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INTERPRETATION

The following definitions apply in the interpretation of these Statutes:

- a) The words in the first column are defined respectively in the second column if not specifically mentioned or inconsistent with the subject or context:

FIG	Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique
Federation (NF)	Any National Gymnastics Organisation affiliated or associated to the FIG
Statutes	Statutes of the FIG
Congress	The Congress of the FIG
Council	The Council elected by the Congress
Executive Committee (EC)	The Executive Committee elected by the Congress
Technical Committee (TC)	This refers to each of the committees (MAG, WAG, RG, TRA, ACRO, AER) (and PK from 01.01.2025) concerned with the "Gymnastics" disciplines defined below (exception: Gymnastics for All)
Gymnastics for All Committee (GfA-C)	Committee dealing with GfA activities
Parkour Commission (PK-C)	Commission dealing with FIG Parkour (until 31.12.2024)
President	President of the FIG
Secretary General	Secretary General of the FIG
Technical Coordinator	Technical coordinator of the FIG
Gymnastics Ethics Foundation	Independent Foundation comprising a Safeguarding section, a Disciplinary section and a Compliance section, promoting and supervising ethical principles in gymnastics and dealing with infringements of these principles.
Gymnastics	The sports and/or activities of Gymnastics for All, Artistic Gymnastics, Rhythmic Gymnastics, Trampoline Gymnastics, Acrobatic Gymnastics, Aerobic Gymnastics and Parkour
Gymnast/athlete	Any person participating in any of the activities described under "Gymnastics" above
Discipline	Any of the sports and/or activities defined in "Gymnastics"
Gymnastics for All (GfA)	Gymnastics without or with competitions (World Gymnaestrada without competition) of a recreational nature covering a wide range of gymnastic activities
Artistic Gymnastics (ART) (MAG/WAG)	Competitive Gymnastics performed on different pieces of apparatus
Rhythmic Gymnastics (RG)	Competitive Gymnastics performed using different hand apparatus
Trampoline Gymnastics (TRA)	Exercises performed on the trampoline and double mini trampoline or a tumbling track

Acrobatic Gymnastics (ACRO)	“Dynamic“, “Balance“ and “Combined” exercises performed without apparatus by pairs, women's groups (3) or men's groups (4)
Aerobic Gymnastics (AER)	Aerobic dance routines including gymnastic and acrobatic movements
Parkour (PK)	Leisure and competitive urban sport (outdoors and indoors) consisting of getting from one point to another by crossing (without assistive equipment) various obstacles in the fastest, secure and most efficient way possible, by agile movements.
Organiser	The group responsible for the Organisation of any of the official events of the FIG
Code of Ethics	Code approved by the Congress in order to define the principles of respect, dignity and integrity of the FIG members, the FIG authorities and the gymnasts
Code of Discipline	Code approved by the Council in order to define the disciplinary rules
Technical Regulations (TR)	Regulations approved by the Council for the determination and observance of the technical requirements of the FIG
Gymnastics for All Manual	Manual approved by the Council to ensure control, excellent preparation, and management of GFA events, comprising the World Gymnaestrada Rules and the Gym for Life Challenge Rules
Codes of Points	<p>Rules prepared by the respective Technical Committees/ Commission PK and adopted by the Executive Committee, for the following purposes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – the definition of the value of each element, or combination of elements in an exercise – the classification of penalties for performance and execution errors – the requirements relating to the composition of the routines – the classification of errors of composition and the penalties applied – the deductions for misconduct, errors, contraventions of the Technical Regulations and the Codes – the provision of instructions and/or directives which clarify the principles and basic rules contained in the Technical Regulations
Various Rules	Drafted and approved by the Executive Committee in order to define decisions to be made for the organisation and the control of all the events (e.g. Apparatus Norms, Accreditation, Award Ceremonies, Judges, Academies, World Cup events, Honorary Distinctions, Medical Rules, Anti-doping Rules, Licenses, Media, Publicity, Age Groups, etc.)

FIG Rules

Statutes, all rules, regulations, codes, guidelines, decisions made by the FIG.

- b) Words referring to the singular number shall include the plural number and vice versa
- c) Words referring to the masculine gender shall also include the female gender and vice versa
- d) Words referring to persons shall include corporate bodies

CHAPTER I

TITLE, CONSTITUTION AND HEADQUARTERS

ARTICLE 1

Art. 1.1 Title and Constitution

The Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique (“FIG”) consists of those national Federations which are affiliated/associated to it and recognised by it as the Federations which control gymnastics in their respective countries. Only one Federation is recognised in each country and this Federation must be recognised officially by the national authority responsible for Physical Education and/or Sport (e.g. National Sports Committee, National Association of Sports Federations, governmental Authorities) and by the National Olympic Committee.

