



CHALLENGER CUP 2012
GHENT - BELGIUM
9-10 JUNE 2012



DIRECTIVES

Dear FIG affiliated Member Federation,

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

HOST FEDERATION	Royal Belgian Gymnastics Federation - Address: Roodebeeklaan 44 – 1040 Brussel - Contact person: Tom Goubert - Phone number: + 32 9 243 12 00 - Fax number: + 32 9 243 12 29 - E-mail: info@frbg-kbt.be
ORGANIZING COMMITTEE	GymnastiekFederatie Vlaanderen vzw (= Flemish League of the Royal Belgian Gymnastics Federation) - Address: Zuiderlaan 13 – 9000 Gent - Contact person: Ilse Arys - Phone number: 0032 9 243 12 00 - Fax number: 0032 9 243 12 29 - E-mail: info@GymFed.be - Website: www.GymFed.be
FIG	Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique (FIG) Contact person: Alexandre Cola Avenue de la Gare 12 1003 Lausanne Switzerland Tel: +41 21 321 55 10 Fax: +41 21 321 55 19 e-mail: acola@fig-gymnastics.org website: www.fig-gymnastics.com
LOCATION	Ghent – Belgium
DATES	From June 9 th to 10 th , 2012
VENUE	Topsportal Vlaanderen - Address: Zuiderlaan 14 – 9000 Gent - Phone number: +32 (0)9 244 72 22 - Fax number: +32 (0)9 221 37 34 - E-mail: topsporthal@bloso.be - Website: www.topsporthal.be The competition Hall, the Training Hall and the Warm-up Hall are all located in the same venue.
APPARATUS SUPPLIER	A detailed list of Janssen-Fritsen equipment to be used for this world cup will be published on the FIG web site
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 these directives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statutes • Technical Regulations • Code of Points and relevant Newsletters • License Rules

