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)

<u>Men</u>

<u>Competition I</u> : - 6 optional exercises (exception : 2 vaults to qualify for Competition III)

<u>Competition II</u> : - 6 optional exercises

<u>Competition III</u> : - 1 exercise per apparatus (Exception: 2 Vaults)

<u>Competition IV</u> : - 6 optional exercises

<u>Women</u>

<u>Competition I</u>: - 4 optional exercises (exception: 2 vaults to qualify for Competition III)

<u>Competition II</u> : - 4 optional exercises

<u>Competition III</u> : - 1 exercise per apparatus (Exception: 2 Vaults)

<u>Competition IV</u> : - 4 optional exercises

Reg. 2 SEQUENCE OF PERFORMANCE ON APPARATUS

Men

Women

Floor Exercises Pommel Horse Rings Vault Parallel Bars Horizontal Bar

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

In principle, 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). The program, the schedules and the number of days are discussed between the IOC and the EC-FIG.

Reg. 4.2 RIGHT OF PARTICIPATION AND SIZE OF DELEGATIONS

Number of gymnasts: 98 men and 98 women.

The qualification is based on the results of 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^{th} rank, the tie breaking rules set out in Reg. 5.1.5 to 5.1.7 will apply.

Places are allocated to the Federations (NOC) and not to the Gymnasts, with the exception of places 82 - 98.

MAG

Qualification System in detail:

- Places 1 72 places are allocated to the 12 best teams (12 x 6 gymnasts) in accordance with the qualifying World Championships
- Places 73 78 places are allocated to 2 gymnasts from the 3 federations (NOCs) whose teams are ranked 13 to 15 at the qualifying World Championships
- Places 79 81 places are allocated to 1 gymnast from the 3 federations (NOCs) whose teams are ranked 16 to 18 at the qualifying World Championships
- Places 82 88 places are allocated to 1 gymnast from federations (other than those of the 18 teams mentioned above), whose gymnasts occupied the highest rankings at the qualifying World Championships (all-around, Competition I, max. 1 gymnast per federation (NOC)),
- Places 89 94 places are allocated to the gold medal winners of Competition III of the qualifying World Championships, provided they are not already qualified according to the criteria for places 1 to 88
- Places 95 97 3 final qualification places are granted by the FIG Executive Committee in agreement with the Technical Committee concerned (in the following priority order)
 - to ensure that the host country of the Olympic Games is represented by one man gymnast (when it is not represented in places 1 to 94), on condition that he has participated at the qualifying World Championships. Place will be granted to the best ranked gymnast in the all around competition (Competition I).
 - to ensure that all continents are represented at the Olympic Games by one man. (If such a final qualification place must be allocated, it will be given to the best ranked gymnast in the all around competition (Competition I) from

the Continent in question at the qualifying World Championships.)

Place 98 an "Invitation" granted by the Tripartite Commission (IOC-ANOC-FIG). The Tripartite Commission place will be available to the Federation (NOC) which meet the eligibility criteria.

> The deadline for Federations (NOCs) to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission invitation place is 15 November 2007. The Tripartite Commission will confirm in writing a preliminary allocation of invitation places to the Federation (NOC) by 31 January 2008. The allocation of remaining invitation place will be confirmed in writing to the Federation (NOC) by July 2008.

Any place(s) not assigned under the criteria mentioned above will be assigned following the same criteria as places 82 - 88 to raise the number of individual gymnasts from federations not yet represented at the Olympic Games

WAG

Qualification System in detail:

- Places 1 72 places are allocated to the 12 best teams (12 x 6 gymnasts) in accordance with the qualifying World Championships
- Places 73 78 places are allocated to 2 gymnasts from the 3 federations (NOCs) whose teams are ranked 13 to 15 at the qualifying World Championships
- Places 79 81 places are allocated to 1 gymnast from the 3 federations (NOCs) whose teams are ranked 16 to 18 at the qualifying World Championships
- Places 82 90 places are allocated to 1 gymnast from federations (other than those of the 18 teams mentioned above), whose gymnasts occupied the highest rankings at the qualifying World Championships (all-around, Competition I, max. 1 gymnast per federation (NOC),
- Places 91 94 places are allocated to the gold medal winners of Competition III of the qualifying World Championships, provided they are not already qualified according to the criteria for places 1 to 90
- Places 95 97 3 final qualification places are granted by the FIG Executive Committee in agreement with the Technical Committee concerned (in the following priority order)
 - to ensure that the host country of the Olympic Games is represented by one woman gymnast (when it is not represented in places 1 to 94), on condition that she has participated at the qualifying World Championships. Place will be granted to the best ranked gymnast in the all around competition (Competition I).

- to ensure that all continents are represented at the Olympic Games by one woman. (If such a final qualification place must be allocated, it will be given to the best ranked gymnast in the all around competition (Competition I) from the Continent in question at the qualifying World Championships.)
- Place 98 an "Invitation" granted by the Tripartite Commission (IOC-ANOC-FIG). The Tripartite Commission place will be available to the Federation (NOC) which meet the eligibility criteria.

The deadline for Federations (NOCs) to submit their requests for Tripartite Commission invitation place is 15 November 2007. The Tripartite Commission will confirm in writing a preliminary allocation of invitation places to the Federation (NOC) by 31 January 2008. The allocation of remaining invitation place will be confirmed in writing to the Federation (NOC) by July 2008.

Any place(s) not assigned under the criteria mentioned above will be assigned following the same criteria as places 82 - 90 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.