

I. GENERAL

Art. 1 ORGANISATION AND CHOICE OF VENUES

1.1	<p>All national federations affiliated to the FIG or UEG may, according to the current Regulations, organise a</p> <p style="text-align: center;">GRAND PRIX IN RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS</p> <p>The provisions of these Regulations are therefore the basis. Gymnasts from all national federations affiliated to the FIG may start at the Grand Prix competitions.</p> <p>In general, each national federation may organise only one Grand Prix per year. In case that a Federation is willing so, it may be allowed to host two Grand Prix Events per year but in different cities.</p> <p>The continuity is guaranteed to the organiser through the Grand Prix committee.</p> <p>The national Federation gives the responsibility for the Grand Prix event to the respective organiser.</p>
1.2	A minimum of 5 and a maximum of 12 Grand Prix competitions are organised each year.
1.3	<p>A Grand Prix tournament consist of following competition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Individual Gymnasts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Qualification as 4 apparatus competition Grand Prix Competition as finals on single apparatus ▪ Group competition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Qualification as 2 exercises competition Grand Prix competition as finals for each exercise according <p>FIG program of the current year has to be applied</p>
1.4	<p>Each organiser is obliged to organise an individual competition.</p> <p>To organise a group competition is free of decision, but not obliged.</p>
1.5	A Grand Prix tournament has to be organised as an independent competition.
1.6	Federations organising a Grand Prix tournament in the current year and not having a group or individuals within the ranking lists, are granted to participate in each tournament (Grand Prix individual or Grand Prix groups).

Art. 2 RIGHTS OF PARTICIPATION – Individual Gymnasts

2.1	The 12 best gymnasts of the current ranking list, for each apparatus are qualified to participate and have be invited via their national federations. All gymnasts must have a valid FIG licence, which has to show at the accreditation.
2.2	All gymnasts invited and entered have to participate in the qualifying competition.
2.3	In each Grand Prix competition only 1 gymnast - the best gymnast of the country - per country, not belonging to the first 12 of the respective ranking-list, may participate.
2.4	The medal winners of the general competition of Olympic Games, of the last World Championships and last European Championships (C II - gold-silver-bronze) have the right to participate additional to the qualification
2.5	All Federations organising a Grand Prix tournament in the current year has the right to participate with two gymnasts on each GP competition.
2.6	A minimum of 12 gymnasts have to be invited. Further competitions outside of the official Grand Prix qualification are possible. The starting order will draw by lot.
2.7	Federations organising a Grand Prix tournament in the current year and not having a gymnast within the ranking lists, are granted to participate in each tournament. This is also valid for the gymnasts of the countries who are members of the Grand Prix committee.
2.8	The maximum number of gymnasts from the organising federation in its own competition to participate is 4. Also if a Federation will organise 2 GP
2.9	The final competition is organised with the max. best 8 gymnasts of each apparatus (max.2 per country). The organising country's best gymnast on each apparatus during qualification will get a 'wild card' for the respective final competition as the 9 th gymnast, if she is not qualified.
2.10	If a gymnast from the organising federation is directly qualified for the final competition by qualification competition, the 'wild card' is expired

Art. 3 RIGHTS OF PARTICIPATION – Group-competition

3.1	The 6 best groups of the current ranking list of the all-round competition will be invited through their federation. All group-gymnasts must have a valid FIG licence, which has to show at the accreditation.
3.2	All gymnasts invited and entered groups have to participate in the qualifying competition.
3.3	The medal winners of the general competition of Olympic Games, the World Championships and European Championships (C II - gold-silver-bronze) have the right to participate additional to the qualification
3.4	The organising federation has the right to participate in each case in the own competition.
3.5	A final competition of a Group Grand Prix will be between 6 and 8 groups depending of the organiser. The organiser will get a wild card and will participate additional (7 resp. 9) in the finals.
3.6	If a group from the organising federation is directly qualified for the final competition by qualification competition, the 'wild card' is expired.

Art 4. GRANTING OF EVENTS AND DATES

4.1	The organisers have to submit applications for the organisation of a Grand Prix tournament in Rhythmic Gymnastics (individual or/and group) to the office of the Grand Prix Committee before the deadline.
4.2	The granting of the events will be confirmed by the Grand Prix Organisers' Committee.
4.3	The dates are fixed by the organisers and will be confirmed by the Committee, but in any case, there must be an interval of at least two weeks between competitions. Preferably, the tournaments should spread over the whole year.
4.4	The organisers are granted a continuity in the events being held.

