

FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE GYMNASTIQUE



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



**in
Rhythmic Gymnastics**

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ART. 1 GENERAL PRINCIPLES

The FIG World Challenge Cup Series will be run every year and begins with the 1st event of the year and ends with the last event of the year.

The events shall take place between May and November.

The Series consists of a minimum of 3 events. Their number is not limited, provided the dates are not in conflict with FIG World Championships, World Cup events (all disciplines), FIG Sanctioned multi-sport events or Continental Championships.

The Programme of the FIG World Challenge Cup Series will include competitions for individual gymnasts and for groups.

The FIG World Challenge Cup events are major FIG events with open participation. They are aimed at supporting the affiliated federations in developing rhythmic gymnastics worldwide through the organisation of high standard FIG international events.

At each event, the gymnasts have the opportunity to win prize money and World Challenge Cup points which will count towards the World Challenge Cup Ranking List.

ART. 2 RIGHTS AND ADVANTAGES OF FIG WORLD CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITIONS

- Each event will use the official title of “FIG Rhythmic Gymnastics World Challenge Cup”
- Each event will contribute points to the FIG World Challenge Cup
- Each event will be considered as an official FIG event
- Each event will be published on the official [FIG calendar of events](#)
- The event dates will be protected by FIG
- The Directives of each event will be published by FIG and available for all eligible member federations
- The FIG Office and the Local Organising Committee (LOC) of each event will send information to all FIG Member Federations by e-mail and/or through the official FIG website
- The LOC 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 LOC of each event will be entitled to require assistance from the official FIG Technical Delegate
- 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 FIG World Challenge Cup competitions must be received at the FIG Office by 30th June (23:59 CET) of the previous year for the following year. The World Challenge Cup competitions for the next season will be assigned by the FIG Executive Committee. Applications will be considered and allocated in relation to conflict of dates with other FIG sanctioned events.

Should the Executive Committee not be in a position to approve at least three bids, the FIG World Challenge Cup Series in Rhythmic Gymnastics of the following year will not take place.

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

- All FIG World Challenge Cup competitions must offer competitions for individual gymnasts and for groups
- FIG World Challenge Cup competitions must be separate and distinct competition, and may not be combined with any other competitions
- Venue capacity of min. 2'500 seats
- One specific warm-up area in the competition hall or adjacent
- Training hall(s) adjacent to the competition venue or nearby
- Total of minimum 6 certified floors (minimum competition hall 1, warm-up area 1, training hall(s) 4)
- FIG Member Federations interested in organising a FIG World Challenge Cup competition must apply in writing to the FIG Office and complete the appropriate Directives template and forms (if any) provided to them by the FIG as soon as possible, but by no later than 30th June (23:59 CET) for the following season.

Information on the date, the location, the name of the event, , 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.
- 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 Organising Member Federation for FIG World Challenge 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 only 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 event to the Member Federation. The deposit will also be returned in full after the event, 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 the 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 are refused.

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

Preference will be given to leading tournaments as follows:

- traditional and worldwide established tournaments
- 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
- 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 organised under the following FIG rules, as valid in the year of the competition, except for any deviation mentioned in these FIG World Challenge 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
- Rules for Advertising and Publicity
- Accreditation Rules
- Rules for Awards Ceremonies

and subsequent decisions of the FIG Executive Committee.

ART. 5 COMPETITION FORMAT, PARTICIPATION AND PROGRAMME

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

- All-Around competition for individual gymnasts and groups
- Finals for individual gymnasts by apparatus (8 gymnasts each, max. 2 per NF)
- Finals for group routines (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 and Groups
Day 4	Qualifications Individuals and Groups
Day 5	Finals Individuals and Groups
Day 6	Departure of delegations

Participation is open to all FIG member federations in good standing that have paid their annual membership fee for Rhythmic Gymnastics with maximum 2 individual gymnast and a group.

ART. 6 DIRECTIVES

The Directives and forms (if any) must be approved by the FIG and published at least five months prior to the event. but the 30th of June of the previous year at the very latest.

ART. 7 REGISTRATIONS AND DELEGATIONS SIZE

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

Maximum size of delegation: see Accreditation Rules.

ART. 8 REGISTRATION DEADLINES

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

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. 9 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
- Meals expenses for the delegation members
- Entry fees, if requested by the LOC and approved by the FIG.

Federations which have not fulfilled their financial obligations towards the LOC 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 Organizing 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
- TV production costs
- Scoring and Result Service according to FIG requirements
- International transportation travel expenses and per diem costs (including travel days), local travel expenses as well as the accommodation costs (single room incl. breakfast) for the FIG Technical Delegate
- International and local travel, accommodation and meals costs for any invited neutral judges approved by the FIG
- FIG regular competition fee as decided by the Council (fees for senior events CHF 200, plus 5% of the prize money)
- Prize money.

