FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE GYMNASTIQUE



2015 AT&T American Cup Dallas, Texas, USA - March 7, 2015 FIG World Cup Competition (All-Around)



DIRECTIVES

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Dear 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 ART All-Around World Cup Competition, which is part of the 2014-2015 Series

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LOCATION	Dallas, Texas, USA		
DATES	March 7 th , 2015		
VENUE	AT&T Stadium		
	One AT&T Way		
	Arlington, TX 76011 USA		
	The Competition Arena will serve as the Training and Warm-up Hall.		
APPARATUS	A detailed list of American Athletics Inc. equipment to be used for this world		
SUPPLIER	cup will be published on the FIG web site		
PROVISIONAL	Wednesday, March 4, 2015		
SCHEDULE	Delegation Arrivals		
	Thursday, March 5, 2015		
	8:30 AM 10:00 AM Men's Open Training		
	9:30 AM 10:00 AM Women's Orientation Meeting		
	10:00 AM 10:30 AM Men's Orientation Meeting		
	10:00 AM 12:30 PM Women's Structured Training		
	1:30 PM 4:00 PM Men's Open Training		
	4:00 PM 5:30 PM Women's Structured Training		

	10:30 AM 1:30 PM 3:00 PM Saturday, Ma	10:30 AM 1:00 PM 3:00 PM 4:30 PM	Women's Structured Training Men's Open Training Women's Structured Training Men's Open Training WARM-UP FOR COMPETITION
		10:00 AM 2:00 PM	9:30 am - 9:55 am General Stretch 9:55 am - 10:25 am Women: BB, FX / Men: VT, PB, HB 10:25 am - 10:35 am Equipment Change 10:35 am - 11:05 am Women: VT, UB / Men: FX, PH, SR Men's and Women's Judges Meeting AT&T AMERICAN CUP COMPETITION Live on NBC Television (1:00 - 3:00 EST)
	Sunday, Marc	ch 8, 2015	
	Delegation De	•	
PARTICIPATION			up Competitions consist of a "single Final round"
	competition wi	•	
	 Participation is limited to 8 Gymnasts, plus 1 Wild Card (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 NF (max. 2 MAG and 2 WAG, incl. Wild Card nominations). 		
	All participating gymnasts are required to compete on all apparatus.		
	"Wild Card Gymnasts" will receive medals, prize money and World Cup Points.		
	 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" 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 NF or an NF of its choice to fill those "empty" places (limited to maximum 2 gymnasts per NF). 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 that less than four federations participate, no World Cup points,		
FEDERATIONS	no medals and no prize money will be given. The Organizing Member Federation must invite all Member Federations		
INVITED	according to the following principles:		
	Places	Participat	ion criteria
	Places 1-8	Champion nominative	
		Organizing the Organi	ce is reserved for a gymnast from the g NF (1 MAG and 1 WAG) only if no athlete from zing NF is qualified or able to confirm their
		participation	JII.

The participation of these nominative qualified gymnasts (places 1-7) 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. 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:

- By the next ranked gymnast (places 8-12, 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.
- By a gymnast from the best ranked federations in C-IV at the previous World Championships/Olympic Games*. Invitation and selection from these national federations will be done directly by the Organizing Member Federation in consultation with the respective member federation. They must be contacted respecting the ranking order of the results of C-IV of 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. Organizers 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.

*Note For the 2014-2015 All-Around World Cup season, the gymnasts' qualification will be based on the 2014 World Championships results.

In any case, no federation may participate with more than 2 male and 2 female gymnasts

<u>Note</u>: 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.

SIZE OF DELEGATION AND FIG LICENSE

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:

Delegation Member	Men	Women	Joint
Head of Delegation	1	1	1
Coach (max. 1 per gymnast*)			
Gymnasts (all eligible gymnasts)			
Medical Doctor	1	1	1
Paramedical staff	1	1	1
Judges	1	1	2

^{*} Note: including Wild card Gymnasts

AGE LIMITS

Age Limit for MAG:

18 years (born in 1997 or before for the World Cups taking place in 2015) Age Limit for WAG:

16 years (born in 1999 or before for the World Cups taking place in 2015)

JUDGES AND JURIES

The number of Judges' Panels may be decided by the Organizing Member Federation depending on the number of participating competitors and judges.

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. 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.

