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GENERAL

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of the “ISF Artistic Gymnastics Technical Rules and Regulations” is to provide standardised rules and regulations for all Artistic Gymnastics competitions. This document is set up in accordance with the ISF Statutes, the ISF Sport Policy and the ISF General Competition Regulations.

This document is intended to ensure that all matters related to competitions are conducted in a fair and orderly manner. The specific objectives of this document are to:

1. Define and specify the **general conditions** under which participants can take part in the ISF Artistic Gymnastics events;
2. Determine the **delegation composition**;
3. Determine the **sport program**;
4. Determine the **technical rules**;
5. Set the **draw** procedure;
6. Set **protests and appeals** procedure.

Please note that the technical rules and regulations are applicable to all ISF events. In case of variation of rules and regulations in relation to the type of event, the variation will be specified in the text.

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

The competition will be run according to the ISF rules and regulations and International Gymnastics Federation (FIG) technical rules under the direction of the ISF Artistic Gymnastics Technical Commission. Any decisions over matters not mentioned in the present document will be taken by the ISF Technical Commission.

- The ISF Artistic Gymnastics events are open to individuals and teams. Specific sports formats shall be described in the event bulletins.
- The competition is categorised as: boys category and girls category.
- The composition of each delegation, the number of teams/individuals, and the final sport events that each ISF Artistic Gymnastics event is accepting will be defined for each event accordingly.
- The competition is held over two (2) days for any event type.

AGE CATEGORY

- For the **U15 category**, students aged 13, 14 and 15 on 31 December of the year of the competition concerned can participate.
- For the **U18 category**, students aged 16, 17, and 18 on 31 December of the year of the competition concerned can participate.

2. DELEGATION COMPOSITION

Each delegation will consist of:

- Head of delegation
- Deputy Head of delegation (where applicable)
- Additional adults
- Athletes
- Team officials
 - Coaches
 - Other team officials
- Field of play officials

HEAD OF DELEGATION (HOD)

- HOD shall be the sole intermediary between the delegation and the Local Organising Committee, the ISF Technical Commission and the ISF Delegate.
- They may not combine their role of HoD with that of a coach or any other official role.
- Each delegation is entitled to enter one (1) HoD.

DEPUTY HEAD OF DELEGATION (Deputy HoD)

- The role of Deputy HoD is to assist the Head of Delegation.
- The presence of the Deputy HoD is not mandatory.
- Number of Deputy HoD depends on the size of the delegation. Specific numbers shall be defined in the event bulletins.

ADDITIONAL ADULTS

- The function of additional adults can be: interpreter, security personnel, ministry representative, media, etc.
- The presence of additional adults is not mandatory.
- The function of each additional adult must be specified during the registration process.
- Any other additional persons not specified during registration or exceeding the limit specified in this document will not be considered part of the official delegation and will not be accredited by the LOC.
- Number of additional adults depends on the size of the delegation. Specific numbers shall be defined in the event bulletins.

ATHLETES

- Athletes must be students attending schools that provide general education.
- Athletes must be enrolled as full-time students at a school in the country which they represent.

TEAM OFFICIALS

Coaches

- The presence of a coach is mandatory.
- Teams or individuals cannot participate in the competition without the presence of a coach.
- The maximum number of coaches is determined by the number of athletes.
- Each delegation shall enter a minimum of one (1) coach for each team, per gender.



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Other Team officials

- The function of other team officials can be: doctor, trainer, physiotherapist, statistician, team manager etc.
- The presence of the other team officials is not mandatory.
- The function of the other team officials must be specified during the registration process.
- Any person not specified during registration or exceeding the limit will not be considered part of the team.
- Each delegation is entitled to enter up to one (1) other team official each per gender team.

FIELD OF PLAY OFFICIALS

- Each team shall enter one (1) field of play official (judge).
- The Field of play officials (judge) cannot combine their position with other positions, such as head of delegation, team officials or additional adults.
- Field of play officials (judge) shall be in possession of a valid FIG brevet (cat 1 – 4). Level of qualification shall be eventually described in the event bulletins.
- The qualification will be reviewed and approved by the ISF Rhythmic Gymnastics technical commission. Delegations must provide certificates for the field of play officials (judge) during the registration process.
- Failure to provide the required number of field of play officials (judge) will lead to a fine of 900€ (per judge) payable to the organiser prior to the competition.

3. SPORT PROGRAM

EVENTS

BOYS

- Team
- Individual All-Around
- Floor Exercise
- Pommel Horse
- Rings
- Vault
- Parallel Bars
- Horizontal Bar

GIRLS

- Team
- Individual All-Around
- Vault
- Uneven Bars
- Balance Beam
- Floor Exercise



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4. TECHNICAL RULES

The competition consists of Boys's and Girls's Team Final, All-Around Final and Apparatus Qualifications and Finals.

Day 1 : Team Final, All-Around Final & Apparatus Qualifications Competition

Team and All-Around Finals competition will also serve as the qualifications for the Apparatus Finals.

A Team shall have not more than 4 gymnasts to compete on each apparatus and 3 highest scores will be taken into account for the Team total.

For men, the competition consists of optional exercises on six apparatus. For women, the competition consists of optional exercises on four apparatus.

To qualify for the vault finals, two vaults are necessary. The qualifying score is based on the average of the two scores. Only the first vault will count for the Team and All-Around ranking

The total scores of the gymnasts, who perform on all the apparatus in qualifications, will determine the All-Around rankings (with maximum 2 gymnasts per federation)

The tie-breaking rules will be applied for all competitions as defined in the FIG Technical Regulations (section 2) according to the Art. 4.4

To be classified for the Team Final, a team must align at least 3 gymnasts on each apparatus.

To be classified in All-Around finals ranking, the gymnast has to perform on all apparatus

Apparatus Finals:

The results of the finals determine the champion on each apparatus

The top eight gymnasts on each apparatus from the Team and All-Around Finals competition shall be qualified to participate in the Apparatus Finals (with maximum 2 gymnasts per country).

In case of a tie, in points of the final score at any place the ranking will be determined according to the Art. 4.4.2.2.

Award Ceremonies Award ceremonies will be held after each competition.

These gymnasts are required to attend the Awards ceremonies.

The medals will be granted to the top 3 gymnasts-from each competition according to the result rankings.

Tied gymnasts will receive the same colored medal.

5. DRAW

- The ISF is responsible for establishing, criteria's and fixing timing of the draw.
- The ISF Technical Commission is responsible of the draw.



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6. PROTESTS AND APPEALS

Appeals involving results or any matter not concerning discipline will be heard by the Appeal Jury. The appeal must be lodged within 5 minutes of the performance and be submitted in English. The payment (amount defined by ISF) must accompany the appeal and is to be paid to LOC in cash. This payment will be refunded only if the appeal is upheld or at the discretion of the Appeal Jury. In the case of an unsuccessful appeal, the payment will be retained by the ISF.



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