



**2016 AT&T American Cup
Newark, New Jersey, USA - March 5, 2016
FIG World Cup Competition (All-Around)**



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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 2015-2016 Series

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LOCATION	Newark, New Jersey, USA
DATES	March 5, 2016
VENUE	Prudential Center 25 Lafayette St Newark, NJ 07102 The Competition Arena will serve as the Training and Warm-up Hall.
APPARATUS SUPPLIER	A detailed list of American Athletics Inc. equipment to be used for this world cup will be published on the FIG web site
PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE	<u>Wednesday, March 2, 2016</u> Delegation Arrivals <u>Thursday, March 3, 2016</u> 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

	<p><u>Friday, March 4, 2016</u></p> <p>8:00 AM 10:30 AM Women's Structured Training 10:30 AM 1:00 PM Men's Open Training 1:30 PM 3:00 PM Women's Structured Training 3:00 PM 4:30 PM Men's Open Training</p> <p><u>Saturday, March 5, 2016</u></p> <p>9:30 AM 11:05 AM WARM-UP FOR COMPETITION 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</p> <p>10:30 AM 11:00 AM Men's and Women's Judges' Meeting 11:30 AM 3:00 PM AT&T AMERICAN CUP COMPETITION Live on NBC Television (1:00 - 3:00 EST)</p> <p><u>Sunday, March 6, 2016</u></p> <p>Delegation Departures</p>						
PARTICIPATION	<p>The All-Around World Cup Competitions consist of a "single Final round" competition with no qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation is limited to 8 Gymnasts, plus 1 Wild Card (1 man and 1 woman maximum) from the Organizing Member Federation. Wild Card gymnasts must be named at the time of the closing of the nominative registration. • No more than 1 gymnast per country per discipline may participate (i.e. max. 1 MAG and 1 WAG), except for the Organizing Member Federation who can participate with 2 gymnasts maximum (2 MAG and 2 WAG, including the Wild Card). • "Wild Card Gymnasts" will receive medals, prize money and World Cup Points. • All participating gymnasts are required to compete on all apparatus. • Until the time of the drawing of lots, in case of gymnasts' withdrawal, the next eligible gymnasts will be invited by the FIG 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 (provided the OMF has not already nominated a "Wild Card") or an NF of its choice to fill those "empty" places. 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. • All gymnasts will receive World Cup points, medals and prize money. • In case that less than four federations participate, no World Cup points, no medals and no prize money will be given. 						
FEDERATIONS INVITED	<p>The Member Federations will be invited according to the following principles:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="438 1839 1423 2080"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="438 1839 625 1877">9 Places</th> <th data-bbox="625 1839 1423 1877">Participation criteria</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="438 1877 625 2045">Places 1-8</td> <td data-bbox="625 1877 1423 2045">The top 8 federations from the C-I Team Ranking at the previous World Championships / Olympic Games* will be entitled to designate 1 gymnast maximum at their discretion. Invitation will be done by FIG respecting the rank order</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="438 2045 625 2080">Place 9</td> <td data-bbox="625 2045 1423 2080">1 Wild Card from the Organizing Member Federation</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	9 Places	Participation criteria	Places 1-8	The top 8 federations from the C-I Team Ranking at the previous World Championships / Olympic Games* will be entitled to designate 1 gymnast maximum at their discretion. Invitation will be done by FIG respecting the rank order	Place 9	1 Wild Card from the Organizing Member Federation
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	<p>The participation of places 1-9 must be confirmed in writing as soon as possible, but no later than two weeks after the WCH/OG. Failure to confirm in due time will automatically result in the replacement being invited as outlined here below for places 1-8:</p> <p>In case a qualified federation or 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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By the federations ranked 9-12 from the C-I Team Ranking at the previous World Championships / Olympic Games*. These places are at the discretion of the federation and must be confirmed in writing within 5 working days once the invitation is received. Invitations will be done by FIG respecting the rank order. • By the top ranked gymnasts in C-I (All-Around Results) at the previous World Championships / Olympic Games*, provided these gymnasts come from countries which have not a team in the top 12 from the C-I Team Ranking as mentioned above. These places are by name and must be confirmed in writing within 1 week once the invitation is received. The invitations will be done by FIG respecting the rank order. <p>In any case, no federation may participate with more than 1 male and 1 female gymnast, except for the Organizing Member Federation who can participate with 2 gymnasts maximum (2 MAG and 2 WAG, including the Wild Card).</p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>* The invitation for a World Cup season will be based either on the Olympic Games or the World Championships results, whichever event takes place chronologically last.</i></p> <p><i><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</i></p>																												
<p>SIZE OF DELEGATION AND FIG LICENSE</p>	<p>Only senior gymnasts in good standing with the correct age and holding a valid FIG License until the end of the competitions 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 until the end of the competitions at the deadline of the Nominative Registration. The maximum size of the invited delegation is as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="453 1543 1385 1794"> <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>Coach (max. 1 per gymnast*)</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gymnasts (all eligible gymnasts)</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></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>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Judges</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><i>* <u>Note:</u> including Wild card Gymnasts</i></p>	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
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<p>AGE LIMITS</p>	<p>Age Limit for MAG: 18 years (born in 1998 or before) Age Limit for WAG: 16 years (born in 2000 or before)</p>																												

