

# FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE GYMNASTIQUE



## AMERICAN CUP FIG ALL-AROUND WORLD CUP Worcester, Massachusetts, USA, February 27 – March 3, 2013



### DIRECTIVES

**REVISED, DECEMBER 11, 2012**

Dear FIG affiliated Member Federation,

Following the decision of the FIG Presidential Commission, USA Gymnastics has the pleasure to invite your Federation to participate in the aforementioned official FIG World Cup.

<b>HOST FEDERATION</b>	USA Gymnastics Contact: Ron Galimore 132 E. Washington St., Suite 700 Indianapolis, IN 46204; USA (317) 237-5050 (phone) (317) 237-5085 (fax) <a href="mailto:rgalimore@usagym.org">rgalimore@usagym.org</a> <a href="http://www.usagym.org">www.usagym.org</a>
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<b>LOCATION</b>	Worcester, Massachusetts, USA
<b>DATES</b>	From February 27 to March 3, 2013
<b>VENUE</b>	DCU Center 50 Foster St. Worcester, MA 01608 The Competition Arena will serve as the Training and Warmup Hall.
<b>APPARATUS SUPPLIER</b>	A detailed list of American Athletics Inc. equipment to be used for this world cup will be published on the FIG web site.
<b>RULES AND REGULATIONS</b>	The competition will be organized under the following FIG rules, as valid in the year of the competition, except for any deviation mentioned in the All-Around World Cup Rules for Artistic Gymnastics Statutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statutes</li> <li>• Technical Regulations</li> <li>• License Rules</li> <li>• Code of Points and relevant Newsletters</li> <li>• All-Around World Cup Rules for Artistic Gymnastics</li> <li>• General Judges' Rules</li> <li>• Specific Judges' Rules for Artistic Gymnastics</li> <li>• Medical Organization of the Official FIG Competitions</li> <li>• Doping Control Rules</li> <li>• Media Rules</li> <li>• Apparatus Norms</li> <li>• Advertising and Publicity Rules</li> <li>• Accreditation Rules</li> <li>• Regulations for Awards Ceremonies</li> </ul>

<p><b>FEDERATIONS INVITED AND REPLACEMENT POLICY</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• and subsequent decisions of the FIG Executive Committee</li> </ul> <p>The Organizing Member Federation must invite all Member Federations according to the following principles:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="384 255 1516 353"> <thead> <tr> <th>Places</th> <th>Participation criteria</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Places 1-8</td> <td>The top 8 ranked gymnasts in C-II at the previous* World Championships / Olympic Games. <i>These places are nominative</i></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The participation of these nominatively qualified gymnasts (places 1-8) must be confirmed as soon as possible, but no later than 3 months prior to the competition. Failure to confirm in due time will automatically result in the FIG inviting the replacement as outlined here below.</p> <p>In case a qualified gymnast does not accept to participate in the All-Around World Cup competition or withdraws, he/she is replaced, in order of priority, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• by the next ranked gymnast (places 9-12, nominative places) in C-II at the previous* World Championships / Olympic Games. These places must be confirmed as soon as possible, but no later than 2 months (nominative registration) prior to the competition.</li> <li>• by a gymnast from the best ranked federations in C-IV at the previous* World Championships/Olympic Games. These places are allocated to the National Federation, and must be confirmed as soon as possible, but no later than 2 months (nominative registration) prior to the competition. Organisers of World Cup competitions are obliged to send minimum one male and one female competitor to all All-Around World Cup competitions, if invited according to this replacement rule.</li> </ul> <p><i>* For the All-Around World Cup competitions taking place <u>before</u> the 2012 Olympic Games, the gymnasts' qualification will be based on the 2011 World Championships results and for the World Cup competitions taking place <u>after</u> the 2012 Olympic Games the gymnasts' qualification will be based on the 2012 Olympic Games results.</i></p> <p>In any case, no federation may participate with more than 2 male and 2 female gymnasts (except "Hors Concours" gymnasts).</p> <p><i>Note: in the overall interest of All-Around World Cup Series and for unforeseen cases, the FIG Presidential Commission may award an additional "Wild Card" for an exceptional gymnast.</i></p>	Places	Participation criteria	Places 1-8	The top 8 ranked gymnasts in C-II at the previous* World Championships / Olympic Games. <i>These places are nominative</i>																								
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<p><b>PARTICIPATION AND FIG LICENSE</b></p>	<p>Only senior gymnasts in good standing with the correct age and holding a valid FIG License may participate. The Organizing Committee will be responsible for checking the validity of the gymnast' Licenses. No gymnasts will be accepted without a valid FIG License at the deadline of the Nominative Registration. The maximum size of the invited delegation is as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="395 1323 1516 1559"> <thead> <tr> <th>Delegation Member</th> <th>Men</th> <th>Women</th> <th>Joint</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Head of Delegation</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Coach (max. 1 per gymnast*)</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gymnasts (all eligible gymnasts)</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Doctor</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Physiotherapist</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Judges</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><i>* Note: including Wild card and "hors concours" Gymnasts</i></p>	Delegation Member	Men	Women	Joint	Head of Delegation	1	1	1	Coach (max. 1 per gymnast*)				Gymnasts (all eligible gymnasts)				Doctor	1	1	1	Physiotherapist	1	1	1	Judges	1	1	2
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<p><b>AGE LIMITS</b></p>	<p>Age Limit for MAG: 18 years (born in 1995 or before) and WAG: 16 years (born in 1997 or before)</p> <p><b>Transitory Rules in 2013:</b> MAG gymnasts born in 1996 who have competed in 2012 in a competition in the category « Senior » (including the Olympic Games, World Championships, other Multisport Games, Continental Championships, World Cup competitions or Challenger Cup) may choose to compete as a senior or a junior gymnast in 2013. The same category (either junior or senior) must be maintained throughout 2013.</p>																												
<p><b>REGISTRATION DEADLINES</b></p>	<p>The Nominative Registration must be made exclusively on-line via the FIG website (<a href="http://www.fig-gymnastics.com">http://www.fig-gymnastics.com</a>) or accordingly. This on-line registration will only be accepted from FIG Gymnastics Member Federations.</p> <p>Registration and payments made after the gymnasts' drawing of lots will not be accepted and the Delegations members concerned will not be authorized to</p>																												