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rules for the FIG Individual Apparatus World Cup and Challenge Cup Series in Artistic Gymnastics • 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 • Regulations for Awards Ceremonies <p><i>and subsequent decisions of the FIG Executive Committee</i></p>																																
FEDERATIONS INVITED	<p>The Organizing Member Federation <u>may</u> invite FIG member federations in good standing at their discretion, but <u>must</u> invite <u>at least</u> all Member Federations who had gymnasts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ranked 1-8 in C-III at the previous* World Championships / Olympic Games • ranked 1-8 from the 2011 World Cup (Category A) Ranking List for Individual Apparatus • ranked 1-8 from the 2011 Challenge Cup Ranking List for Individual Apparatus <p><i>* For the Challenge 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 Challenge 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>																																
PARTICIPATION AND FIG LICENSE	<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 gymnasts' licenses. No gymnasts will be accepted without a valid FIG License at the deadline of the Nominative Registration. While the Organizing Member Federation <u>may</u> limit the number of participating federations as described above, the maximum size of the invited delegation is as follows:</p> <table border="1"> <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>Team Manager</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Coach (max. 1 per gymnast*)</td> <td>3</td> <td>3</td> <td>6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gymnasts</td> <td>6</td> <td>4</td> <td>10</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>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Judges *</td> <td>2 **</td> <td>2 **</td> <td>4</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><i>* including Wild card and "hors concours" gymnasts</i> <i>** two judges only if confirmed by FIG and OC</i></p>	Delegation member	Men	Women	Joint	Head of Delegation	1	1	1	Team Manager	1	1	2	Coach (max. 1 per gymnast*)	3	3	6	Gymnasts	6	4	10	Doctor	1	1	1	Physiotherapist	1	1	2	Judges *	2 **	2 **	4
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AGE LIMITS	<p>Age limit for MAG: 16 years (born in 1996 or before) Age limit for WAG: 16 years (born in 1996 or before)</p>																																
REGISTRATION DEADLINES	<p>Definitive and Nominative Registrations must be made exclusively on-line via the FIG website (http://www.fig-gymnastics.com) or accordingly. These registrations will only be accepted from FIG Gymnastics Member Federations.</p> <p>Registrations and payments made after the gymnasts' drawing of lots will not be accepted and the Delegations members concerned will not be authorized to participate.</p> <table border="1"> <tbody> <tr> <td>Definitive registration</td> <td>01-04-2012 (2 months prior to the event)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nominative registration</td> <td>29-04-2012 (4 weeks prior to the event)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Late registrations are subject to fines as follows:</p>	Definitive registration	01-04-2012 (2 months prior to the event)	Nominative registration	29-04-2012 (4 weeks prior to the event)																												
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	Fine for missing or late Definitive Registration	CHF 750.-
	Fine for missing or late Nominative Registration	CHF 500.-
ENTRY FEES	<p>Delegations who book their accommodation through the OC don't have to pay an entry fee.</p> <p>Delegations who don't book their accommodation through the OC pay an entry fee of € 100 per accreditation</p> <p>At the time of the Nominative Registration (01-04-2012) the entry fee must be paid to the OC.</p>	
ACCREDITATION	<p>Each delegation will be taken to the accreditation desk upon arrival. The following items will be checked there:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Total payment of accommodation - Insurance – every delegation member needs a valid insurance - Music for floor exercise - National anthem and national flag - Transport - Departure <p>Your accreditation badge will be available there. Please wear your accreditation at all times.</p>	
COMPETITION FORMAT	<p>The Challenge Cup Individual Apparatus Competitions consist of Qualifications and Apparatus Finals:</p> <p><u>Qualifications:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation is limited to 2 gymnasts per country on each apparatus. • The Organizing Member Federation is allowed to add (only for the qualifications) "hors concours" competitors. 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 and they cannot qualify for the Finals. They are not eligible to receive World Cup points, they must not appear on the official results lists and they will have to start first at every apparatus. • The Organizing Member Federation is allowed to name a max. of "4 hors concours" competitors in Women's Artistic Gymnastics and a max. of "4 hors concours" competitors in Men's Artistic Gymnastics for a total of 8 "hors concours" gymnasts (i.e. while one "hors concours" gymnast can compete on more than one apparatus, not more than one "hors concours" gymnast can compete on an apparatus). • FIG Competition III rules will be applied for vault. • In case of a tie at any place, the tie-breaking rules as set up for the World Championships shall be applied. <p><u>Finals:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The best eight gymnasts per apparatus from the qualifications qualify for the Finals. • Participation is limited to 2 gymnasts per country and each apparatus. • In addition, the Organizing Member Federation has the right to a limited number of Wild Cards to guarantee the participation of the Host Country gymnasts in the Finals (maximum 1 man and 1 woman gymnast only at one apparatus each). • These "Wild Card Gymnasts" must have participated at the respective apparatus in the qualification. • "Wild Card Gymnasts" will have to start first, they will receive medals and prize money, but they will not receive World Cup points. • FIG Competition III 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 	

	<p>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 will be divided by 2)</p>
DRAWING OF LOTS	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.
PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE	June 6 th , 2012: Arrival delegations June 7 th , 2012: Arrival delegations / Training / Orientation meeting June 8 th , 2012: Podium training June 9 th , 2012: Qualifications MAG – WAG / Judges' instruction June 10 th , 2012: Finals MAG – WAG / Judges' instruction / Banquet June 11 th , 2012: Departure of delegations
EVENT MANAGER	Event Manager: Ilse Arys Contact: +32 (0)9 243 12 00 – info@gymfed.be
MEDIA	Local Press Officer: Inge Doens Contact: +32 (0)9 243 12 00 – info@gymfed.be The valid FIG Media Rules will be followed.
MEDICAL SERVICES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There will be a doctor who is responsible for the medical services during competition. - There will be physiotherapy times. - A medical staff will be present during competitions. - According to FIG regulations, doping control is possible.
DOPING CONTROLS	The Organizing Member Federation will provide at its own charge a minimum of 6 doping controls, 3 for Women and 3 for Men.
VISA	Please verify immediately with your travel agent or the Belgian Embassy or Consulate in your country if a visa is required for your travel to Belgium. The Organizing Committee will be happy to assist each Delegation member with an official invitation letter, provided that the request is made before April 29 th , 2012 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.
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 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: € 38 for the period of the event.
INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION	The invited participating federations must pay for the travel costs of their delegation members (see exception herein below). The Travel Schedule Form must be returned to the OC by April 29 th , 2012.