<p>JUDGES AND JURIES</p>	<p>The number of Judges' Panels may be decided by the Organizing Member Federation depending on the number of participating competitors and 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. 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).</p> <p>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, 2016.</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 prior approval of the TC Presidents 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.</p> <p>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>						
<p>FIG TD AND EC MEMBER</p>	<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>						
<p>REGISTRATION DEADLINES</p>	<p>The Nominative Registration must be made on-line via the FIG database platform or by using another FIG system. This on-line registration (or accordingly) will only be accepted from FIG Gymnastics Member Federations.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="440 1491 1414 1648"> <tr> <td data-bbox="440 1491 855 1570">Confirmation of participation for places 1-9 *</td> <td data-bbox="855 1491 1414 1570">2 weeks after the WCH</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="440 1570 855 1648">Nominative registration *</td> <td data-bbox="855 1570 1414 1648">2 months prior to the competition or as decided between FIG and each LOC</td> </tr> </table> <p>* <i>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.</i></p> <p>Late registrations are subject to fines as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="440 1865 1425 1933"> <tr> <td data-bbox="440 1865 1254 1933">Fine for missing the deadline of the Nominative registration or for late registration</td> <td data-bbox="1254 1865 1425 1933">CHF 500.-</td> </tr> </table> <p>Registration made after the gymnasts' drawing of lots will not be accepted and the Delegations members concerned will not be authorized to participate.</p>	Confirmation of participation for places 1-9 *	2 weeks after the WCH	Nominative registration *	2 months prior to the competition or as decided between FIG and each LOC	Fine for missing the deadline of the Nominative registration or for late registration	CHF 500.-
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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 in accordance with the procedures established.
ENTRY FEES	No Entry Fee will be applied for this event.
ACCOMMODATION	<p>Hilton Newark Penn Station Gateway Center – Raymond Blvd. Newark, NJ 07102</p> <p>The costs per room/night in this Hotel are as follows: \$280 USD (single room, including breakfast) \$310 USD (double room, including breakfast)</p> <p>While the Accommodation Form must be returned to the LOC by January 5, 2016, 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)</p> <p>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 costs. The accommodation costs must be paid to the LOC by January 5, 2016. Any accommodations cancelled less than 7 days prior to arrival will be non-refundable.</p>
MEALS	<p>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 \$45USD for lunch and \$50USD for dinner.</p> <p>Meal Form and Payment will be due to the LOC by January 5, 2016.</p> <p>Any meals cancelled less than 7 days prior to arrival will be non-refundable.</p>
FINAL BANQUET	The closing banquet will take place on Saturday March 5, 2016, and will be free of charge to all delegation members.
INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION	<p>The invited participating federations must pay for the travel costs of their delegation members (see exception herein below).</p> <p>The LOC must pay for the travel costs of all gymnasts (including the Wild Card) and their respective coach (1 max. per gymnast).</p> <p>The Travel Schedule Form must be returned to the LOC by January 5, 2016</p>
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, 2016. 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, 2016 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 Organizing Member Federation by the given deadlines of these Directives may still have the possibility to participate, but the Organizing Member Federation 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 Account number: 4620567647 Reference: 2016 AT&T American Cup Each participating member Federation is kindly requested to integrate the payment's purpose as follows: 2016 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 (i.e. for gymnasts with the same final score), the tie will not be broken. The tied gymnasts will all have the same rank, but subsequent ranks will be skipped ("9" in case of Wild Card): 1, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 1, 2, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 1, 2, 3, 3, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9 Tied gymnasts will receive the same medal and World Cup Points: 1, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 (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, 9 (Prize Money for Rank 1 and 2 is added and divided by 2) 1, 2, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 (Prize Money for Rank 2 and 3 is added and divided by 2) 1, 2, 2, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 (Prize Money for Rank 2, 3, and 4 is added and divided by 3) 1, 2, 3, 3, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9 (Prize Money for Rank 3, 4, and 5 is added and divided by 3) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 7, 9 (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 and 9 is divided by 2)
PRIZE MONEY	The Organising Member Federation must pay the following minimum Prize Money (amounts in Swiss Francs – CHF): 50'000.- for Men and Women each, and 50'500.- for Men and Women each in case of Wild Card. The Prize Money, free of any deductible taxes, will be distributed according to the results of the event (nominative) in CHF as follows:

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ASSIGNMENT OF WORLD CUP POINTS FOR THE ALL-AROUND WORLD CUP RANKING LIST	<p>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. 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: 3rd Series = four (4) WC events in 2015/2016 or accordingly The World Cup Points are assigned by NF and only one result (points of the best ranked gymnast) per NF can be counted per event</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Rank</th> <th>Points</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>45</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>35</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5</td> <td>30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6</td> <td>25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7</td> <td>20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8</td> <td>15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9</td> <td>10</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			Rank	Points	1	50	2	45	3	40	4	35	5	30	6	25	7	20	8	15	9	10
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WINNER OF THE ANNUAL ALL-AROUND WORLD CUP SERIES	<p>The winner of the All-Around World Cup Series is the NF 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 (only one result per NF and event) and regardless of the number of event the respective NF has participated in. 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.</p>																						
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 / lking@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	Hospital in Newark, NJ Saint Michael's Medical Center 111 Central Ave. Newark, NJ 07102 (973) 877-5000	
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 and publicity norms must 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 : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	Confirmation of participation	2 weeks after the WCH
	Nominative Registration (on line or accordingly)	TBC
	Visa Request Form	January 5, 2016
	Travel Schedule Form	January 5, 2016
	Accommodation Form	January 5, 2016
	Meals Form	January 5, 2016
	Payment of the Accommodation Costs	January 5, 2016
	Payment of the Local Transportation	January 5, 2016
	Payment of the Meals	January 5, 2016
	Payment of the fine for missing judge	January 5, 2016



Sincerely Yours,
Indianapolis, IN USA
April 7, 2015

President/CEO