FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE GYMNASTIQUE



9th FIG ART Gymnastics World Challenge Cup

Doha / Qatar 24 - 26 March 2016



DIRECTIVES

Event ID: 14364

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 World Challenge Cup.

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HOST FEDERATION	Qatar Gymnastics Federation Contact Person: Anis Saoud 5 th floor at Al-Bedaa tower, Al-Dafna – Doha 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
LOCATION	Doha, Qatar
DATES	From March 24 to 26, 2016
VENUE	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 at the same place.
APPARATUS SUPPLIER	A detailed list of Janssen – Fritsen equipment to be used for this World Challenge 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 the Individual Apparatus World Cup and World Challenge Cup Rules in Artistic Gymnastics: Statutes Technical Regulations License Rules Code of Points and relevant Newsletters Rules for the FIG Individual Apparatus World Cup and World 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
- Accreditation Rules
- Regulations for Awards Ceremonies

and subsequent decisions of the FIG Executive Committee

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 Challenge Cup.

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.

FEDERATIONS INVITED AND REPLACEMENT POLICY

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:

- ranked 1-8 in C-III at the previous World Championships*
- ranked 1-8 from the 2015 World Cup Ranking List for Individual Apparatus
- * For the 2016 series, the gymnasts' invitation will be based on the results of the 2015 World Championships

PARTICIPATION 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 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:

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

^{*} including Wild card and "hors concours" gymnasts

AGE LIMITS

Age limit for MAG: 18 years (born in 1998 or before) Age limit for WAG: 16 years (born in 2000 or before)

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Definitive and Nominative Registrations must be made exclusively on-line via the FIG website (http://www.fig-gymnastics.com). These on-line registrations will only be accepted from FIG Gymnastics Member Federations.

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.

Definitive	23 / 01 / 2016
registration	(2 months prior to the event)
	Midnight Swiss Time
Nominative	23 / 02 / 2016
registration	(4 weeks prior to the event)
	Midnight Swiss Time

Late registrations are subject to fines as follows:

	Fine for missing or late Definitive Registration CHF 750		
	Fine for missing or late Nominative Registration CHF 500		
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.		
DRAWING OF	The Individual Apparatus Competitions for World Challenge Cup competitions consist of: Qualifications and Apparatus Finals Qualifications: Participation is limited to 2 gymnasts per NF 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" competitors in Men's Artistic Gymnastics and a max. of "4 hors concours" gymnasts (i.e. while one "hors concours" gymnast can compete on an apparatus, not more than one "hors concours" gymnast can compete on an apparatus, not more than one "hors concours" gymnast can compete on an apparatus, not more than one "hors concours" gymnast can compete on an apparatus, not more than one "hors concours" gymnast can compete on 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. Finals: The best eight gymnasts per apparatus from the qualifications qualify for the Finals (maximum 1 man and 1 woman gymnast only at one 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" will receive medals, prize money and World Cup points. Fig Competition III rules will be applied for vault. In case of a tie at any		
LOTS	and take place at the Orientation meeting of the event in accordance with the procedures established.		

PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE	 March 22, 2016 - Arrival of the delegations. March 23, 2016 - Podium Training Orientation Meeting / Judge's Instructions. March 24, 2016 - Qualifications MAG and WAG March 25, 2016 - Apparatus Finals MAG and WAG (3 MAG + 2 WAG) March 26, 2016 - Apparatus Finals MAG and WAG (3 MAG + 2 WAG) March 27, 2016 - Departure of the delegations. 	
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MEDIA	Local Press Officer: Medhat Hassan e-mail: medhat@qatargym.com	
SOCIAL MEDIA	Marwan Abou Alsal E-mail: marwan@qatargym.com Tel: +974 44944133 Mobile: +974 55202051	
MEDICAL SERVICES	Medical Service will be provided by the Aspitar (Medical Sport Centre)	
OFFICIAL HOSPITAL	Aspetar, Qatar Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine Hospital Sport City Street Near Khalifa Stadium P.O. Box 29222 Tel:+(974)44132000 Email: info@aspetar.com	
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 A clear copy of the passport of each participant (i.e. picture page with specific information) must be sent to the OC before 13/02/2016 to the OC (is compulsory) accompanying with the visa request form.	
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: 6 USD per person/day.	
INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION	The invited participating federations must pay for the travel costs of their delegation members. The Travel Schedule Form must be returned to the OC by 05/03/2016	
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

Four Seasons Hotel*****

The Corniche, P.O.Box: 24665 Doha / Qatar

Tel: +974 4494888 Fax: +974 44948282

www.fourseasons.com/doha

The costs per person/night in this first Hotel are as follows:

600 USD (single room, including breakfast) 330 USD (double room, including breakfast)

The TORCH DOHA *****

Al Waab Street

P.O.Box: 23833 Doha / Qatar

Tel: +974 44465600 Fax: +974 44465700

e-mail: reservation@thetorchdoha.com web site: www.thetorchdoha.com

The costs per person/night in this second Hotel are as follows:

250 USD (single room, including breakfast) 150 USD (double room, including breakfast)

BEST WESTERN PLUS Doha***** (Official Hotel)

Address: Al Sharq, Old Salata, Safilia Street

P.O. Box 20409, Doha, Qatar

Tel: +974 4424 0000 Fax: +974 4424 0001

E-mail: <u>info@bestwesternplusdoha.com</u> Website: <u>www.bestwesternplusdoha.com</u>

The costs per person/night in this third Hotel are as follows:

180 USD (single room, including breakfast)
100 USD (double room, including breakfast)
80 USD (triple room, including breakfast)
Note: double room with extra bed)

The prices charged for the hotel rooms will not exceed the usual hotel rates. While the Accommodation Form must be returned to the LOC by **17/02/2016** at the very latest, the Hotel rooms will be allocated on a "first come, first served" basis.