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION	<p>Delegations that book their accommodation through the OC will be offered transport from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brussels airport (Zaventem) or the railway station (Gent St. Pieters) to the hotel and back on the official arrival and departure days. - The hotel to the competition/training venue and back
ACCOMMODATION	<p>The accommodation includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Room + city tax - Full board + Banquet - Transport from the Brussels airport (Zaventem) or railway station (Gent St. Pieters) to the hotel and back (on the official arriving and departure days) - Transport from the hotel to the competition/training venue and back - Accreditation <p>The prices are subject to inflation by 2012.</p> <p>Holiday Inn Expo (***) Address: Maaltekouter 3 – 9051 Gent Tel: +32 9 9 220 24 24 E-mail: hotel@holiday-inn-gentexpo.com Website: http://www.holidayinn.com</p> <p>The cost per person/night € 160 – single room € 115 – double room</p> <p>Holiday Inn UZ (***) Address: Akkerhage 2 - 9000 Gent Tel: +32 9 222 58 85 E-mail: hotel@hiexgent.be Website: http://www.hiexgent.be</p> <p>The cost per person/night € 160 – single room € 115 – double room € 105 – triple room</p> <p>De Draecke (Youth Hostel) Youth hostel with basic facilities in the centre of Gent) Address: Sint-Widostraat 11 – 9000 Gent Website: www.vjh.be</p> <p>The cost per person/night: € 90 – double room € 85 - rooms for 3-4-5-6 persons</p> <p>The prices charged for the hotel rooms will not exceed the usual hotel rates. While the Accommodation Form must be returned to the OC by April 1st, 2012 at the very latest, the Hotel rooms will be allocated on a “first come, first serve” basis.</p> <p>The costs for the accommodations must be paid as follow: At the time of the Definitive registration (1.04.2012) 50% of the accommodation costs must be paid to the OC. Entries without the payment of the 50% of the accommodation costs will be considered as invalid and will be refused. The remaining 50% of the accommodation costs must be paid by April 29th, 2012.</p>

	<p>In case of room cancellations the OC refunds until April 5th, 2012 the complete amount of cancelled rooms. If cancellations arrive later, the OC refunds 50 % of the amount after April 5th, 2012. If cancellations arrive later than April 29th, 2012 no claims of refunds will be accepted.</p> <p>The OC will pay for the accommodation expenses for the gymnasts ranked 1-3, per apparatus, <u>competing in the event</u> from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the 2011 World Championships (if the event takes place <u>before</u> the Olympic Games) / 2012 Olympic Games (if the event takes place <u>after</u> the Olympic Games) - the 2011 World Cup (Category A) Ranking List - the 2011 Challenge Cup (Category B) Ranking List
MEALS	<p>The invited participating federations must pay for the meals expenses of their delegation members (see exception herein below).</p> <p>Delegations that book the accommodation through the OC have breakfast, lunch, dinner and banquet in their package.</p> <p>Extra tickets for lunch and dinner can be ordered at € 15 per person.</p> <p>The Meals Form must be returned to the OC by April 29th, 2012 at the very latest. The costs for the meals must also be paid to the OC by April 29th, 2012.</p> <p>In case of cancellations after April 29th, 2012 no claims of refunds will be accepted.</p> <p>The OC must pay for the meals expenses (full board) of the best three gymnasts per apparatus as per the Challenge Cup Ranking List for Individual Apparatus.</p> <p>The OC will pay for the meal expenses (full board) for the gymnasts ranked 1-3, per apparatus, <u>competing in the event</u> from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the 2011 World Championships (if the event takes place <u>before</u> the Olympic Games) / 2012 Olympic Games (if the event takes place <u>after</u> the Olympic Games) - the 2011 World Cup (Category A) Ranking List - the 2011 Challenge Cup (Category B) Ranking List
FINAL BANQUET	<p>Delegations that book their accommodation through the OC are invited to the Final Banquet.</p> <p>Extra tickets for the banquet (€ 35) can be ordered through the OC. The tickets must be paid by April 29th, 2012. Without payment the order will be cancelled.</p> <p>In case of cancellations after April 29th, 2012 no claims of refunds will be accepted.</p>
FIG TECHNICAL DELEGATE AND EC MEMBER	<p>The FIG Technical Delegate and EC member (if applicable) will be designated by the FIG.</p> <p>The FIG Technical Delegates will serve as Presidents of the Superior Jury.</p>
JUDGES AND JURIES	<p>The Apparatus Jury (or Juries) will be composed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 D judges, minimum 4 E judges, plus 1 Supervisor <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>Failure to provide judges as mentioned above will result in an OC charge of 2'000 CHF to the federation concerned (non refundable). This fine must be paid to the OC by April 29th, 2012.</p>