Each Judges' Panel must be composed of 2 D judges, min. 5 E judges, plus 1 Supervisor. Not more than one judge per Federation per panel will be permitted (except for Time and Line Judges). The Organizing Member Federation will apply a fine of CHF 2'000 per missing judge (to be paid to the LOC) should a federation fail to bring the required number of judges. This fine must be paid to the LOC by January 5, 2015. The Organizing Member Federation is responsible that there are enough FIG brevetted judges present with the appropriate valid category of brevet for their function. 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' FIG TD AND The FIG Technical Delegate and EC member (if applicable) will be designated by the FIG. **EC MEMBER** The FIG Technical Delegates will serve as Presidents of the Superior Jury. The Nominative Registration must be made exclusively on-line via the FIG REGISTRATION **DEADLINES** website (http://www.fig-gymnastics.com) or accordingly. This on-line registration will only be accepted from FIG Gymnastics Member Federations. Written confirmation of participation for the 2 weeks after the WCH/OG nominative places * January 5, 2015 Nominative registration * 2 months prior to the competition * Note: 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 CHF 500.registration or for late registration Registration and payments made after the gymnasts' drawing of lots will not be accepted and the Delegations members concerned will not be authorized to participate. The gymnasts' drawing of lots will take place at the FIG Headquarters in **DRAWING OF LOTS** Lausanne (SUI) within two weeks after the closing date of the nominative registration in accordance with the procedures established. No Entry Fee will be applied for this event. **ENTRY FEES** Hilton Arlington **ACCOMMODATION** 2401 East Lamar Boulevard Arlington, TX 76006 The costs per room/night in this Hotel are as follows: \$180 USD (single room, including breakfast) \$195 USD (double room, including breakfast)

	While the Accommodation Form must be returned to the LOC by January 5, 2015, at the very latest, the Hotel rooms will be allocated on a "first come, first served" basis.
	The invited participating federations must pay for the accommodation expenses of their delegation members (see exception herein below).
	The LOC 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 LOC 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 extra accommodation cost.
	The accommodation costs must be paid to the LOC by January 5, 2015. Any accommodations cancelled less than 7 days prior to arrival will be non-refundable.
MEALS	The LOC 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. The cost of each meal is USD 30 for lunch and USD 35 for dinner. Meals Form and Payment will be due to the LOC by January 5, 2015. Any meals cancelled less than 7 days prior to arrival will be
	non-refundable.
FINAL BANQUET	The closing banquet will take place on Saturday evening, and will be free of charge to all delegation members.
INTERNATIONAL	The invited participating federations must pay for the travel costs of their
TRANSPORTATION	delegation members (see exception herein below). The LOC will arrange travel and pay for the travel costs of the top 8 ranked gymnasts at the previous World Championships/Olympic Games* (see note above) present at the event and their respective coach (1 max. per gymnast). The Travel Schedule Form must be returned to the LOC by January 5, 2015
LOCAL TRANSPORTATION	There will be local transportation between the hotel and competition halls provided to the official delegation members. Airport transportation will also be provided for the gymnasts, their respective coach and judges. Airport and local transportation for additional delegation member(s) may be at the respective Federation's cost to be paid to the LOC by January 5, 2015. This fee will be determined by the number of additional delegation members and their travel schedule and will be communicated by the LOC to the Delegations concerned.
VISA	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 5, 2015 to the LOC. 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.
INSURANCE	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 insurance coverage against illness, accidents and for repatriation for all the members of their Delegation. The LOC 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 LOC in advance. The LOC will subsequently offer insurance at the Federations own charge as follows: \$25USD per person/day.		
ACCREDITATION	Accreditations will be provided to all members of the official delegations.		
FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS	Federations which have not fulfilled their financial obligations towards the FIG (e.g. annual membership fees, unpaid invoices, etc.) will not be allowed to participate in this World Cup. Federations which have not fulfilled their financial obligations towards the LOC by the given deadlines of these Directives may still have the possibility to participate, but the LOC will not guarantee the hotel booking, meals and local transportation.		
BANK ACCOUNT INFORMATION	For amounts coming from International sources: For US \$ Transactions: Bank Name: PNC Bank Address: 249 5 th Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222 ABA number: 041000124 Swift/BIC: PNCCUS33 Beneficiary: USA Gymnastics Federation Account number: 4620567647 Reference: 2015 AT&T American Cup Each participating member Federation is kindly requested to integrate the payment's purpose as follows: 2015 AT&T American Cup The participating federation is responsible for covering all bank fees in connection with the bank transfers.		
TIE-BREAKING RULES	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 1, 2, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 1, 2, 3, 3, 3, 6, 7, 8 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: 1, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 (Prize Money for Rank 1 and 2 is added and divided by 2) 1, 2, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 (Prize Money for Rank 2 and 3 is added and divided by 2) 1, 2, 2, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8 (Prize Money for Rank 2, 3, and 4 is added and divided by 3) 1, 2, 3, 3, 3, 6, 7, 8 (Prize Money for Rank 3, 4, and 5 is added and divided by 3) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 7 (Prize Money for Rank 7 and 8 is added and divided by 2) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 8 (Prize Money for Rank 8 is divided by 2)		
PRIZE MONEY	The organising member federation must pay the following minimum Prize Money (amounts in Swiss Francs – CHF): CHF50'000 for Men and for Women each. The Prize Money, free of any deductible taxes, will be distributed in CHF as follows:		
	Ranking	Amount	
	1	15'000	
	3	12'000 8'000	
	4	5'000	
	5	4'000	
	6 3'000		
	7 2'000		
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ASSIGNMENT OF WORLD CUP POINTS FOR THE ALL-AROUND	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, provided that all the requirements before and after the competitions are duly respected by the Organizing Member Federation.		