Art. 5 REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION

5.1	The participants have to match the conditions for "Senior-age" according to the TC/RG/FIG.
5.2	The first 12 gymnasts of each current ranking list, will be invited individually by the organiser.
5.3	The invitation is an individual one, i.e. it is not the federation itself, which is invited
5.4	The first 6 groups of the current ranking list will be invited by the organiser
5.5	In case of one of the first 12 gymnasts prevented, the next gymnast of the respective ranking list moves up and will be invited nominally as well. The same situation is valid for the group competition for the first 6 groups
5.6	In any case winners of medals at the Olympic Games and last World Championships (all-around competition II) have according Art.I/2.4. and I/3.3. the right of participation, but must attend the qualifying competition in order to participate in the final of a Grand Prix tournament.
5.7	If the national champion is not being participate, the next best gymnast may participate in the tournament.
5.8	The national champion may participate in one of the following tournaments, but in this case, the first participating gymnast cannot participate any more.
5.9	If a federation organises a competition additionally to the Grand Prix, the participating federations have to decide with the nominative entry, which gymnast will be nominated for the Grand Prix

Art. 6 ENTRY PROCEDURE

6.1	The official entry has to be submitted 6 weeks before the start of the competition.
6.2	Only the entries of federations affiliated to the FIG or UEG will be taken into consideration.

Art. 7 DURATION AND TIMETABLE FOR THE GRAND PRIX TOURNAMENTS

7.1	Each Grand Prix tournament consists of a <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Qualifying competition and a ▪ Final competition
7.2	The qualifying competition has to hold at least 24 hours before the final competition.
7.3	If an organiser plans additional competitions, those have to be arranged separately from the Grand Prix.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANISATION

Art. 8 ADMINISTRATION MANAGER and PRESIDENT of the SUPERIOR JURY

8.	For each Grand Prix tournament, the GP Committee nominates an administration manager to watch over the observance of the Regulations and the GP standards. The President of the Superior Jury must be a judge with Brevet I or II and must be nominated from the organiser in accordance with the respective National Federation.
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Art. 9 RANKING LIST POINTS AND PRIZE MONEY

9.1	Individual Competition																																										
9.1.1	The positions 1 - 12 are awarded with points and prize money. 1 point = EUR 50,-. The points for the places 1 - 8 resp.9 (wild card) are awarded according the results of the final competitions. The points for the places 9 (10) - 12 are awarded according the results of each apparatus in the qualification																																										
9.1.2	Ranking list points are awarded at each Grand Prix tournament for each apparatus.																																										
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Art. 10 PRIZE MONEY

10.1	The prize money for each Grand Prix tournament for individual gymnasts is EUR 18.000, - (i.e. EUR 4.500, - per apparatus).
10.2	The prize money for each Grand Prix group tournament is € 4 500 per all-around competition
10.3	The payment of the prize money is carried out according to the FIG-Regulations in the respective national currency on the base of Euro, respectively in US \$ or EUR.
10.4	The base for calculation is the respective currency exchange
10.5	In case a gymnast is qualified for the Finals and cannot compete (injury etc.) she will be awarded the points and the prize money for the position next to the Final

Art. 11 WINNERS PRIZE

11.1	A Winners Prize of EUR 14 000, -- for the first 3 gymnasts of each apparatus is promised (1. place € 2 500, -- 2 + 3 place à € 500,--), which will be paid in equal portions by the Grand Prix organisers in the current year.
11.2.1	This prize will be awarded after the last Grand Prix tournament to the 3 best gymnasts on each ranking list, who participated in all tournaments and got points. The winner's prize will be hands out by the Administration Manager .
11.2.2	If the best gymnast missed one Grand Prix <u>due to illness - attestation must be presented to the chairperson of the GP committee, latest one week after the tournament, which the gymnast was ill.</u> (FAX will be accepted) Then, the prize can be also given to her.
11.2.3	If the best gymnast missed one competition due a proven participation on a higher-level FIG-competition (WC, World Games or Test event) The prize can be also given to her. This participation has to be confirmed
11.2.4	During the Olympic year, the gymnasts participating on GP Series could miss 2 competitions without impact on the winner prize. In each case, they must participate on minimum 5 competitions during the series
11.3	If no gymnast meets the requirement of Art.11.2, the winner's prize will not pay this year. It will be transferred to the following year and there it will doubled or according the decision of the GP committee, taken for the next year.
11.4	The respective sum of money has to deposit by the 1st of March into the account of the organiser of the last Grand Prix tournament (final), resp. to an account of a committee member federation, according the decision of the GP committee.
11.5	Tournaments run by organisers who do not observe this deadline, can't be recognized as Grand Prix tournaments
11.6	If an organizer withdraws their candidature for a Grand Prix tournament after the 31. December of the previous year , this organizer is obliged to pay the respective amount.
11.7	For the Grand Prix Group competition there will be no Winners Prize

Art. 12 OBLIGATIONS OF THE ORGANISER AND PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

12.1	Organisation Committee
12.1.1	The OC to be established should experience in organising international events
12.1.2	Responsible parties for the different areas of activities must be appointed