	<p>The number of Apparatus Juries (judges' panels) will 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 Apparatus Juries 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 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. 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 of the Organizing Member Federation.</p> <p>For additional judge's requirements see the Specific Judges' Rules.</p>																				
<p>VIDEO CONTROL SYSTEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Video Server and Software for recording and playing videos (1) - Notebook for recording with video camera (8) - Notebook and Player for TD of FIG (2) 																				
<p>PRIZE MONEY</p>	<p>The organising member federation must pay the following minimum Prize Money (amounts in Swiss Francs - CHF): CHF 2'500.- per apparatus.</p> <p>The Prize Money, free of any deductible taxes, will be distributed in EURO as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="663 1137 1362 1473"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">Challenge Cup - Prize Money in CHF</th> </tr> <tr> <th><i>Ranking</i></th> <th><i>Individual Apparatus</i></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>1</td><td>750</td></tr> <tr><td>2</td><td>600</td></tr> <tr><td>3</td><td>400</td></tr> <tr><td>4</td><td>250</td></tr> <tr><td>5</td><td>200</td></tr> <tr><td>6</td><td>150</td></tr> <tr><td>7</td><td>100</td></tr> <tr><td>8</td><td>50</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>No prize money, medals and World Cup Ranking Lists points will be given, if there are less than 4 participating federation in per apparatus.</p>	Challenge Cup - Prize Money in CHF		<i>Ranking</i>	<i>Individual Apparatus</i>	1	750	2	600	3	400	4	250	5	200	6	150	7	100	8	50
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<p>ASSIGNMENT OF WORLD CUP POINTS FOR THE RANKING LIST</p>	<p>In principle, the results and the updated FIG 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. Separate World Cup Ranking Lists (World Cup and Challenge Cup combined) are established for Individual Apparatus Competitions (i.e. for each apparatus). These lists begin with the first World Cup/Challenge Cup event of the year and end with the last World Cup/Challenge Cup event of the year as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 World Cup Ranking Lists for Men and 4 World Cup Ranking Lists for Women <table data-bbox="517 1935 957 2063"> <tr> <td><u>Men</u></td> <td><u>Women</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Floor</td> <td>Vault</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pommel Horse</td> <td>Uneven Bars</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rings</td> <td>Balance Beam</td> </tr> </table>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	Floor	Vault	Pommel Horse	Uneven Bars	Rings	Balance Beam												
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Vault Floor
 Parallel Bars
 Horizontal Bar

The World Cup Points are assigned to the competitors by name:

Challenge Cup competitions	
<i>Rank</i>	<i>Points</i>
1	30
2	25
3	20
4	18
5	16
6	14
7	12
8	10
9	8
10	7
11	6
12	5

In case that less than four federations participate per apparatus, no World Cup Points, no medals and no prize money will be given.

BANK ACCOUNT INFORMATION

GymnastiekFederatie Vlaanderen vzw
 Zuiderlaan 13

9000 Ghent - Belgium

Account n°: 442-8021711-35

Bank KBC Potuit - 9040 Ghent (Belgium)

IBAN: BE57 4428 0217 1135 Swift code: KREDBEBB

Each participating member Federation is kindly requested to integrate the payment's purpose as follows: Challenger Cup Gymnastics - Your Country or Federation - Subject

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

DEADLINES SUMMARY

Definitive Registration (on line)	01-04-2012
Nominative Registration (on line)	29-04-2012
Accommodation Form	01-04-2012
Travel Schedule Form	29-04-2012
Visa Request Form	29-04-2012
Meals Form	29-04-2012
Payment of the Entry Fee	29-04-2012
Payment of the Accommodation Costs	
- 50%	01-04-2012
- 100%	29-04-2012
Payment of the Meals	29-04-2012
Payment of the Final Banquet	29-04-2012
Payment of the fine for missing judge	29-04-2012

Sincerely Yours,



Stamp

Ghent, 10.10.2011
Place and date:

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Tom Goubert
Secretary General of the RBGF