WORLD CUP RANKING LIST	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: 2 nd Series = four (4) WC events in 2014/2015 The World Cup Points are assigned to the competitors by name.			
		Rank	Points]
		1	50	
		2	45	
		3	40	
		4	35	
		5	30	
		6	25	
		7	20	
		8	15	
WINNER OF THE ANNUAL 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 three (3) 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 series, the tie will not be broken. Should the Organising Member Federations decide to create a <i>jack-pot</i> , then this jack-pot shall be distributed at the end of the Series according to the special rules set up by the Organising Member Federations approved by FIG.			
EVENT MANAGER	Jeff Smith, 132 E. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46204 317 829-5633 / jsmith@usagym.org			
MEDIA	Leslie King – Media Officer, 132 E. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46204 317 829-5656 / Iking@usagym.org Media Accreditation Policy: http://www.usagymnastics.org/pages/pressbox/pages/accreditation_policy.html			
SOCIAL MEDIA	https://www.facebook.com/USAGymnastics https://twitter.com/usagym			
MEDICAL SERVICES	Host will provide Certified Athletic Trainers at all training and competition sessions.			
OFFICIAL HOSPITAL	Arlington Memorial Hospital (1.1 miles from the stadium) 800 W Randol Mill Road Arlington Tx 76012			
DOPING CONTROLS	The Organizing Member Federation will provide at its own charge a minimum of 4 doping controls, 2 for Women and 2 for Men.			
MARKETING	FIG advertising	g and publicity norms m	ust be respected.	
TELEVISION	Television coverage is compulsory. The Organizing Member Federation will guarantee the production of a basic feed (international signal). Please also refer to Reg.12.3 of the All-Around World Cup Rules for Artistic Gymnastics for additional information on Television. NBC TV Network 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10112 Contact: Ron Galimore rgalimore@usagym.org			
VIDEO CONTROL SYSTEM	Should IRCOS not be available, the Organizing Member Federation will provide another video control system (USA Gymnastics) which allows to treat inquiries and records all exercises of the competition in a quality which allows to judge the exercises.			

RULES AND REGULATIONS

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
- Technical Regulations
- License Rules
- Code of Points and relevant Newsletters
- General Judges' Rules
- Specific Judges' Rules for Artistic Gymnastics
- Medical Organization of the Official FIG Competitions
- Doping Control Rules
- Media Rules
- Apparatus Norms
- Advertising and Publicity Rules
- Accreditation Rules
- Regulations for Awards Ceremonies
- All-Around World Cup Rules for Artistic Gymnastics and subsequent decisions of the FIG Executive Committee

DEADLINES SUMMARY

Written confirmation of Nominative Place	2 weeks after the WCH/OG
Nominative Registration (on line)	January 5, 2015
Visa Request Form	January 5, 2015
Travel Schedule Form	January 5, 2015
Accommodation Form	January 5, 2015
Meals Form	January 5, 2015
Payment of the Accommodation Costs	January 5, 2015
Payment of the Local Transportation	January 5, 2015
Payment of the Meals	January 5, 2015
Payment of the fine for missing judge	January 5, 2015



Sincerely Yours,

Indianapolis, IN USA June 26, 2014 USA Gymnastics President/CEO

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