participate.		
Written confirmation of participation for the nominative places *	December 4, 2012	3 months prior to the competition
Nominative registration *	January 4, 2013	2 months prior to the competition
* <i>Note:</i> Cancellation of participation after this confirmation will result in the respective Member Federation being responsible to indemnify the Organising Member Federation for all costs incurred in terms of travel expenses, hotel accommodation and meal reservations.		
Late registrations are subject to fines as follows:		
Fine for missing the deadline of the Nominative registration or for late registration	CHF 500.-	

**ENTRY FEES** No Entry Fee will be applied for this event.

**ACCREDITATION** Accreditations will be provided to all members of the official delegations.

**COMPETITION FORMAT**

The All-Around World Cup Competitions consist of a "single Final round" competition with no qualifications:

- Participation is limited to 8 Gymnasts, plus 1 Wild Card, provided the organising member federation has no qualified gymnast (limited to maximum 1 man and 1 woman). Wild Card gymnasts must be named at the time of the closing of the nominative registration.
- Participation is limited to 2 gymnasts per country.
- All participating gymnasts are required to compete on all apparatus.
- "Wild Card Gymnasts" will receive medals and prize money, but they will not receive World Cup Points.
- The Organising Member Federation is allowed to add "hors concours" competitors, maximum one MAG and one WAG. These competitors are in addition to the official competitors of the Organizing Member Federation. They must be named at the time of the closing of the nominative registration, are not eligible to receive World Cup Points, prize money or medals and must not appear on the official results lists.
- The Wild Card gymnast will have to start first at every rotation, except if an "hors concours" gymnast is participating, in which case the Wild Card gymnast will compete second and the "hors concours" first at every rotation.
- Until the time of the drawing of lots, in case of gymnasts' withdrawal, the FIG will invite the next eligible gymnasts as per the "replacement policy" as outlined in these rules.
- Once the draw has been conducted, in case of gymnasts' withdrawal or in case places remain "empty", the Organising Member Federation is entitled to nominate and invite gymnast(s) from its country or a country of its choice to fill those "empty" places (limited to maximum 2 gymnasts per country). It is understood that such invitations must be made through the respective member federation and that the FIG must be informed. These gymnasts will receive World Cup points, medals and prize money.
- FIG Competition II rules will be applied for vault.
- In case of a tie at any place, the tie will not be broken. The tied gymnasts will all have the same rank, but subsequent ranks will be skipped:  
1, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8  
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Tied gymnasts will receive the same medal and World Cup Points:  
1, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 (two gold medals, no silver medal, one bronze medal)  
The Prize Money will be added and divided by the number of gymnasts:

	<p>1, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 (Prize Money for Rank 1 and 2 is added and divided by 2)</p> <p>1, 2, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 (Prize Money for Rank 2 and 3 is added and divided by 2)</p> <p>1, 2, 2, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8 (Prize Money for Rank 2, 3, and 4 is added and divided by 3)</p> <p>1, 2, 3, 3, 3, 6, 7, 8 (Prize Money for Rank 3, 4, and 5 is added and divided by 3)</p> <p>1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 7 (Prize Money for Rank 7 will be divided by 2)</p>
<b>DRAWING OF LOTS</b>	The gymnasts' drawing of lots will take place at the FIG Headquarters in Lausanne (SUI) within two weeks after the closing date of the nominative registration in accordance with the procedures established.
<b>PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE</b>	<p>Wednesday, February 27, 2013</p> <p>Delegation Arrivals</p> <p>Thursday, February 28, 2013</p> <p>8:30 AM 10:00 AM Men's Open Training</p> <p>9:30 AM 10:00 AM Women's Orientation Meeting</p> <p>10:00 AM 10:30 AM Men's Orientation Meeting</p> <p>10:00 AM 12:30 PM Women's Structured Training</p> <p>1:30 PM 4:00 PM Men's Open Training</p> <p>4:00 PM 5:30 PM Women's Structured Training</p> <p>Friday, March 1, 2013</p> <p>8:00 AM 10:30 AM Women's Structured Training</p> <p>10:30 AM 1:00 PM Men's Open Training</p> <p>1:30 PM 3:00 PM Women's Structured Training</p> <p>3:00 PM 4:30 PM Men's Open Training</p> <p>Saturday, March 2, 2013</p> <p>9:30 AM 11:05 AM WARM-UP FOR COMPETITION</p> <p>9:30 am - 9:55 am General Stretch</p> <p>9:55 am - 10:25 am Women: BB, FX Men: V, PB, HB</p> <p>10:25 am - 10:35 am Equipment Change</p> <p>10:35 am - 11:05 am Women: V, UB Men: FX, PH, SR, PB</p> <p>10:30 AM 11:00 AM Men's and Women's Judges Meeting</p> <p>11:30 AM 3:00 PM AMERICAN CUP COMPETITION</p> <p>Live on Universal Sports (11:00 - 1:00 EST)</p> <p>Live on NBC Television (1:00 - 3:00 EST)</p> <p>Sunday, March 3, 2013</p> <p>Delegation Departure</p>
<b>EVENT MANAGER</b>	Jeff Smith, 132 E. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46204 317 829-5633 / jsmith@usagym.org
<b>MEDIA</b>	Leslie King – Media Officer, 132 E. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46204 317 829-5656 / lking@usagym.org Media Accreditation Policy: <a href="http://www.usagymnastics.org/pages/pressbox/pages/accreditation_policy.html">http://www.usagymnastics.org/pages/pressbox/pages/accreditation_policy.html</a>
<b>MEDICAL SERVICES</b>	Host will provide Certified Athletic Trainers at all training and competition sessions.
<b>DOPING CONTROLS</b>	The Organizing Member Federation will provide at its own charge a minimum of 6 doping controls, 3 for Women and 3 for Men.
<b>VISA</b>	Please verify immediately with your travel agent or the U.S. Embassy or Consulate in your country if a visa is required for your travel to the United States. The Organizing Committee will be happy to assist each Delegation member with an official invitation letter, provided that the request is made before January 4, 2013 to the OC. The request must include the function, full name, gender, date of birth, citizenship and passport number, passport expiry date, the arrival and departure dates of the Delegation Member as well as the city the visa application support letter must be sent to.
<b>INSURANCE</b>	The Host Federation, the Organizing Committee and the FIG will not be held responsible for any liabilities in case of accidents, illness, repatriation and the like. The FIG Technical Regulations foresee that all participating Federations are responsible for making their own arrangements to have the necessary valid

