

**FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE  
DE GYMNASTIQUE**



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**SECTION 2  
SPECIAL REGULATIONS  
FOR ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS**



## Reg. 1 PRINCIPLES FOR THE COMPETITION PROGRAMME

Competition programmes for World Championships are prescribed below. For other competitive events special arrangements may apply (see Section 1, Reg. 3.1 to 3.5)

### **Men**

#### **Competition I :**

- 6 optional exercises  
(exception : 2 vaults to qualify for Competition III)

#### **Competition II :**

- 6 optional exercises

#### **Competition III :**

- 1 exercise per apparatus  
(Exception: 2 Vaults)

#### **Competition IV :**

- 6 optional exercises

### **Women**

#### **Competition I :**

- 4 optional exercises  
(exception: 2 vaults to qualify for Competition III)

#### **Competition II :**

- 4 optional exercises

#### **Competition III :**

- 1 exercise per apparatus  
(Exception: 2 Vaults)

#### **Competition IV :**

- 4 optional exercises

## Reg. 2 SEQUENCE OF PERFORMANCE ON APPARATUS

### ***Men***

Floor Exercises  
Pommel Horse  
Rings  
Vault  
Parallel Bars  
Horizontal Bar

### ***Women***

Vault  
Uneven Bars  
Beam  
Floor Exercises

## Reg. 3 OPTIONAL EXERCISES

Optional exercises are composed of elements and combinations, freely selected, the structure of which must correspond to the provisions contained in the Code/s.

## Reg. 4 OLYMPIC GAMES

### Reg. 4.1 GENERAL RULE

The programme and the organisation are identical to those of the World Championships for Teams (Competition I and IV) & Individuals (Competitions II and III), except in that which concerns participation (see Reg. 4.2 and 4.3) and the tie breaking rules (Reg. 4.4)

## **Reg. 4.2 RIGHT OF PARTICIPATION AND SIZE OF DELEGATIONS**

Number of gymnasts: 98 men and 98 women.

The qualifying event for the Olympic Games are the Artistic Gymnastics World Championships in the year preceding the Olympic Games, results of Competition I. (In the case of equality of points at the 12<sup>th</sup> rank, the tie breaking rules set out in Reg. 5.1.5 to 5.1.7 will apply.)

The qualification applies to the Federations and not to the Gymnasts, except for the places 85 – 98.

Qualification System:

Places 1 – 72 will be attributed to the 12 best teams (12 x 6) according to the ranking at the qualifying World Championships

Places 73 - 84 will be attributed to 2 gymnasts from 6 federations whose teams obtained 13<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> place at the qualifying World Championships,

Places 85 - 94 will be attributed to 10 gymnasts – max. 1 gymnast per federation - from federations (other than the 18 teams mentioned above), whose gymnasts occupied the highest ranking at the qualifying World Championships (Competition I),

Places 95 – 97 (3 FIG Wild Cards) will be nominated by the FIG Executive Committee in consultation with the respective TC to (in order of priority)

1. make sure the host country of the Olympic Games is represented with one man and one woman, provided he/she has participated at the qualifying World Championships. The place will be given to the best ranked all around gymnast.
2. guarantee that all continents are represented at the Olympic Games with one man and one woman. (If such a Wild Card has to be assigned, it will be given to the best ranked all around gymnast from the respective Continent at the qualifying World Championships.)
3. to cater for other unforeseen cases, provided the gymnast has participated at the qualifying World Championships (all around competition).

Any place(s) not assigned under the criteria mentioned above will be assigned following the same criteria as places 85 – 94 to raise the number of individual gymnasts from federations not yet represented at the Olympic Games.

Place 98 (1 IOC Invitation) is reserved for the IOC Tripartite Commission. Should this place not be used by the IOC Tripartite Commission, the attribution would be made following the same criteria as places 85 – 94 to raise the number of individual gymnasts from federations not yet represented at the Olympic Games.

In case of any federation declining to enter a team or an individual gymnast, for whatever reason, the next team or individual gymnasts' federation according to the results of the qualifying World Championships will be called upon.