Art. 1.2 Headquarters

The headquarters of the FIG (“FIG Office”) and the management of its finances are in Switzerland. It is an Association established and organised in accordance with the Swiss civil code. A majority of three-quarters of the members present at the Congress is necessary to make any changes to this provision.

CHAPTER II

OBJECTS OF THE FIG

ARTICLE 2

Art. 2.1 Objects

The objects of the FIG are as follows:

- to govern the sport of Gymnastics internationally,
- to co-ordinate efforts for safe and healthy physical and moral development in gymnastics and the practice of all sports activities relating to it,
- to fight against all forms of doping, of violence and of sports injustice,
- To respect and implement the World Anti-Doping Code including its International Standards and to protect clean athletes,
- to organise the official events of the FIG as set out in Article 33.1 and supervise the gymnastics’ events of the Olympic Games, the Youth Olympic Games and any other multisport Games,
- to support efforts to enhance operational effectiveness, economic efficiency and environmental sustainability within its own structure as well as for official FIG events organised by its member federations,
- to contribute and to consolidate friendship amongst gymnasts of all nations,
- to assist in the formation and work of Continental Unions and Regional Groups by maintaining effective liaison and communication,
- to assist, through co-operation and Olympic Solidarity, in the formation of Federations in countries where gymnastics has not been developed,
- to further the ideals of the Olympic Movement,

- to respect the IOC Charter and the IOC Code of Ethics including its Implementing provisions, in particular The Rules Concerning Conflicts of Interest Affecting the Behaviour of Olympic Parties as well as The Basic Universal Principles of good Governance of the Olympic and Sports Movement and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions,
- to safeguard athletes and other participants in gymnastics from harassment and abuse.

Art. 2.2 Human right's Observance: rejection of discrimination of any kind

The FIG does not permit any discrimination for race, colour, sex, sexual orientation, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth, disability, physical attributes, athletic ability or other status; the FIG does not permit any violation of human rights amongst its members. In relations amongst themselves, and within their own activities, Federations and their members must conform to the requirements of fair-play, non-discrimination and the Ethic Code worked out by the Executive Committee.

CHAPTER III MEMBERSHIP

ARTICLE 3 – MEMBERSHIP

Art. 3.1 Definition of membership

Membership in the FIG, by Federations, consists either of affiliated membership or associated membership.

Affiliated Federations are entitled:

- a) to vote at the Congress;
- b) to submit proposals to the Congress;
- c) to make nominations for office in the FIG
- d) where appropriate, to make nominations for positions on the elected structures of the FIG;
- e) to participate in the official events (see art. 33.1) of the FIG.

Affiliated Federations are obliged to pay an annual fee of an amount determined by the Congress (see art. 26.1).

Associated Federations are those that wish to establish, or re-establish, links with the FIG, but do not have any of the above mentioned rights. However, they will receive all the information and documents addressed to the affiliated Federations.

Associated Federations may be required to pay a “token” monetary acknowledgement to the FIG.

Provisionally admitted Federations are entitled to participate in the official events (see art. 33.1) of the FIG. They are obliged to pay an annual fee of an amount determined by the Congress (see art. 26.1 and 26.2).

ARTICLE 4 – APPLICATION

Art. 4.1 Method

Each National Gymnastics Organisation wishing to affiliate or associate with the FIG must apply in writing to the Secretary General. It must commit, in writing, to respect the FIG Rules.

Art. 4.2 Requirements

In response to a request for admittance, made to the Secretary General, the Federation will receive from the Secretariat the necessary official application form and questionnaire. These documents, duly completed, must be returned to the Secretary General together with the following:

- a) the Statutes of the applicant Federation, in French or English, together with an undertaking to keep the FIG informed of any changes which might be made subsequent to affiliation to the FIG. The Statutes shall abide by FIG, IOC and WADA provisions
- b) Application form (questionnaire)
- c) a Certificate, signed by the national authority responsible for Physical Education and/or Sport authorising the application to be submitted
- d) a Certificate, signed by the National Olympic Committee recognised by the IOC, authorising the application to be submitted
- e) a detailed report on the structure of the organisation and its activities in the field of gymnastics, including a development plan.

Furthermore, the Federation must have a minimum of 3 gymnastics clubs and 20 gymnasts. The EC may consider at its Discretion, an application to affiliate from a Federation having less than 3 clubs where the National population is small.

Art. 4.3 Examination

Any application for admission is examined by the Executive Committee which, if necessary, could appoint a person conducting the inquiry. The investigation will be specific to the gymnastics activity in the applicant country.