	<p>insurance coverage against illness, accidents and for repatriation for all the members of their Delegation. The OC will verify the insurance upon arrival of the delegation members (e.g. cover note or photocopy of the valid policy). Delegation members with insufficient insurance cover must inform the OC in advance. The OC will subsequently offer insurance at the Federations own charge as follows: \$25USD per person/day.</p>
<b>INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION</b>	<p>The invited participating federations must pay for the travel costs of their delegation members (see exception herein below). The OC will arrange travel and pay for the travel costs of the top 8 ranked gymnasts at the previous World Championships/Olympic Games present at the event and their respective coach (1 max. per gymnast). The Travel Schedule Form must be returned to the OC by January 4, 2013</p>
<b>LOCAL TRANSPORTATION</b>	<p>The hotel is next to the competition and ancillary training halls. Airport transportation will also be provided for the gymnasts, their respective coach and judges. Airport transportation for additional delegation members may be at the respective Federation's cost to be paid to the OC by January 4, 2013. This fee will be determined by the number of additional delegation members and their travel schedule</p>
<b>ACCOMMODATION</b>	<p>Hilton Garden Inn 35 Major Taylor Boulevard Worcester, MA 01608 The costs per room/night in this Hotel are as follows: \$145 USD (single room) \$155 USD (double room)</p> <p>Beechwood Hotel 363 Plantation Street Worcester, MA 01605 The costs per room/night in this Hotel are as follows: \$225 USD (single room) \$235 USD (double room)</p> <p>The prices charged for the hotel rooms will not exceed the usual hotel rates. The OC must pay for the accommodation expenses of all gymnasts, their respective coach (1 max. per gymnast) as well as 1 MAG judge and 1 WAG judge. Accommodations provided by the OC for the gymnasts, their respective coach and judge will be double occupancy. If a single room is required, the participating federation will be responsible for the accommodation cost. While the Accommodation Form for additional delegation members only must be returned to the OC by January 4, 2013 at the very latest, the Hotel rooms will be allocated on a "first come, first serve" basis. These accommodation costs must be paid to the OC by January 4, 2013. Any accommodations cancelled less than 7 days prior to arrival will be non-refundable</p>
<b>MEALS</b>	<p>The OC must pay for the meals expenses (full board) of all gymnasts, their respective coach (1 max. per gymnast) as well as 1 MAG judge and 1 WAG judge and will provide them with a Per Diem. Any additional delegation members may participate in the meal plan at the respective Federation's cost based on their length of stay. While the Meal Form must be returned to the OC by January 4' 2013, payment will be due to the OC by January 4' 2013. Any meals cancelled less than 7 days prior to arrival will be non-refundable</p>
<b>FINAL BANQUET</b>	<p>The closing banquet will take place on Saturday evening, and will be free of charge to all delegation members.</p>
<b>FIG TECHNICAL DELEGATE AND EC MEMBER</b>	<p>The FIG Technical Delegate and EC member (if applicable) will be designated by the FIG. The FIG Technical Delegates will serve as Presidents of the Superior Jury.</p>
<b>JUDGES AND JURIES</b>	<p>Each Judges' Panel must be composed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 D judges, min. 5 E judges, plus 1 Supervisor</li> </ul>