The costs for the accommodations must be paid to the OC by 22/02/2016 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.

Cancellation will only be accepted by e-mail.

In case of cancellation, costs will be refunded as follows:

By 23 February 2016: 100 % refund

24 February - 08 March 2016: 50% refund

From 09 March 2016: no refund.

Only written cancelations sent by e-mail are accepted.

Only bank transfer will make refund. All costs for the bank transfers will be at the charge of the participating federations.

The Organizing Member Federation must pay for the Accommodation expenses for the gymnasts ranked 1-3, per apparatus, competing in the event from:

- previous World Championships* (see note above)
- the 2015 World Cup Ranking List

The Official Hotel will be the Coral Hotel Doha. Should another hotel be chosen, the price difference would have to be covered by the Federation concerned.

The costs of the meals are as the following: **MEALS Four Seasons Hotel** Lunch: 70 USD • Dinner:70 USD The Torch Doha • Lunch: 55 USD • Dinner: 65 USD **BEST WESTERN PLUS Doha (Official Hotel)** • Lunch: 35 USD • Dinner: 35 USD The invited participating federations must pay for the meals expenses of their delegation members (see exception herein below). While the Meals Form must be returned to the OC by 17/02/2016 at the very latest, the costs for the meals must be paid to the OC by 22/02/2016. The cost of the meals is only refundable, provided cancellations are made at least two weeks prior to arrival. The Organizing Member Federation must pay for the meals expenses, including full board, for the gymnasts ranked 1-3, per apparatus, competing in the event from: - previous World Championships* (see note above) - the 2015 World Cup Ranking List The Final Banquet will be free of charge. **FINAL BANQUET** If the participant will stay in the hotel; they have to pay dinner by themselves. All the participants are welcome to the Final Banquet. FIG TECHNICAL The FIG Technical Delegate and EC member (if applicable) will be designated by **DELEGATE AND** the FIG. **EC MEMBER** The FIG Technical Delegates will serve as Presidents of the Superior Jury. Each Judge's panel will be composed as follows: **JUDGES AND PANELS** • 2 D judges, minimum 4 E judges, plus 1 Supervisor 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). 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 gualified WAG judge if they participate with female gymnasts. 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 22/02/2016. 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.

VIDEO CONTROL SYSTEM

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.

PRIZE MONEY

The organising member federation must pay the following minimum Prize Money (amounts in US Dollars – USD): USD 2'500.- per apparatus.

The Prize Money, free of any deductible taxes, will be distributed in **US Dollars** as follows:

World Challenge Cup - Prize Money in USD		
Ranking	Individual Apparatus	
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 World Challenge Cup combined) are established for Individual Apparatus Competitions (i.e. for each apparatus). These lists begin with the first World Cup/World Challenge Cup event of the year and end with the last World Cup/World Challenge Cup event of the year as follows:

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

Men Women 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:

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

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Each participating member Federation is kindly requested to integrate the payment's purpose as follows:		
A/C Name: QATAR GYMNASTICS FEDERATION Bank Name& Branch: QNB Address /City /Country: P.O BOX 22955 Doha – Qatar AC/No: 0787-013873-001 IBAN: QA71QNBA 0000 0000 0787 013873 001 Swift Code: QNBAQAQA		
The participating federation is responsible for covering all bank fees in connection with the bank transfers.		
FIG advertising and publicity norms must be	respected	
For the Individual apparatus World Cup com Cup competition television coverage is comp	petitions and for the Word Challenge	
The Organizing Member Federation must guarantee the production of a basic feed (international signal). Please refer to Reg 12.3 of 2016 Rules for the FIG Individual Apparatus World Cup & World Challenger Cup Series in Artistic Gymnastics for additional information. While the Host Broadcaster will be Alkass Sport Channel, the person in charge will		
be: Bassam Zogheib: bzogheib@alkass.net		
Definitive Registration (on line) Nominative Registration (on line) Visa Request Form Travel Schedule Form Accommodation Form Meals Form Payment of the Accommodation Costs Payment of the Meals Payment of the fine for missing judge	23/01/2016 23/02/2016 13/02/2016 05/03/2016 17/02/2016 17/02/2016 22/02/2016 22/02/2016 22/02/2016	
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Sincerely Yours,

Doha 20/10/2016

Place and date:

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Signature of the President or Secretary General of the FIG affiliated NF