

FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE GYMNASTIQUE



# FIG Licence Rules



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## 1. INTRODUCTION

At the 2008 Council in Cape Town (RSA), Article 5.1 of the FIG Technical Regulations was extended and the principle of a compulsory licence or “gymnastics passport” was introduced.

### **Reg. 5.1 General Rights of Participation in Competitions and Licence**

*Official FIG competitions are open to gymnasts who:*

- ✓ *belong to a federation affiliated to the FIG*
- ✓ *have the nationality of the federation in accordance with the FIG Statutes, Technical Regulations and the Olympic provisions*
- ✓ *fulfil the requirements of the Statutes (as well as the admission conditions)*
- ✓ *fulfil specified performance prerequisites (i.e. limits)*
- ✓ *have a valid licence as long as the prescriptions of the rules elaborated by the FIG Executive Committee are respected*

The following rules have been decided by the FIG Executive Committee based on the above mentioned Article 5.1. of the FIG Technical Regulations.

## 2. COMPULSORY LICENCE OR “GYMNASTICS PASSPORT”

All gymnasts (Age Group, juniors and seniors) must be in possession of a valid FIG Licence in order to be eligible to participate in an international competition. “Gymnastics for All” events are exempted from this rule.

The following competitions are defined as International competitions under these Licence Rules:

- World Championships
- Continental Championships and Games
- Any and all Multisport Games (Olympic Games, World Games, Mediterranean Games, Commonwealth Games, Central American Games, University Games, etc.)
- World Cup events
- FIG sanctioned International Events

## 3. CONDITIONS TO OBTAIN AN FIG LICENCE

The FIG licence shall only be issued to those gymnasts who:

- fulfil the conditions mentioned in Article 5.1 of the FIG Technical Regulations;
- have personally signed Appendix I of the Licence Rules (FIG Licence - application form or application form “R”). By signing, gymnasts:
  1. confirm to have read and understood the FIG Statutes, the FIG and IOC Code of Ethics, the FIG Code of Conduct, the FIG Technical Regulations, the FIG Licence Rules, the FIG Anti-Doping Rules, the World Anti-Doping Code including the International Standards, as well as the Code of Points, the FIG Accreditation Rules all other FIG Rules and Regulations and their amendments and agree to comply with and to be bound by them;
  2. consent that the data entered into the FIG Data-base (biographies, etc.) and collected at various occasions such as competitions (e.g. results, rankings, etc.), are published via the official FIG means.
  3. give their consent and agree to the creation of their profile in WADA Doping Control Clearing House (ADAMS), and/or any other similar system from an authorized National Anti-Doping Organization (NADO) in agreement with the FIG for the sharing of

information, to be entered in such data systems related to doping controls, whereabouts and therapeutic use exemptions;

4. confirm that they have themselves completed the Athlete Learning Program about Health and Anti-Doping (ALPHA) and obtained the Certificate ALPHA. This is an eLearning program developed by WADA and available on the eLearning platform ADeL (Available on <https://adel.wada-ama.org>)
- belong to an FIG affiliated Federation in good standing;
  - have obtained the signature of the President or the Secretary General of their National Federation on the application form.

#### **4. LICENCE CHECK**

##### **Upon registration**

The Organising Committees of the events mentioned under Article 2 of these Rules must control the licences of all gymnasts at the latest at the nominative entry deadline.

The registration of a gymnast who does not have an FIG Licence shall be considered as rejected.

The Organising Committee must inform the affiliated federation of the gymnast concerned.

If a gymnast does not have an FIG Licence but the application was already submitted to the FIG before the nominative entry deadline and the FIG is in possession of all the required information, the gymnast may be allowed by the Organising Committee to participate in the event if s/he presents his/her FIG Licence at the accreditation.

##### **Upon accreditation**

Gymnasts who do not present a valid FIG Licence at accreditation shall not be allowed to compete.

Should a gymnast not be able to show his/her FIG Licence at accreditation, the Organising Committee may check on the official FIG website whether the respective gymnast has a valid licence or not. If this can be verified in due time by the Organising Committee, the gymnast may participate in the competition against payment of a fee of CHF 20.- to the Organising Committee.

Should a gymnast present an invalid licence or the validity of the forgotten licence may not be verified by the Organising Committee, the gymnast shall not be allowed to compete.

#### **5. VALIDITY OF THE LICENCE**

The licence shall be valid for two years from its date of validation.

#### **6. WORLD OF GYMNASTICS**

Licence holders may consult the online magazine "*World of Gymnastics*", available on the FIG website.

#### **7. INSURANCE**

At its meeting held on February 22, 2012, the FIG Executive Committee agreed to offer to all licence holders an additional insurance as of January 1, 2013. The premium shall be paid by the FIG without any impact on the licence fee.

The insurance terms and conditions are mentioned in the Appendix II thereof and available on the FIG administration.

The FIG reserves the right to cancel this extra insurance at any time upon a 4-month notice. This extra insurance does not result in any extra burden for the FIG and does not imply new responsibility for the FIG since it does not release the Federation nor the licence holder from the obligation to take out an insurance as per the Chapter "Financial Provisions" of the Technical Regulations.