Art. 4.4 Granting of Application and provisional admission

If satisfied that all the requirements for affiliated membership of the FIG have been met, the Council may grant provisional membership to the applicant Federation. The request has then to be submitted to the Congress for approval by a 2/3 majority.

The requests for associated membership are submitted to the Executive Committee for provisional approval and are reported to the next Council which has to ratify the EC decision by a 2/3 majority.

There must be an interval of at least 6 months between the receipt of completed application forms and consideration by the Congress respectively the Council.

ARTICLE 5 – ATTENDANCE AT CONGRESS

A representative of the applicant organisation may attend the Congress to state, if needed, the reason and background of the application. If the acceptance is ratified by the Congress, the new Federation may exercise its mandate after the conclusion of the Congress in question. During the progress of Congress, it may act in the capacity of "observer".

ARTICLE 6 – CHANGE OF MEMBERSHIP STATUS AND RESIGNATION

Federations may request a change of membership status from affiliated member to associated member or vice versa. Such requests must be addressed to the Secretary General.

Art. 6.1 Change from associated member to affiliated member

In the case of a change from associated to affiliated member, the request must be accompanied by the same documents as required in Art. 4.2.

If all requirements for affiliated membership to the FIG are met, the Council may grant provisional membership to the applicant Federation. The request then has to be submitted to the Congress for approval by a 2/3 majority.

Art. 6.2 Change from affiliated member to associated member

Requests from Federations in good standing, who wish to change from affiliated member to associated member, can be provisionally approved by the Executive Committee. The request is then submitted to the next Council for ratification by a 2/3 majority.

Art. 6.3 Process of resignation from membership

Any Federation having respected its obligations to the FIG, including the payment of any debts, and wishing to resign its membership, must so inform the Secretary General by registered letter. No action is taken until the resignation is confirmed after a period of three months. If the Council accepts the resignation, all member Federations will be notified by the Secretary General.

ARTICLE 7 – SUSPENSION

Art. 7.1 Suspension of a Federation for financial reasons

Any Federation defaulting with the payment of its fees and financial obligations shall be automatically suspended after 30 days after the 1st reminder sent by the Secretary General. In case of a suspension, art. 7.3 hereunder shall immediately enter into force (see also art. 26.2).

Art. 7.2 Suspension of a Federation for other reasons

Federations may be suspended for other reasons than financial default by the Gymnastics Ethics Foundation's Disciplinary Section (in accordance with the FIG rules), which also decides the cancellation of the suspension.

In case of internal conflicts, a federation can be suspended by the Disciplinary Section of the Gymnastics Ethics Foundation upon submission of the President and/or the Secretary General until the conflict has been settled between the parties concerned or by a decision of the Court.

Art. 7.3 Consequences of suspension

The consequences of suspension are:

- no voting right at the Congress
- no right to make proposals or nominations for office
- no participation in, or right to organise any official events of the FIG and events of the continental or regional Groups
- no participation in events or activities with other affiliated member Federations

Art. 7.4 Reinstatement after payment of financial dues

In the case of suspension for reasons of financial default, the Federation may reinstate its position, except for the right to vote and the right to submit proposals and/or bids for the next Congress, by payment of any amount/s outstanding, plus a fine of 10 %. It will be required to provide reasons for the delay in payment.

The Federation concerned shall be reinstated in its rights after the Congress provided that it meets all the requirements about its financial obligations, fees, etc.

As soon as the Federation concerned has settled the financial situation, the Secretary General is entitled to cancel the suspension. The EC will be informed (see reserve under art 7.1, 7.2 and art. 9.2.).

ARTICLE 8 – EXPULSION

Art. 8.1 Reasons for expulsion

- a) serious breach of the Statutes or Regulations of the FIG
- b) serious breach of the IOC Charter and Code of Ethics, including its implementing provisions or the World Anti-Doping Code, including the International Standards
- c) serious prejudicial action against the FIG or any other affiliated member Federation
- d) complete disinterest in the activities of the FIG
- e) rude or insolent words, gestures and/or acts by gymnasts/coaches/judges/officials towards the authorities of the FIG or towards any other affiliated member Federation, gymnasts/coaches/ judges/ officials
- f) failure to fulfil its financial obligations to the FIG or to any other member Federation
- g) failure to fulfil its contractual obligations to the FIG (e.g. in the organisation of events)
- h) involvement in illegal activity
- i) failure to comply with anti-doping policies and measures
- j) unjustifiable failure to honour its agreements with other Federations (e.g. failure to fulfil competition arrangements)
- k) breaches of article 27.3 of these Statutes

Art. 8.2 Process of expulsion

The expulsion of a Federation, for any of the reasons set out in Article 8.1 may be determined by the Congress (except for point f) at the request of the Gymnastics Ethics Foundation's Disciplinary Section.

