

FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE GYMNASTIQUE



Rules for the FIG World Cup Competitions and Series

2016-2017

2017-2018

2018-2019

2019-2020



in Acrobatic Gymnastics

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ART. 1 GENERAL PRINCIPLES

During the Olympic cycle 2017 – 2020, there will be four FIG Acrobatic Gymnastics World Cup Series. The first Series will take place from November 2016 until March 2017, the second Series from November 2017 until March 2018, the third Series from November 2018 until March 2019 and the fourth Series from November 2019 until March 2020.

2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020
Min. 3, max. 8	Min. 3, max. 8	Min. 3, max. 8	Min. 3, max. 8
Nov. /Feb./March	Nov. /Feb./March	Nov. /Feb./March	Nov. /Feb./March

FIG World Cup Competitions may be organized in one of the two following categories:

- Category A
- Category B

The World Cups Series consists of a minimum of 3 events and a total of maximum 8 events (regardless of the category).

Only one event per Series may be assigned per Member Federation. Should there be less than 8 events per Series, the Executive Committee may assign a second event to the same Member Federation.

At each event, the pairs/groups will have the opportunity to win World Cup points which will count towards the respective World Cup Ranking Lists. These World Cup Ranking Lists will begin with the 1st event of the Series e.g. November 2016 and will end with the last event of the Series e.g. March 2017.

ART. 2 RIGHTS AND ADVANTAGES OF FIG WORLD CUP COMPETITIONS

- Each event may use the official title of "FIG World Cup Competition XXX".
- Each event will contribute points to the respective World Cup Ranking Lists.
- 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.fig-gymnastics.com)
- Each event (calendar) will be published and updated regularly on all FIG communication platforms
- The Local Organizing Committee of each event will be entitled to use the services of the FIG Office to send information to all FIG Member Federations by e-mail and/or through the official FIG website
- The Local Organizing 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 Organizing Committee of each event will be entitled to require assistance from the official ACRO 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 AND APPLICATIONS

Art. 3.1 Criteria for approval

Bids for the World Cup Competitions must be received at the FIG Office by 30th June for the Series starting in November. The World Cup Competitions will be assigned by the FIG Executive Committee in August.

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

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

- All World Cup competitions must offer competitions in all 5 categories.
- Although the World Cup competitions are distinct competitions, the organizer may hold other competitions at the same site and date, as long as these competitions do not interfere with the training and competition schedule of the World Cup competition
- FIG Member Federations interested in organizing a World Cup Competition must apply in writing to the FIG Office and complete the appropriate invitation letter and forms provided to them by the FIG as soon as possible, but by no later than 30 June for the following season. Information on the date, the location, the name of the event, the prize money, and the apparatus brand* must be completed.

** in addition, a detailed list of certified equipment (as well as the name of the products, with reference number or article number, as defined on the FIG website) to be used must be completed and submitted to the FIG Office no later than 6 months before the competition.*

- Applications must include the name and contact address of the Event Manager and the Media Officer.
- Applications for A Category 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.
- Should a World Cup competition be combined with another competition, then the World Cup Applications must also include all information for this combined competition (including provisional competition and training schedules, etc.).
- The Organizing Member Federation must offer minimum two different hotel categories, including the Official Hotel one being a “low cost hotel”. The prices charged for the hotel rooms cannot exceed the normal hotel charge.
- The Organizing Member Federation must pay a non-refundable application fee to the FIG of CHF 2'000.- for an A Category and CHF 1'000.- for a B Category. This fee must accompany the invitation letter and forms. The application fee will only be returned in full, should the application not be considered by the FIG Executive Committee.
- The Organizing Member Federation applying for an World Cup Competition must pay a deposit of CHF 2'000.- to the FIG. This deposit must accompany the invitation letter and forms. The deposit will be returned in full, should the FIG decide not to assign a World Cup to the Organizing Member Federation. The deposit will also be returned in full after the World Cup, provided all conditions of these Rules are fulfilled. Infractions and/or non-fulfilment of conditions set out in these Rules will result in the FIG not returning the deposit in full. The deposit will be lost in full (i.e. stay with FIG) if the dates, the city, or the

venue of the World Cup are changed by the Organizing Member Federation or if the World Cup cannot be organised by the Organizing Member Federation (see also point 14.6 of these Rules).

- Late applications, applications which are not complete, or are not accompanied by the application fee and the deposit are refused.

3.2 Assignment of World Cup Competitions by the FIG Executive Committee

A Category

- Competition in all 5 categories

B Category

- Competition in all 5 categories

Preference will be given to the Category A leading Tournaments with the best highest media and public impact, high prize money and wide participation.

