

# FIG Executive Committee takes key decisions following 2020 Tokyo postponement

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In the wake of the one-year postponement of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, the FIG Executive Committee held a meeting by video conference on Thursday, 9 April 2020 to discuss the major issues raised by the change of dates and the impact of the current global health crisis on Gymnastics events.

The Executive Committee made several key decisions that will allow the athletes, their entourages and national Gymnastics federations to see a little more clearly in these troubled times.

## **Qualification for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games**

While almost 75% of the 324 Olympic places in Gymnastics have already been allocated, the fast-growing spread of the COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted the staging of the remaining qualifying events, which were planned to take place between mid-March and the end of May 2020.

The Executive Committee takes note of the International Olympic Committee's decision to extend the qualification period until 29 June 2021, which gives a larger window for the completion of the Olympic qualification process.

In this regard, the Executive Committee has decided to follow the principles of the Olympic qualification rules and to do its utmost so that all remaining qualifying World Cups and continental championships that are not run as originally expected can be re-scheduled once the safety conditions are met.

To this end, the FIG intends to work in close cooperation with the hosting national federations and the continental unions to find new dates once the pandemic has been contained and governmental restrictions are lifted.

Regarding the Apparatus World Cup in Baku, Azerbaijan, which had to be stopped on 13 March before the finals, the Executive Committee has decided that the results of the qualification stage must be considered as the final rankings, and points must be awarded according to these rankings.

Nothing changes for athletes or National Olympic Committees who have already gained an Olympic qualification spot. They keep their place at the Games.

## **Age eligibility**

The Executive Committee has decided that the age eligibility criteria in the Olympic qualification rules must be amended, in order to line up with Article 5.2 of the [FIG Technical Regulations](#) specifying minimum age in the year of the competition for senior competitions and the Olympic Games. The additional eligibility criteria remain the same.

## **Judges and Codes of Points**

The Executive Committee has agreed to make no change to the judges' selection criteria for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, and therefore the judges who have been invited to take part in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games remain invited for next year.

They have also decided that the 2017–2020 Codes of Points in all Gymnastics disciplines will remain in force until the end of 2021. The 2021–2024 Codes of Points, which will now come into force on 1 January 2022, will be published next year to avoid any confusion. All courses and exams for FIG Judges' brevets will also be postponed by one year, to November 2021.

## **World Championships**

The health crisis has led to the postponement of the 2020 Acrobatic Gymnastics World Championships in Geneva, Switzerland, the Aerobic Gymnastics World Championships in Baku, and the first FIG Parkour World Championships in Hiroshima, Japan. The FIG is in touch with the organising member federations to find new possible dates to hold these events in 2021.

For now, there are no plans to move the 2021 World Championships in Artistic Gymnastics in Copenhagen, Denmark, or the Trampoline Gymnastics World Championships in Baku. The candidature process for hosting the 2021 Rhythmic Gymnastics World Championships also continues.

## **Electoral Congress**

The Executive Committee also discussed the Electoral Congress that is planned in Antalya, Turkey, in October 2020. Diverse scenarios were considered, including the possibility of postponing the Congress to October 2021. The Executive Committee will again assess the situation in mid-May and will take a final decision then or in June, depending on the evolution of the pandemic.

In the meantime, all the deadlines for national federations to respect remain unchanged, including the 20 May 2020 deadline to submit candidacies for elections.