliance with the FIG Rules and Regulations as well as any other rule enacted by other sports organisations to which the FIG has committed to respect, including the World Anti-Doping Code (WADC) and the international standards enacted by the World Anti-doping Agency (WADA).

Regardless of whether the event has already been allocated or not, the FIG may terminate any collaboration with the OMF or the Local Organising Committee (LOC), immediately and without paying any penalty and/or compensation or incurring liability of any kind, under the following circumstances:

- (i) if the National Anti-Doping Organisation (NADO) in charge in the concerned country is declared non-compliant by WADA
- (ii) if the relevant country has been ruled ineligible to host the event.

In such cases, the FIG is entitled to reassign the event to any other OMF in another country where the WADC and the WADA international standards are fully respected.

These FIG Rules for Sanctioning (approval) of International Events, drafted and approved by the FIG Executive Committee in February 2011, were updated by the Executive Committee at its meeting in Lausanne (SUI), March 2023.

They enter into force with immediate effect.

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