12.1.3	The organising committee has to nominate a responsible person for the Judges. (see Art.8). This person has in accordance with the national federation to guarantee for the correct composition of the jury and the requirements of the Art.17. of this regulation
12.1.4	The organizing member federation must have their GP approved by FIG
12.2	Accommodation and meals Adequate accommodation (no private lodging) and food for the delegations
12.3	Hospitality
12.3.1	Transport services at arrival and leaving, for training sessions and competitions are to be provided.
12.3.2	The OC has to arrange translators or persons in charge for the delegations, who has to be present during the whole event for information of the delegations.
12.4	Training The Organisers have to provide for sufficient opportunities for training under conditions similar to those of the competition.
12.5	Competition hall
12.5.1	The competition hall has to meet the FIG regulations.
12.5.2	The competition area has to be in accordance to FIG Apparatus Norms
12.5.3	The organisers have to provide for electronic computing and score tables.
12.6	Media
12.6.1	The broadcasting of the final competitions by TV or the recording for secondary use has to be aimed.
12.6.2	Good conditions for a VIP area, presentation of sponsors or press centre
12.6.3	Extensive public relations activities and advertisement for the popularisation of Rhythmic Gymnastics.
12.7	Financial obligations of the organiser
12.7.1	Expenses for accommodation and food throughout the duration of a minimum of 4 days (exact numbers of days according to the invitation) resp. the whole duration of the event. The organiser has to bear all costs.
12.7.2	The organiser is not entitled to ask for any kind of fees, besides according to Article 12.7.3.2.
12.7.3	Individual Competition
12.7.3.1	For a delegation who participates on a Grand Prix competition (qualification and final) the organiser is not entitled to ask for maximal 3 gymnasts per Federation for any payment. (Accommodation, transport, etc.)
12.7.3.2	For federations who come with more than 3 gymnasts (4 and more) the organiser has the right to take money for the accommodation for all additional persons. The price on the accommodation must be written in the invitation.
12.7.4	Group Competition The organiser has to bear the whole accommodation for minimum 3 groups. For the first GROUP GP competition in the year the first 3 best groups of the last world championships should be invited

12.7.5	Expenses for accommodation during the GP-Committees meeting for all members of the GP committee, who has to come ONLY to the meeting
12.7.6	Provision and payment of the prize money at the end of the event
12.7.7	Assignment of the own share of the winners prize by the 1st of March of the year of the competition to the organiser of the Grand Prix final in the current year, resp. on the account, which mentioned in the invoice
12.7.8	Expenses for the supervisor, even if he is invited for the stage of preparation. This includes the expenses for travelling, accommodation with full boarding and € 50 per day including the days of journey.
12.8	Financial obligations of the federations
12.8.1	The travelling expenses of the participating federations have to be paid on their own
12.8.2	The fees to be paid to the local tax authorities by the organiser are taken from the prize money with a maximum of 10%.
12.8.3	The winners have to pay their taxes themselves.

III. TECHNICAL ORGANISATION

Art. 13 DRAWING OF LOTS FOR THE STARTING ORDER

13.1	The drawing of lots for the qualifying competition have to be carried out during the delegation meeting – it can be done directly or by computer.
13.2	The drawing of lots for the final competitions is carried out according to numbers.

Art. 14 COMPETITIONS

There will be a qualifying and a final competition as well for individual as for groups.

14.1	The qualification for the finals of single apparatus is determined exclusively by the all-around competition. A gymnast is obliged to show all 4 apparatus. A group has to show 2 exercises according the current FIG program. After the qualification competition the first three places has to be honoured in a small ceremony.
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14.2.1	The final competitions have to be run with at least 8 gymnasts, plus one wild card for the organiser, if their gymnasts is not inside of the 8 places.
14.2.2	In the final competition of the groups can be a 6-8 groups, plus a wild card for the organising country, if there is no group qualified for the finals.
14.3	In any case not more than 2 gymnasts per federation can participate in the final competition.
14.4	A winner's final with the best 2 gymnasts at each apparatus may be organised.

Art. 15 EQUALITY OF SCORES

15.1	In case of a tie, the valid FIG regulations apply.
15.2	In case of a tie, the higher points are given to both gymnasts and the price money will divided.

Art. 16 GALA

16.1	Each organiser is obliged to announce a show program in the brochure of his Grand Prix
16.2	It has to take place <u>before the closing</u> ceremony
16.3	The first 3 placed gymnasts are obliged to participate on this Gala. (see also TR/FIG art. 2.1.8.)

Art. 17 JURY

17.1	Each participating country is obliged to nominate one judge.
17.2	The judges must have the authorization according to the Technical Regulation of the FIG. That means minimum Brevet III
17.3	Judges with Brev. IV can be only if necessary, used as line- or time judges. In each case the judges with brevet III and higher will have the priority.
17.4	For judges with brevet IV the organiser is not obliged to cover the costs, beside they works as line- or time judges
17.5	The composition of the jury is determined by the valid TR/RG/FIG.
17.6	The drawing has to be done 2 hours before the competition
17.7	President of the Superior Jury must be judge with Brevet I or II of the actual cycle.

Art.18. JURY OF APPEAL

18.1	The Jury of Appeal is responsible for the final decision on all points of controversy, except the scoring by judges.
18.2	The Jury of Appeal shall be nominated by the delegate of the GP committee and must consists of one person of the organizing member federation and two other persons not involved in any organization or judging position. The 3 members must be of different nationality.