Category A and B tournaments must offer a Final in all 5 categories.

Upon confirmation of the proposed invitation letter and forms from the FIG Office, the organizers must invite the eligible Member Federations at least four months prior to the date of the event.

Upon assignment of a World Cup Event by the FIG Executive Committee, the Technical Committee will propose as soon as possible, but no later than 3 months, one Technical Committee member or one expert (to be approved by the FIG President) to serve as Technical Delegate. This Technical Delegate must receive all information from the Local Organizing Committee and he/she must be present at the event. The Technical Delegate will serve as President of the Superior Jury.

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 World Cup Rules:

- Statutes
- Code of Ethics
- Technical Regulations
- License Rules
- Code of Points and relevant Newsletters
- General Judges' Rules
- Specific Judges' Rules for Acrobatic Gymnastics
- Medical Organization of the Official FIG Competitions
- Anti-Doping Rules
- 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 AND PARTICIPATION

Qualifications and Finals in all 5 categories:

- Qualifications: 1 Balance Exercise + 1 Dynamic Exercise
- Finals: 1 Combined Exercise

Art. 5.1 Qualifications

Participation is limited to 3 Pairs and Groups per NF in each category.

The Organizing Member Federation may restrict the participation to 2 Pairs and Groups per category and NF.

The Organizing Member Federation is allowed to add only for the qualifications “hors concours” competitors. These competitors are in addition to the official participants of the Organizing Member Federation’s competitors; they must be named at the time of the closing of the nominative registration. They will have to start first.

The Organizing Member Federation is allowed to name 1 Men’s Pair, 1 Women’s Pair, 1 Mixed Pair, 1 Women’s Groups and 1 Men’s Group. as “hors concours” competitors.

Gymnasts who participate as “hors concours” are not eligible to receive World Cup points and prize money and they must not appear on the official results lists.

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 tie shall not be broken. World Cup points will be assigned as foreseen in art. 17. If a tie remains at a rank qualifying for the finals, all tied units will proceed to the final.

Art. 5.2 Finals

- The top eight pairs or groups per category from the qualifications qualify for the Finals, with no more than 2 pairs or groups per NF.
- If there are less than 9 units, only 6 will proceed to the Final, with no more than 2 pairs or groups per NF.
- In addition, if the Organizing Member Federation has not qualified in any category, it may nominate one participation in one category of its choice.
- Maximum participation in the finals is therefore 8 (or 6) +1 units in one category and 8 (or 6) in the other four categories.
- Such “Wild Card Participants” must have participated in the respective category in the qualification, and they will have to start first.
- “Wild Card Participants” will receive medals and prize money, but they will not receive any World Cup Points.
- If there are less than 4 units in a category, no medals, prize money and World Cup Points will be awarded.

In case of a tie at any place, the tie-breaking rules as set up for the World Championships shall be applied.

ART. 5.3 CANCELLATION POLICY

- The **organizing member Federation (LOC)** may cancel the competition in the respective category if at the time of the definitive entry there are less than 4 units registered in a category. In case of such a cancellation, the LOC must reimburse, in full, the entry fee and

payments made for accommodation. Should flights have to be cancelled due to the above, the risk is at the charge of the participating member Federations (NF).

- The participating member Federations (NF) may cancel its participation in a specific category without any penalty or payment for fees, accommodation and meals already booked, in case of less than 4 units in that category after the definitive deadlines.
- Procedure and deadlines for the cancellation of a category by the LOC or participation by the NF is as follows:
 - FIG shall inform LOC and NF about the participation, within 5 days after the Definitive registration deadline.
 - LOC and NF have the possibility to cancel the event (in a specific category) respectively their participation within 5 days after information by the FIG. Such notification must be sent by e-mail or fax to the FIG. Cancellations after this deadline will not be accepted.

ART. 6 INVITATION

The Organising Member Federation must invite all FIG Member Federations who have paid their annual membership fee for Acrobatic Gymnastics. Only senior gymnasts in good standing with the correct age and holding a valid FIG License at the moment of nominative registration and until the end of the competition may participate.

The Directives and forms must be approved by the FIG and published at last 5 months prior to the event. They have to be submitted to the FIG as soon as possible but no later than 6 months prior to the event.

ART. 7 REGISTRATIONS AND DELEGATIONS SIZE

On-line registrations will only be accepted from FIG Gymnastics Member Federations.

For delegation size please refer to FIG Accreditation Rules.

ART. 8 REGISTRATION DEADLINES

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.