**Reg. 4.3 NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE APPROVAL**

Only individual gymnasts and teams authorised by their National Olympic Committees may take part in the qualification for the Olympic Games provided, also, that they fulfil any other requisite conditions (see Reg. 4.2).

The National Olympic Committees will take their decisions four months before the Olympic Games.

**Reg. 4.4 TIE BREAKING RULES**

**Reg. 4.4.1 Qualification**

Qualification to competitions II, III and IV: in the case of a tie at any place the tie breaking rules set out in Reg. 5.1.5 to 5.1.7 will apply.

**Reg. 4.4.2 Finals**

Competition II,III, IV : In the case of a tie at any place the final ranking will be determined in accordance with the same tie-breaking criteria as are referred to in 4.4.1.

**Reg. 5 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Reg. 5.1 TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Reg. 5.1.1 General Layout of Programme**

The general layout of the programme is elaborated and decided by the Secretary General in close cooperation with the Organising Committee and the Technical Committees. The responsibility for the detailed competition and training schedule is with the Technical Presidents.

Example 1:

	1st day	2nd day	3rd day	4th day	5th day	6th day	7th day	8th day
First part of day	Men I	Wom I	Wom I	Men IV				
Second part of day	Men I	Men I	Wom I	Wom IV	Men II	Wom II	Men/Wom. III	Men/Wom. III

Example 2:

	1st day	2nd day	3rd day	4th day	5th day	6th day	7th day	8th day
First part of day	Wom I	Wom I	Men I	Wom IV	Wom II			
Second part of day	Wom I	Men I	Men I	Men IV	Men II	Wom/Men III	Wom/Men III	

The Opening Ceremony will be arranged bearing in mind the programme selected and the duration of the Championships. The addition of another day will allow further flexibility.

### Reg. 5.1.2 Right of Participation and Size of Delegations

All the federations are entitled to participate either with a team of 4 - 6 gymnasts or with a maximum of 3 Individual gymnasts.

Delegations with full teams are entitled to include one reserve gymnast for men and one reserve gymnast for women.

In order to ensure that performances are worthy of the distinction of the World Championships, the Technical Committees may fix a minimum average mark as a pre-requisite for participation.

The maximum number for each federation entitled to official recognition is set out in the table below.

During Competition I and IV, only two of the three official coaches will be allowed within the Competition Area. In the case of the Women's Competition these will consist of at least one female coach. When a team has only one coach, then the coach may be male or female. It is possible to replace an official coach by one of the personal coaches, during the course of the competition provided the official coach leaves the competition area before the entry of the personal coach.

A maximum of 1 coach per athlete, i.e. two coaches for each Competition II and Competition III.

Each federation's medical representative is allowed to accompany the team into the Competition Area but not to present himself on the podium with the team.

	Men	Women	Joint
Head of Delegation	1	1	1
Team Manager	1	1	2
Coach	3	3	6
Gymnasts	6	6	12
Reserve Gymnast*	1	1	2
Doctor	1	1	1
Masseur	1	1	2
Judges	2	2	4
Total	16	16	30

\* Remark: For Olympic Games no Reserve Gymnasts are allowed

### **Reg. 5.1.3 Accreditation of Additional Coaches**

Federations may require the Organiser to accredit up to two personal coaches at the maximum at the federation's expense. During the competition, seats will be at the disposal of these personal coaches in the area reserved for non-competing gymnasts, it being understood that the Organiser has the right to claim payment for these places. The names of personal coaches proposing to use this facility must be notified to the Secretary General at the time of the definitive registration.

### **Reg. 5.1.4 Qualifying Team and Individual Competition (Competition I)**

The results obtained determine

- the qualification for Competitions II, III and IV
- the ranking of the teams placed 9<sup>th</sup> or lower
- the ranking of the all-around competitors placed 25<sup>th</sup> or lower.
- in the year prior to the Olympic Games, the qualification of the teams and individuals for participation in the Olympic Games

This competition is organized by a rotation of Groups, a Group comprising either a team of 4 to 6 gymnasts entered by national federations or teams formed from individual gymnasts of different federations. A team shall provide for not more than 5 gymnasts to compete on any single piece of apparatus and the 4 highest scores will be taken into account for the team total.

