



**6th FIG ART Gymnastics Challenge Cup
Doha / Qatar 27 - 29 March 2013**



DIRECTIVES

Dear FIG affiliated Member Federation,

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

HOST FEDERATION	<p>Qatar Gymnastics Federation Contact Person : Mohamed Al-Jabir Al-Bedaa tower, Al-Dafna – Doha 5th floor P.O. Box: 22955 Doha-Qatar Tel: +974 44944133 Fax: +974 44944131 e-mail: info@qatargym.com Web site: www.qatargym.com web site of the event: www.dohagym.com</p>
FIG	<p>Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique (FIG) Contact Person : Terhi Toivanen Avenue de la Gare 12 1003 Lausanne Switzerland Tel : +41 (0)21 321 55 10 / Direct +41 (0)21 321 55 33 Fax: +41 (0)21 321 55 19 e-mail : ttoivanen@fig-gymnastics.org website: www.fig-gymnastics.com</p>
LOCATION	Doha, Qatar
DATES	From March 27 to 29, 2013
VENUE	<p>Aspire Academy Dome Tel: +974 44136000 Fax: +974 44136060 e-mail: communications@aspire.qa web site: www.aspire.qa The Training Hall and Warm-up Halls will be located in the same place.</p>
APPARATUS SUPPLIER	A detailed list of Janssen – Fritsen equipments to be used for this Challenge cup will be published on the FIG web site
RULES AND REGULATIONS	<p>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 Individual Apparatus World Cup and Challenge Cup Rules in Artistic Gymnastics :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statutes • Technical Regulations • License Rules • Code of Points and relevant Newsletters • 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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doping Control Rules • Media Rules • Apparatus Norms • Advertising and Publicity Rules • Accreditation Rules • Regulations for Awards Ceremonies <p>and subsequent decisions of the FIG Executive Committee</p> <p>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 Challenge Cup.</p> <p>Federations which have not fulfilled their financial obligations towards the Local Organizing Committee by the given deadline in these Directives may still have the possibility to participate, but the LOC will not guarantee the hotel booking, meals and local transportation.</p>																																
FEDERATIONS INVITED AND REPLACEMENT POLICY	<p>The organizing member federation may invite FIG member federations in good standing at their discretion, but must invite at least all Member Federations who had gymnasts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ranked 1-8 in C-III at the previous Olympic Games/World Championships* - ranked 1-8 from the 2012 World Cup Ranking List for Individual Apparatus <p><i>* For the 2013 series, the gymnasts' invitation will be based on the results of the 2012 Olympic Games if the competition takes place before the 2013 World Championships and on the results of the 2013 World Championships if the competition takes place after the 2013 World Championships</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 may limit the maximum number of gymnast per delegation, except for the eligible gymnasts, 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>Medical Doctor</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Paramedical staff</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></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	Medical Doctor	1	1	1	Paramedical staff	1	1	2	Judges	2	2	4
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AGE LIMITS	<p>Age limit for MAG: 18 years (born in 1995 or before)</p> <p>Age limit for WAG: 16 years (born in 1997 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 on-line 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>25 / 01 / 2013 (2 months prior to the event)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nominative registration</td> <td>25 / 02 / 2013 (4 weeks prior to the event)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Definitive registration	25 / 01 / 2013 (2 months prior to the event)	Nominative registration	25 / 02 / 2013 (4 weeks prior to the event)																												
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ENTRY FEES	No Entry Fee will be applied for this event.				
ACCREDITATION	To arrange the accreditation procedures for all participating delegation members, electronic ID photographs must be sent via email to the OC within the deadline set for the nominative registration.				
COMPETITION FORMAT	<p>The Individual Apparatus Competitions for Challenge Cup 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. Nevertheless, the gymnasts not qualified for the Finals and with the same final score will receive the same World Cup Points. <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 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) 				

DRAWING OF LOTS	The gymnasts' drawing of lots for will be directed by the FIG Technical Delegate and take place at the Orientation meeting of the event in accordance with the procedures established.
PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 25, 2013 - Arrival of the delegations. • March 26, 2013 - Arrival of the delegations / Podium Training Orientation Meeting / Judge's Instruction. • March 27, 2013 - Qualifications MAG and WAG • March 28, 2013 - Apparatus Finals MAG and WAG (3 MAG + 2 WAG) • March 29, 2013 - Apparatus Finals MAG and WAG (3 MAG + 2 WAG) • March 30, 2013 - Departure of the delegations.
EVENT MANAGER	<p>Anis Saoud E-mail: a.saoud@qatargym.com Tel: +974 44944133 Mobile: +974 33100068</p>
MEDIA	<p>Local Press Officer: Ferras Ahmed e-mail: ferras@qatargym.com</p>
MEDICAL SERVICES	Medical Service will be provided by the Aspitar (Medical Sport Centre)
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 Qatar Embassy or Consulate in your country if a visa is required for your travel to Qatar. The Organizing Committee will be happy to provide a free entry visa to each Delegation member, provided that the request for an official invitation letter is made before 15/02/2013 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. A clear copy of the passport of each participant is compulsory (i.e. picture page with specific information) must be sent to the OC too.
INSURANCE	<p>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.</p> <p>The LOC will subsequently offer insurance at the Federations own charge as follows: 30 USD per person/day.</p>
INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION	<p>The invited participating federations must pay for the travel costs of their delegation members.</p> <p>The Travel Schedule Form must be returned to the OC by 10/03/2013</p>
LOCAL TRANSPORTATION	The local transportation will be free of charge from/to the airport and the hotel as well as from/to the hotel and the Competition, Training, and Warm-up Hall and from/to the Hotel and the Final Banquet.
ACCOMMODATION	<p>Four Seasons Hotel The Corniche, P.O.Box: 24665 Doha / Qatar Tel: +974 44948888 Fax: +974 44948282 www.fourseasons.com/doha</p>