Registrations must be made exclusively on-line via the FIG online registration platform. Late registrations and registrations which are not accompanied by the requested payments (if any) 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 and payments made after the 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 ORGANIZING MEMBER FEDERATION AND FIG

Financial Obligations for the participating Federations

Unless stated differently in the invitation, the invited participating federations pay for their travel, accommodation and entry fees if request by the OC and approved by the FIG.

Federations which have not fulfilled their financial obligations towards the FIG (e.g. annual membership fees, unpaid invoices, etc.) will not be allowed to participate in these World Cups.

Federations which have not fulfilled their financial obligations towards the Local Organizing Committee by the given deadline in the Invitation/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.

Financial Obligations for the organising member Federations

The Organizing Member Federation is responsible for:

- All costs for the preparation and the running of the event
- TV production costs (compulsory for World Cups cat. A)
- Scoring and result service as per FIG requirements
- Application fee and deposit to the FIG
- Local travel expenses as well as the accommodation costs in single room, incl. breakfast for the ACRO Technical Delegate
- Travel, accommodation, and meals costs for any invited neutral judges
- Local transportation and hotel accommodation in single room, incl. breakfast for one FIG Executive Committee member if appointed by the FIG President.
- Local transportation and hotel accommodation in single room incl. breakfast for one FIG staff member if appointed 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

The FIG shall pay for:

- The International travel expenses and the Per Diem, including the travel days for the ACRO Technical Delegate.
- 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 one FIG staff member if appointed by the FIG.

ART. 10 PRIZE MONEY

The organising member federation must pay a minimum prize money per medallist as follows:

For Tournaments Category A: Total minimum 15'600.- (Swiss Francs):

Gold	600.-
Silver	400.-
Bronze	200.-

For Tournaments Category B: Total minimum 7'800.- (Swiss Francs):

(unless otherwise agreed by the FIG Presidential Committee)

Gold	300.-
Silver	200.-
Bronze	100.-

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

In case of a tie, the prize money will be added and divided by the number of tied units:

1, 1, 3 (prize money for rank 1 and 2 is added and divided by 2)

1, 2, 2, (prize money for rank 2 and 3 is added and divided by 2)

No prize money, medals and World Ranking Lists points will be given, if there are less than 4 participating units per category. This must be mentioned in the invitations.

ART. 11 JURIES

The number of Juries (judges' panels) may be decided by the organizing member federation depending on the number of participating competitors and judges.

The Juries are set up by a draw - directed by the FIG Technical Delegate- from the judges present at the event. Priority will be given to the judges of the highest category.

No panel may include more than one member from a single federation (excluding the CJP and D judges).

The CJP must be of cat. 1 the D1 judges must be cat. 1 or 2 and the Execution and Difficulty judges must be cat. 1, 2 or 3.

Each participating federation must provide minimum one judge. Failure to do so or if a participating Federation sends a judge category 4 (instead of a category 1, 2 or 3) will result in a fine of Swiss Francs 2'000.- to be paid to the organizing member federation.

The Organizing Member Federation is responsible that there are enough FIG brevetted judges present with the appropriate category of brevet for their function.

Should there not be sufficient judges, the Organizing Member Federation may propose to the FIG for approval the name of neutral additional judges to complete the panels (plus 1 reserve). These judges, once approved, have to be invited at the cost of the Organizing Member Federation. Should the Organizing Member Federation fail to propose names for additional judges, the FIG will invite such judges at the cost of the Organizing Member Federation.

The Organizing Member Federation is entitled to apply a fine of CHF 2'000 per missing judge (to be paid to the OC) should a federation fail to bring the required number of judges. This provision must be mentioned in the invitation letter.

A jury must consist of minimum 1 Chair of Judges' Panel, 2 Difficulty judges, 4 Artistic and 4 Execution judges. The FIG Technical Representative will serve as President of the Superior Jury.

Video control system

Should IRCOS not be available, the Organizing Member Federation must provide another video control system which allows to treat inquiries and records all exercises of the competition in a quality which allows to judge the exercises. The videos must be sent to the FIG office within one week after the competition.

ART. 12 APPARATUS AND APPARATUS CONTROL

All apparatus 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, the reference number of the article number, as defined on the certificate and published on the FIG website).

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 competition floors and the mats in the competition hall (and the warm-up hall, and the training hall(s) if available), 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 control of the competition floors and the mats in the competition hall (and in the warm-up hall and training hall(s) if available) prior to training 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.

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

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 competition floors and mats by the gymnasts, after verifying that the adjustments have been made.