ART. 10 PRIZE MONEY

The Organizing Member federation must pay the minimum Prize Money of CHF 18'800.- for each FIG World Challenge Cup events as follows:

Ranking	Individual All-Around	Individual apparatus (by apparatus)
	Total of CHF 2'700.-	Total of CHF 2'000.-
1	700.-	600.-
2	550.-	450.-
3	450.-	300.-
4	300.-	200.-
5	250.-	150.-
6	200.-	100.-
7	150.-	100.-
8	100.-	100.-

Ranking	Group All-Around	Group 5 and 3+2 (each)
	Total of CHF 2'700.-	Total of CHF 2'700.-
1	1'200.-	1'200.-
2	900.-	900.-
3	600.-	600.-

If after application of the tie breaking rules outlined in the Technical Regulations (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.

Should less than 4 federations participate in the World Challenge Cup competition (individual gymnasts and/or groups), no prize money will be paid. This provision must be mentioned in the Directives.

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 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 (TD). The TD must receive all information from the LOC and must be present at the event. The TD will serve as President of the Superior Jury.

Judges' Panels

The Judges' Panels will be composed as per the TR, 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 TD. The participating member federations must send minimum one qualified judge (valid brevet for Individual) if they participate with individual gymnasts and one qualified judge (valid brevet for Group) if they participate with a group. 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 a sufficient number of 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 of the TD 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 TD concerned will invite these judges at the cost of the Organising Member Federation.

ART. 12 APPARATUS AND APPARATUS CONTROL

All 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 the 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 (FIG ID), 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 apparatus control in the competition hall, warm-up hall and training hall(s) prior to training and competition is the responsibility of the FIG TD. The TD will be accompanied by the local Competition Director.

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

Random checks on Hand Apparatus on the FIG and Manufacturers' Logos will be carried out at any time during the Event.

ART. 13 VIDEO CONTROL, SCORING AND RESULT SERVICE

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

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 Challenge Cup Lausanne (SUI)". The title has to be submitted to the FIG for approval.

ART. 14 MEDIA REQUIREMENTS

Art. 14.1 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 Challenge Cup events are the property of the FIG.

Art. 14.2 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 the 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. 14.3 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.

The 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 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 to FIG free of charge. Production costs and postage are at the cost of the Organising Member Federation.

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. 14.4 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. 14.5 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. 14.6 Results

The TD is responsible that the results of the competition, signed by the TD, are sent by e-mail to the FIG Office or uploaded into the FIG database platform immediately after the end of the respective competitions.

The Results and the updated FIG World Challenge 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. 14.6.1 Before the competition (7 days)

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

Art. 14.6.2 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 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 Challenge 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. 14.6.3 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. 15 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 6 doping controls, 3 for individual gymnasts and 3 for group gymnasts. Failure to do so will result in the deposit being lost in full.

Doping control forms must be sent to the FIG Office 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. 16 ASSIGNMENT OF POINTS FOR THE FIG WORLD CHALLENGE CUP SERIES

Separate World Challenge Cup Ranking Lists for:

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

are established for each World Challenge Cup Series of the cycle. This list begins with the first World Challenge Cup competition of the series and ends with the last FIG World Challenge Cup event of the series.

The following points are assigned by gymnast and by group.

Rank	Individual	Group
1	50	50
2	45	45
3	40	40
4	35	35
5	30	30
6	25	25
7	20	20
8	15	15
9	13	8
10	12	7
11	11	6
12	10	5
13	9	4
14	8	3
15	6	2
16	5	1

17	4	-
18	3	-
19	2	-
20	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 Challenge Cup competition (individual gymnasts and/or groups), World Challenge Cup points will not be awarded.

ART. 17 YEARLY WINNER OF THE FIG WORLD CHALLENGE CUP SERIES

The yearly winner of the FIG World Challenge Cup Series is the gymnast / group with the highest number of points of each of the World Challenge Cup Series Ranking List of the respective year.

- If 4 or more World Challenge Cup Competitions take place per year, the best results (maximum 3) are counted, regardless of the number of competitions the gymnast / group participated in
- If 3 World Challenge Competitions take place per year all results are counted, regardless of the number of competitions the gymnast / group participated in

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.

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

If there is still a tie, the total execution score of the counting exercises 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 World Challenge Cup Competition of the year in which the winning gymnasts / groups shall receive a Cup.

ART. 18 DRAWING OF LOTS

The gymnasts' drawing of lots for all FIG World Challenge 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 EC at its meeting in May 2024 and will enter into effect on 1st January 2025.

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