For Men, the competition consists of optional exercises on six apparatus. For Women, the competition consists of optional exercises on four apparatus. Only gymnasts who perform on all the apparatus are eligible to qualify for Competition II (see following Reg. 5.1.5).

To qualify for the vault finals two vaults are necessary. The qualifying score is based on the average of the two scores.

For the all around and for the team ranking only the first vault will count.

### **Reg. 5.1.5 All-Around Finals (Competition II)**

This competition determines the All-Around Individual Champions.

The competition consists of six optional exercises for men and four optional exercises for women.

24 gymnasts from competition I will take part in this competition (with a maximum of 2 per federation) in one subdivision.

In case of a tie at any place, the qualification will be based on the greater number of highest final apparatus scores obtained in Competition I (the total of 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 highest apparatus finals scores for men and the total of 3, 2, 1 highest apparatus finals scores for women). If there is still an equality, all the gymnasts not excluded by the foregoing process will participate in Competition II.

The results of competition I are not carried forward to competition II (start from zero.)

4 reserve gymnasts are designated taking into account the list of results of Competition I (if they are to compete, see Reg. 5.1.9.2).

The results of Competition II determine the Individual All-Around Champion. In case of a tie at any place, the tie is not broken.

### **Reg. 5.1.6 Apparatus Finals (Competition III)**

These comprise finals on each piece of apparatus to determine the winner.

On each apparatus, the eight gymnasts (with a maximum of two per federation) who have obtained the highest total scores on such apparatus, in the course of Competition I, perform an exercise (which on vault means two vaults) on the apparatus in question.

In case of a tie at any place in Competition I, except for vault, the tie will be broken as follows:

- Average of the 4 counting B-jury deductions
- Average of the three lowest of the 4 counting B-jury deductions
- Average of the two lowest of the 4 counting B-jury deductions
- The lowest of the 4 counting B-jury deductions
- Average of the 5 lowest B-jury deductions
- Average of all 6 B-jury deductions

In case of a tie at any place on vault in Competition I the tie will be broken as follows:

- The highest score out of the two vaults
- Average of the counting (Mid. 8) B-Jury deductions
- Average of the 6 lowest B-Jury deductions (3 from 1st vault and 3 from 2nd vault)
- Average of the 4 lowest B-Jury deductions (2 from 1st vault and 2 from 2nd vault)
- Average of the 2 lowest B-Jury deductions (1 from 1st vault and 1 from 2nd vault)
- Average of the 10 lowest B-Jury deductions (5 from 1st vault and 5 from 2nd vault)
- Average of the 12 B-Jury deductions

In the event of further equality of scores all the gymnasts concerned are qualified for the finals.



3 reserve gymnasts are designated taking into account the list of results of the qualification. If called upon, a reserve gymnast works in accordance with the order of the gymnast replaced.

The results of competition I are not carried forward to the finals (start from zero).

The results of the finals determine the champion on each apparatus.

In case of a tie at any place, the tie will not be broken.

#### **Reg. 5.1.7 Team Finals (Competition IV)**

This competition determines the Team Champions.

The 8 teams having obtained the highest total scores in Competition I take part in this competition which consists of six exercises for men and four exercises for women.

In case of a tie at any place in Competition I, the qualification will be based on the greater number of highest team apparatus scores obtained in Competition I (the total of 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 highest apparatus team scores for men and the total of 3, 2, 1 highest apparatus team scores for women). If there is still a tie, all teams not excluded by the foregoing process will participate in the final.

A team consist of 3 to 6 gymnasts. 3 gymnasts compete on each apparatus. All scores will be taken into account for the total.

If a gymnast is injured during the qualifying competition I, he can be replaced by the 7<sup>th</sup> (reserve) gymnast for Competition IV, with the approval of the concerned Technical President, and if the injury is certified by the official competition medical authority.

The results of competition I are not carried forward to competition IV (start from zero).

The results of Competition IV determine the winner of the Team Championships.

In case of a tie at any place, the tie will not be broken.