During the competitions, the respective Technical Delegate is responsible for the apparatus control.

ART. 13 MEDIA REQUIREMENTS

Art. 13.1 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. 13.2 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. 13.3 Television right and production

Television coverage is compulsory for World Cups cat. A. For World Cups of B Category, the same requirements will apply provided that a television production is available even if not compulsory.

The Organizing 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 Organizing 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:

- That the Organizing Member Federation submits National Rights contracts to the FIG for written approval prior to signature.
- Each Organizing 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 Organizing Member Federation undertakes to provide the FIG Office with a Beta tape copy (Digital Beta PAL Format) 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 Organizing 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 2017-2020) 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, 10% for the FIG.

Art. 13.4 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. 13.5 Marketing Rights

For the 2017-2020 series, the FIG releases all Marketing rights (including the publicity space on the apparatus) free of charge to the Organizing Member Federation. It is understood that the FIG Advertising and Publicity Norms must be respected.

Art. 13.6 Results

The Technical Delegate is responsible that the results of the competition, signed by the respective 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 List will be published on the FIG website within 24 hours after the end of the respective competitions to the conditions that the Organizing Member Federation respects the following process:

Art. 13.6.1 Before the competition (7 days)

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

Art. 13.6.2 After the competition

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

A copy of all detailed results (qualifications & finals) in PDF format and duly signed by the Technical Delegate for archival purposes only.

The organizer must also return to the FIG maximum 24 hours after the competition:

An electronic file in XLS or CSV format, using the same structure as the template previously sent by the FIG Office including necessary information for automatic processing of results and awarding points for the ACRO World Cup.

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

ART. 14 MEDICAL INJURY REPORT FORM AND DOPING CONTROLS

The organizing 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 Secretariat 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.

For World Cup tournaments, A and B category, the Organizing Member Federation has to provide a minimum of 5 doping controls at its own charge.

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. 15 ASSIGNMENT OF WORLD CUP POINTS FOR THE WORLD CUP RANKING LIST

Separate World Cup Series Ranking Lists are established for each Series and for every category beginning with the first World Cup event of the Series and ending with the last World Cup event of the Series as follows:

- Women's Pairs
- Men's Pairs
- Mixed Pairs
- Women's Groups
- Men's Groups

The Pairs are listed **by name**, but considered **as an entity**. The World Cup Points are assigned **to the Pair**.

In case of change of partner, the Pair is considered as a new Pair.

The Groups are listed **by name**, but considered **as an entity**. The World Cup Points are assigned **to the Group**.

One change of name in a Group is allowed, but in case of a second change of name, the Group is considered as a new Group.

The World Cup Points are assigned as follows:

Finals: ranking from 1st to 8th place **Qualifications:** ranking from 9th to 16th place

Rank	Tournaments Cat. A	Tournaments Cat. B
1	50	30
2	45	25
3	40	20
4	35	18
5	30	16
6	25	14
7	20	12
8	18	10
9	16	8
10	14	7
11	12	6
12	10	5
13	9	4
14	8	3
15	7	2
16	6	1

If after application of the tie breaking rules outlined in the TR Section 5 there is still a tie, the points of the equal ranks will be added and divided by the number of ties.

In the case that there are less than four units participate per event category, no World Cup Points, no medals and no prize money will be given.

ART. 16 WINNER OF THE ANNUAL WORD CUP RANKING LIST

The winner of the annual World Cup is the pair / group in each event category with the highest number of points of the World Cup Series Ranking List after the last event of the Series as follows:

- If 8 to 5 World Cup Competitions take place per Series, the best 4 are counted.
- If 4 or 3 World Cup Competitions take place per Series all points are counted

A special award ceremony will be held at the last World Cup Competition of the Series in which the World Cup winners receive the World Cup.

If there is a tie at the first place, the sum of the number of ranks of the counting competitions achieved by the respective group/pair will be added and the group/pair with the lowest total will prevail.

If there is still a tie, the pair/group who has participated in the greater number of Finals of the counting competitions will prevail.

If there is still a tie, the group/pair who has the best rank at one of the counting competitions will prevail.

If there is still a tie, the ties will not be broken.

ART. 17 DRAWING OF LOTS

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

The draw is made randomly and by unit (pair or group).

These Rules have been approved by the FIG Presidential Commission on 10 March 2016 based on the discussions and decisions of the Executive Committee 25 February 2016 in Lausanne (SUI). They have been updated by the EC at its meeting in Baku (AZE) in May 2017 and will apply to the Series 2017/2018 and onwards.

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