	<p>The costs per person/night in this first Hotel are as follows: 580 USD (single room, including breakfast) 305 USD (double room, including breakfast)</p> <p>Movenpick Hotel West Bay Area, P.O.Box: 22752 Doha / Qatar Tel: +974 44966600 Fax: +974 44966610 e-mail: tower.doha@moevenpick.com web site: www.moevenpick-tower-doha.com</p> <p>The costs per person/night in this second Hotel are as follows: 250 USD (single room, including breakfast) 170 USD (double room, including breakfast)</p> <p>Holiday Villa Hotel & Residence P.O. Box 47601, Doha-Qatar, C.R. No 36419 Tel: +974 4408 4888 Fax: +974 4408 4013 Website: http://www.holidayvilladoha.com</p> <p>The costs per person/night in this third Hotel are as follows: 150 USD (single room, including breakfast) 90 USD (double room, including breakfast) 70 USD (triple room, including breakfast) <i>Note: double room with extra bed)</i></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 20/02/2013 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 to the OC by 25/02/2013 as follows: At the time of the Nominative entry (i.e. 1 month prior to the event) 100% of the Accommodation costs must be paid to the OC. Entries without the payment of the Accommodation costs will be considered as invalid and will be refused.</p> <p>The cost of the accommodation is only refundable, provided cancellations are made at least two weeks prior to arrival.</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: - previous Olympic Games/World Championships* (see note above) - the 2012 World Cup Ranking List</p> <p>The Hotel will be the Retaj Al Rayyan Hotel. Should another hotel be chosen, the price difference will have to be covered by the Federation concerned.</p>
MEALS	<p>The costs of the meals are as the following:</p> <p>Four Seasons Hotel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch: 55 USD • Dinner: 55 USD <p>Movenpick Tower & Suites</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch: 40 USD • Dinner: 40 USD <p>Retaj Al Rayyan Hotel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch: 25 USD • Dinner: 25 USD <p>The invited participating federations must pay for the meals expenses of their delegation members (see exception herein below).</p>

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FINAL BANQUET	<p>The Final Banquet will be free of charge.</p> <p>All the participants are welcome to the Final Banquet.</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 PANELS	<p>Each Judge's panel will be composed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 D judges, minimum 4 E judges, plus 1 Supervisor <p>The number of 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 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.</p> <p>Failure to provide judges as mentioned above will result in an OC charge of 1500 USD to the federation concerned (non refundable). This fine must be paid to the OC by 25/02/2013; exception can be made by the OC upon request of the participant federation.</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. 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>
VIDEO CONTROL SYSTEM	<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>
PRIZE MONEY	<p>The organising member federation must pay the following minimum Prize Money (amounts in US Dollars – USD): USD 5'000.- per apparatus.</p> <p>The Prize Money, free of any deductible taxes, will be distributed in USD Dollars as follows:</p>

Challenge Cup - Prize Money in USD	
<i>Ranking</i>	<i>Individual Apparatus</i>
1	1500
2	1200
3	800
4	500
5	400
6	300
7	200
8	100

No prize money, medals and World Cup Ranking Lists points will be given, if there are less than 4 participating federation in per apparatus.

**ASSIGNMENT OF
WORLD CUP POINTS
FOR THE ALL-
AROUND WORLD
CUP RANKING LIST**

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 men's and women's 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:

- 6 World Cup Ranking Lists for Men and 4 World Cup Ranking Lists for Women

<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
Floor	Vault
Pommel Horse	Uneven Bars
Rings	Balance Beam
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

The gymnasts with the same final score will receive the same World Cup Points

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

WINNER OF THE ANNUAL INDIVIDUAL APPARATUS WORLD CUP SERIES	<p>The winner of the annual Individual Apparatus World Cup and Challenge Cup Series is the gymnast with the highest number of points for each apparatus after the last event of the year as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If 5 or more World Cup Competitions take place per year, the best 4 are counted ▪ If 4 or 3 World Cup Competitions take place per year all points are counted <p>A special award ceremony must be held at the last Individual Apparatus World Cup/Challenge Cup competition of the year in which the Individual Apparatus World Cup and Challenge Cup winners shall receive a Cup. In case of a tie in the respective World Cup Ranking Lists after the last respective competitions of the year, the tie will not be broken.</p>																		
BANK ACCOUNT INFORMATION	<p>A/C Name: QATAR GYMNASTICS FEDERATION Bank Name& Branch: QNB Address /City /Country: Doha – Qatar Swift Code: QNBAQQA AC/No: 0787-013873-001 P.O BOX 22955</p> <p>The participating federation is responsible for covering all bank fees in connection with the bank transfers.</p>																		
MARKETING	FIG advertising and publicity norms must be respected																		
TELEVISION	<p>For Challenge Cup competitions, the same requirements will apply as for World Cup competitions, provided that a television production is available (even if not compulsory). The Organizing Member Federation will guarantee the production of a basic feed (international signal) at least for the Final rounds.</p> <p>While the Host Broadcaster will be Alkass Sport Channel, the person in charge will be: Javier Siguero Chinchilla: jsiguero@gmail.com</p>																		
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Sincerely Yours,

Doha 26/6/2012

Place and date:



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Signature of the President or
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