#### **Reg. 5.1.8 Participation in Competitions II and III**

Gymnasts who qualify both for Competitions II and III are not obliged to participate in Competition II in order to participate in Competition III.

They must inform the directors of the competitions of their decisions immediately so that the next gymnast in turn (reserve) may be qualified.

Qualified gymnasts for Competition II and III may be replaced by their federation with one of its other gymnasts at their discretion provided that the said replacement has obtained a superior result to that of the first gymnast of reserve.

Federations are required to supply the Organiser with the names of finalists within the prescribed time.

### **Reg. 5.1.9 Formation of Groups and Working Order**

Teams or, respectively, individual gymnasts will be formed into groups for competition, normally in six groups for men and four groups for women. This may vary, however, according to the type of competition with the approval of the FIG/EC.

The formation of gymnasts into groups is the responsibility of the Technical Committees.

#### **Reg. 5.1.9.1 Qualifying Team and Individual Competitions (Competition I)**

The gymnasts perform in groups, consisting of teams or mixed groups, each group performing in a subdivision of 6 apparatus for Men and 4 apparatus for Women.

The allocation of individual gymnasts within the different groups is decided by the drawing of lots (see also Section 1, Reg. 4.4). All gymnasts belonging to a national team (Federation) perform in the same group. The location of groups to the various sub-divisions is decided by drawing of lots.

The order of working in each sub-division is also decided by the drawing of lots.

Nominated teams which arrive only with individuals will be treated as individuals. Depending on the circumstances, they might lose the place they obtained as a team at the time of the drawing of lots. In this case they might occupy the vacancies in the individual gymnasts groups.

If a complete team gives up taking part, its place, determined by the drawing of lots for the passage of the teams, will remain empty in the concerned subdivision.

The gymnast, competing as an individual who has the lowest competitive starting number in the group, commences on the first piece of apparatus. In the subsequent exercise, the gymnast with the next highest number will commence, and so on. Federations with more than one gymnast can submit the order for their gymnasts on each event.

Example for the mixed groups' working order:

<b>Vault</b>	<b>Bars</b>	<b>Beam Floor</b>	
RSA	RSA	DEN	GER
RSA	DEN	GER	GER
DEN	GER	GER	GER
GER	GER	GER	RSA
GER	GER	RSA	RSA
GER	RSA	RSA	DEN







The working order of the gymnasts making up a national team (making a group) is decided by the team leader. Immediately before the competition on each apparatus (before the "warm up") the team coach must inform the Secretary of the Apparatus Jury which gymnast will not be performing.

### Reg. 5.1.9.2 All-Around Finals (Competition II)





The 24 gymnasts will perform in groups. They will be seeded into Olympic order of apparatus based on results from the qualifying competition.

After each apparatus the gymnasts who started will drop to the last position on the next apparatus. Warm-up on the podium will be allowed before each apparatus.

#### Male gymnasts

Rotation						
1	5, 4, 3 2, 1, 6	11, 10, 9 8, 7, 12	17, 16, 15 14, 13, 18	23, 22, 21 20, 19, 24		
2		4, 3, 2 1, 6, 5	10, 9, 8 7, 12, 11	16, 15, 14 13, 18, 17	22, 21, 20 19, 24, 23	
3			3, 2, 1 6, 5, 4	9, 8, 7 12, 11, 10	15, 14, 13 18, 17, 16	21, 20, 19, 24, 23, 22
4	20, 19, 24, 23, 22, 21			2, 1, 6 5, 4, 3	8, 7, 12 11, 10, 9	14, 13, 18 17, 16, 15
5	13, 18, 17 16, 15, 14	19, 24, 23, 22, 21, 20			1, 6, 5 4, 3, 2	7, 12, 11 10, 9, 8
6	12, 11, 10 9, 8, 7	18, 17, 16 15, 14, 13	24, 23, 22 21, 20, 19			6, 5, 4 3, 2, 1

#### Female gymnasts

C-II WAG				
Rotation 1	3,2,1, 6,5,4	9, 8,7, 12,11,10	15,14,13, 18,17,16	21,20,19, 24,23,22
Rotation 2	20,19,24 23,22,21	2,1,6 5,4,3	8,7,12. 11,10,9	14,13,18, 17,16,15
Rotation 3	13,18,17 16,15,14	19,24,23, 22,21,20	1,6,5 4,3,2	7,12,11, 10,9,8
Rotation 4	12,11,109 ,8,7	18,17,16, 15,14,13	24,23,22, 21,20,19	6,5,4, 3,2,1

### Reg. 5.1.9.3 Apparatus Finals (Competition III)

The working order on each apparatus is determined by the drawing of lots.







