



## **New formats for World Championships and new system for Olympic qualification**

The FIG Council made several important decisions during its meeting in St. Petersburg, Russia on 2 and 3 May. These included the choice of new formats for the Artistic Gymnastics and Rhythmic Gymnastics World Championships, as well as changes to the qualification system for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

### **New formats for the World Championships**

#### Rhythmic Gymnastics

From the 2021 World Championships, participation will be limited to 105 gymnasts in individual events, with quotas distributed between the five continents. The results of the Continental Championships will determine the allocation of places to each federation, with a maximum limit of 3 gymnasts per nation.

For the group competition, participation will remain open to one group per federation in 2021 and 2022, and will be limited to a maximum of 30 groups for the 2023 World Championships. The number of days of competition will therefore be reduced to five, against seven for the 2018 Worlds.

Another change concerns the Team competition. This will take into account both the results of gymnasts in the Individual competition (the two scores on each of the four apparatus during the qualification competitions) and the Group competition (the scores of the two different exercises).

The final of the individual All-Around competition will be reserved for the 18 best qualifiers (maximum of two per country) instead of the best 24 at the moment, while there is no change regarding the finals per apparatus with 8 gymnasts.

### **Qualifying for the 2024 Olympic Games**

#### **Rhythmic Gymnastics**

There will be a fresh dimension to World Championships starting from 2022, when the medallists in the individual and group competitions will qualify for Paris 2024. A large proportion of the Olympic quotas will be allocated during the 2023 Worlds, where 16 places for the individual competition and five for the group competition will be available.

**The 2024 Continental Championships will also have a key role to play. They will offer each continent one place for an individual gymnast and one for the groups.**

#### **The World Games 2021**

The programme of events for The World Games has been revised for the next edition scheduled in 2021 in Birmingham (USA). It includes:

Rhythmic Gymnastics: four events Hoop, Ball, Clubs and Ribbon