## 8. LIST OF LICENCE HOLDERS « FIG LICENCE VIEWER »

The list of all licence holders with a currently valid licence shall be published on the FIG website, via the "FIG licence viewer".

This list is automatically updated and shall include all valid licences at that time. Licences which have expired are systematically deleted from the list.

The published information shall include the following data:

- Licence Number
- Discipline
- Gymnast's full name (surname and given names)
- Federation / nationality
- Year of birth
- Gender
- Licence expiry date

## 9. APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND FEE

Only FIG affiliated Federations in good standing may apply for licences for their gymnasts.

Applications forms **must** be submitted **at least one (1) month prior to the deadline for nominative registration of the related event**.

An application form is required for each gymnast. It shall be available via the FIG website under "FIG Database" (all gymnast profiles are computerized within the "FIG Database") or attached hereto. Applications may be filled in at any time online (FIG website) and sent to the FIG office by email.

Application forms shall be returned duly completed, signed and stamped by the President or Secretary General of the respective affiliated federation.

Application forms shall be signed by the gymnast. All consent forms from minor applicants shall be countersigned by their legal representative or in accordance with the legislation of the applicant's country.

The fee shall amount to **CHF 30.00** per licence.

Upon delivery of the licence by the FIG, an invoice shall be sent to the affiliated federation. **Terms of payment: within 30 days (from the date of the invoice)**.

The FIG shall bear 50% of the total licence costs. This amount is already deducted from the fee mentioned above.

These fees include the issue and delivery of the licence, the integration on the list of licence holders on the "FIG licence viewer" and the access to our online magazine "*World of Gymnastics*":

## 10. INFORMATION REQUESTED FOR THE APPLICATION

The requested information of the FIG licence application form must be duly completed, online, by the respective federation as follows:

- Name of FIG affiliated federation
- Gymnast's surname
- Gymnast's given name
- Gymnast's address, postal code, city, state, country
- Gymnast's email address
- Discipline (MAG, WAG, RG, TRA, AER, ACRO or PK)

- Passport number, country and validity
- Gender
- Date of birth
- Photo (Colour passport photo on clear and plain background (.jpg format, max 800x600 pixels and max 1Mb)
- Copy of the valid passport (.jpg format, max 800x800 pixels and max 1Mb)
  
- Signature of the gymnast (and of the legal representative if the gymnast is a minor)
- Signature of the president or secretary general of the affiliated federation
- Stamp of the affiliated federation

The respective member federation is fully liable for any and all information and documents provided with the application form. This information is likely to be released on the FIG public website or on any other FIG official publication.

## 11. CONTENT OF THE LICENCE

The Licence will be a plastic-coated card in the format 85mm x 54mm and shall display the following information:

- FIG logo and name
- Photo of the gymnast
- Licence number
- Nationality / federation
- Gymnast's full name
- Date of birth
- Gender
- Discipline (MAG, WAG, RG, TRA, AER, ACRO or PK)
- Function
- Signature of the gymnast (on the back)

## 12. RENEWAL OF THE LICENCE

The licence shall be valid for two years from its validation date. Applications for renewal shall be accepted six (6) months prior to its expiration date. If the renewal occurs during this period, the validity of the licence shall be extended for two years from its expiration date. If the renewal concerns an expired licence, the validity of the licence shall be for two years from the validation date of the renewal.

An application for renewal **must** be submitted **at least one (1) month prior to the deadline for nominative registration of the related event.**

To renew a licence, a "Licence renewal application form" must be completed. This form shall be available on the gymnast's profile (on the FIG Database), once his/her data has been updated by his/her national federation or attached hereto.

The gymnast must keep his or her old license card, which remains valid. This process shall not require a new licence card to be issued.

The fee shall amount to **CHF 30.00** per licence renewal.

### 13. LOSS OF THE LICENCE CARD

In case of loss, the FIG shall be informed immediately and a new card (without further application) shall be issued to replace the lost card.

A cost of **CHF 30.00** shall be charged to the Federation

### 14. VIOLATIONS OF FIG LICENCE RULES

As mentioned under Art. 2. of these Rules, the Licence is compulsory and must be presented at all FIG international competitions. The control of the international competitions shall be the responsibility of the Continental Unions, Groups and the Affiliated Member Federations.

The Continental Unions, Groups and the organising Member Federations shall be liable for enforcing FIG Licence Rules at the competitions held under their auspice.

Should the Licence Rules be infringed, i.e. a gymnast competes with an invalid or without a valid licence, the gymnasts shall be disqualified and the medals and prize money shall be returned.

For every single violation, the organising Member Federation shall be sanctioned with a fine of CHF 2'000.-. In case of a repeated violation of the same Federation, the case shall be submitted to the FIG Disciplinary Commission.

The FIG shall reserve the right to withdraw the Licence in case of a disciplinary sanction taken against the licence holder.

These Licence Rules have been updated by the Executive Committee at its meeting in November 2018 in Baku (AZE). They shall replace any and all previous versions and shall enter into force on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019.

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