- Warm-up takes place in the training hall not on the podium

### Reg. 5.1.9.4 Team Finals (Competition IV)





The working order of the 8 qualified men's and women's teams based on the results of the qualifying competition is shown below according to the following criteria:

- Warm-up takes place on the podium, 1 minute and 30 seconds
- At least two teams will compete at the same time
- All Teams will follow Olympic order of the apparatus
- all teams are in the competition hall at the same time

### Team Final Men

Rot.						
1	Team 1	Team 3	Team 5	Team 7		
2	Team 2	Team 4	Team 6	Team 8		
3		Team 2	Team 4	Team 6	Team 8	
4		Team 1	Team 3	Team 5	Team 7	
5			Team 1	Team 3	Team 5	Team 7
6			Team 2	Team 4	Team 6	Team 8
7	Team 8			Team 2	Team 4	Team 6
8	Team 7			Team 1	Team 3	Team 5
9	Team 5	Team 7			Team 1	Team 3
10	Team 6	Team 8			Team 2	Team 4
11	Team 4	Team 6	Team 8			Team 2
12	Team 3	Team 5	Team 7			Team 1

### Team Final Women

Rotation				
1	Team 1	Team 3	Team 5	Team 7
2	Team 2	Team 4	Team 6	Team 8
3	Team 8	Team 2	Team 4	Team 6
4	Team 7	Team 1	Team 3	Team 5
5	Team 5	Team 7	Team 1	Team 3
6	Team 6	Team 8	Team 2	Team 4
7	Team 4	Team 6	Team 8	Team 2
8	Team 3	Team 5	Team 7	Team 1

The working order for the gymnasts making up a national team is decided by the team leader. Immediately before the competition on each apparatus the team coach must inform the secretary of the Apparatus Jury which gymnast will not be performing.

#### Reg. 5.2 RESTRICTED TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (Qualification for the Olympic Games)

To these World Championships the top 24 teams from the preceding World Championships will be invited. All other federations have a limited participation with a maximum of 3 gymnasts.

In case of any federation declining to enter a team, the next team in succession will be called up upon.

The programme and the manner, in which the competitions are run, are identical with the provisions made under Reg. 5.1

#### Reg. 5.3 INDIVIDUAL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

This competition comprises exercises on each of the various apparatus to determine the All Around World Champion and the World Champion on each apparatus.

### **Reg. 5.3.1 Competition Programme**

The programme and the manner, in which the competitions are run, are identical with the provisions made under Reg. 5.1 with the following exceptions:

There will be no team competition (C-IV) or team ranking in the qualifying competition.

The starting order for Competition I is based on a complete draw.

### **Reg. 5.3.2 Right of Participation and Size of Delegations**

All the federations are allowed to compete with a maximum of 6 men and 4 women gymnasts per federation but not more than 3 of these may compete on a single item of apparatus.

The maximum number of the delegation for each federation is set out in the table below.

	<b>Men</b>	<b>Women</b>	<b>Joint</b>
Head of Delegation	1	1	1
Coach	3	3	6
Gymnasts	6	4	10
Doctor	1	1	1
Masseur	1	1	2
Judges	2	2	4
Total	14	12	24

## **Reg. 6 MUSICAL ACCOMPANIMENT**

In Women's Artistic Gymnastics the floor exercise has to be performed in its entirety with musical accompaniment with

- orchestration (but without singing),
- piano or one other instrument.

The musical accompaniment occurs through CD or tape recording.

All composers must be acknowledged to satisfy the laws of Copyright.

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