	<p>The number of Judges' Panels may be decided by the Organizing Member Federation depending on the number of participating competitors and judges. Not more than one judge per Federation per panel will be permitted (except for Time and Line Judges).</p> <p>The Judges' Panels are set up by a draw from the judges present at the event. The draw must be directed by the MAG and WAG Technical Delegates.</p> <p>The participating member federations must send minimum one qualified judge for MAG if they participate with male gymnasts and one qualified WAG judge if they participate with female gymnasts.</p> <p>The Organizing Member Federation will apply a non refundable fine of US\$1500 per missing judge (to be paid to the OC) should a federation fail to bring the required number of judges. This fine must be paid to the OC by January 4, 2013</p> <p>The Organizing Member Federation is responsible that there are enough FIG brevetted judges present with the appropriate valid category of brevet for their function.</p> <p>Should there not be sufficient judges as per the on-line nominative registration, the Organizing Member Federation must propose to the FIG for approval the name of neutral additional judges to complete the panels (plus 2 reserves, 1 man and 1 woman). These judges, once approved, have to be invited at the cost of the Organizing Member Federation. Such invitation must be made through the respective Member Federation. Should the Organizing Member Federation fail to propose names for additional judges, the FIG Office in consultation with the TC Presidents concerned will invite these judges at the cost (in terms of international and local travel, accommodation, and meals) of the Organizing Member Federation. For additional judge's requirements see the Specific Judges' Rules.</p>																		
<p><b>VIDEO CONTROL SYSTEM</b></p>	<p>Should IRCOS not be available, the Organizing Member Federation will 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.</p>																		
<p><b>PRIZE MONEY</b></p>	<p>The organising member federation must pay the following minimum Prize Money (amounts in Swiss Francs – CHF): CHF50'000.- for Men and for Women each.</p> <p>The Prize Money, free of any deductible taxes, will be distributed in US currency as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="568 1227 1268 1534"> <thead> <tr> <th>Ranking</th> <th>Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>15'000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>12'000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>8'000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>5'000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5</td> <td>4'000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6</td> <td>3'000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7</td> <td>2'000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8</td> <td>1'000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>No prize money, medals and All-Around World Cup Ranking List points will be given, if there are less than 4 participating federations.</p>	Ranking	Amount	1	15'000	2	12'000	3	8'000	4	5'000	5	4'000	6	3'000	7	2'000	8	1'000
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<p><b>ASSIGNMENT OF WORLD CUP POINTS FOR THE ALL-AROUND RANKING LIST</b></p>	<p>In principle, the results and the updated All-Around World Cup Ranking List will be published on the FIG web site within 24 hours after the end of the competitions, to the condition that all the requirements before and after the competitions are duly respected by the Organizing Member Federation.</p> <p>Separate Men and Women's Ranking Lists are established for the All Around World Cup. These lists begin with the first World Cup event of the Series and end with the last World Cup event of the Series as follows:</p> <p>The World Cup Points are assigned to the competitors by name.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="568 1854 1268 2018"> <thead> <tr> <th>Rank</th> <th>All Around</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>45</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>40</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Rank	All Around	1	50	2	45	3	40										
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In case that less than four federations participate, no World Cup points, no medals and no prize money will be given.

**WINNER OF THE ALL-AROUND WORLD CUP SERIES**  
 The winner of the All-Around World Cup Series is the gymnast with the highest number of points of the World Cup Series Ranking List after the last event of the Series, counting the four (4) best results. A special award ceremony must be held at the last All-Around World Cup Competition of the Series in which the All-Around World Cup winner shall receive a Cup.  
 In case of a tie in the World Cup Ranking List after the last respective competitions of the year, the tie will not be broken.  
 Should the Organising Member Federations decide to create a *jack-pot*, then this jack-pot shall be distributed according to the special rules approved by FIG set up by the Organising Member Federations.

**BANK ACCOUNT INFORMATION**  
 For amounts coming from International sources:  
 For US \$ Transactions:  
 Bank Name: PNC Bank  
 Address: 249 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222  
 ABA number: 041000124  
 Swift/BIC: PNCCUS33  
 Beneficiary: USA Gymnastics Federation  
 Account number: 4620567647  
 Reference: 2013 American Cup  
 Each participating member Federation is kindly requested to integrate the payment's purpose as follows: 2013 American Cup  
 The participating federation is responsible for covering all bank fees in connection with the bank transfers.

**MARKETING**  
 FIG advertising and publicity norms must be respected.

**TELEVISION**  
 Television coverage is compulsory. The Organizing Member Federation will guarantee the production of a basic feed (international signal).  
 NBC TV Network, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10112  
 Contact: Ron Galimore  
[rgalimore@usagym.org](mailto:rgalimore@usagym.org)

<b>DEADLINES SUMMARY</b>	Written confirmation of participation	December 4, 2012
	Nominative Registration (on line)	January 4, 2013
	Visa Request Form	January 4, 2013
	Travel Schedule Form	January 4, 2013
	Accommodation Form	January 4, 2013
	Meal Form	January 4, 2013
	Payment of the Accommodation Costs	January 4, 2013
	Payment of the local transportation	January 4, 2013
	Payment of the Meals	January 4, 2013
Payment of the fine for missing judge	January 4, 2013	

Sincerely Yours,

Indianapolis, IN USA  
 June 30, 2012



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Signature of the President or  
 Secretary General of the FIG affiliated NF