A Federation excluded from the FIG is not entitled to participate in any activity within the FIG or within the Continental Unions.

Art. 8.3 Expulsion by Congress

With the exception of the provision made in Article 8.4, expulsion may be determined only by the Congress (see also Art. 11.4). The Federation in question may present its defence in writing or by personal representation made during the Congress dealing with the question of expulsion.

Art. 8.4 Expulsion after 2 years for financial reasons

Where a Federation, suspended for financial default, has not re-instated its position, the Council may pronounce expulsion after two years. The two years will date from the month in which payment was first demanded.

ARTICLE 9 – RE-ADMISSION

Art. 9.1 Process of re-admission

Re-admission can only be effected in accordance with the provisions of Article 4.

Art. 9.2 Financial provisions

If a Federation has been suspended or expelled for financial reasons, it must comply with the provisions of art. 7.3 and the following paragraph before re-admission can be considered.

Five years after the exclusion for financial reasons, the debt shall be written off. From thereon, the excluded Federation might be re-admitted as an “associated member” only. This Federation might recover the status of “affiliated member” after a 4-year probation period only. Should the Federation concerned settle its debt, it might be re-admitted as “affiliated member”. The procedure for admission (art. 4 and 5) has to be respected.

CHAPTER IV ORGANISATION OF THE FIG

ARTICLE 10

Art. 10.1 Governance authorities of the FIG

The governance structure of the FIG which operate for the purposes of the control and administration includes the following:

- The Congress
- The Council
- The Executive Committee
- The President
- The Secretary General
- The Technical Coordinator
- The Presidential Commission
- The Technical Committees and the GfA Committee
- The Athletes’ Commission
- The Elected Auditors

Art. 10.2 Congress and Council (main dates and functions)

Congresses are held every two years in October (see also art. 11.5), the Council meets annually in May.

Master plan, functions and responsibilities:

- Olympic year:
May: Council, usual agenda
October: Congress. Elections. Without modification to the Statutes, except those proposed by the EC
- Post-Olympic year:
May: Council, usual agenda
October: no Congress

- Intermediate year:
May: Council. Without modification to the TR, except those proposed by the EC. Examination of modifications to the Statutes.
October: Congress with modification to the Statutes
- Pre-Olympic year:
May: Council. Without modification to the TR, except those proposed by the EC
October: No Congress

ARTICLE 11 – CONGRESS

Art. 11.1 Nature

The Congress is the general meeting of the delegates of the affiliated member Federations. It is the highest regulating, and supreme, authority of the FIG.

Art. 11.2 Composition

Congress is composed of the authorised delegates of the affiliated Federations together with the members of the Council. Council members have no voting rights at Congress

(For voting rights at Congress see article 11.17).

Art. 11.3 Quorum

Except where the Congress is dealing with the dissolution of the FIG, a valid resolution cannot be passed unless the representatives of 40 % of the Federations with voting rights are present.

Art. 11.4 Functions

The Congress is responsible for the following functions to be fulfilled:

- To present the following biannual reports:
 - the President (for the activities of the Council and the Executive Committee)
 - the Technical Coordinator
 - the 6 Technical Presidents and the President of the PK-Commission
 - the President of the GfA Committee
 - the Presidents of the Continental Unions
- To deal with the following financial matters:
 - the approval of the quadrennial financial plan
 - the adoption of the financial statements for the preceding two years
 - ratification of the elected Auditors' report and the professional Auditors' report for the preceding two years
 - approval of membership fees and any other dues
- To consider admissions and expulsions of Federations
- To carry out the following elections (every four years)
 - the Members of the Council (President, 3 Vice-Presidents, 7 Members of the Executive Committee, 6 Technical Presidents, the President of the GfA Committee, the 21 other Council members are elected by the Continental Unions)
 - the six members of each of the Technical Committees and of the GfA Committee
 - the two Auditors

- To appoint the professional Auditors
- To allocate the next Congress
- To consider the proposals submitted by the affiliated member Federations, the Council and the Executive Committee
- To approve and review the Statutes and the Code of Ethics
- To grant Honorary Awards

Art. 11.5 Dates and venue

Congress is held every two years in those years having an even number.

As a general rule, the date and venue are decided at the preceding Congress. Federations interested in organising the Congress are required to make official submissions.

Art. 11.6 Executive Committee acts in emergency

If circumstances make it impossible for the Congress to be held at the date or at the place formerly decided upon, the Executive Committee is authorized to take such decisions as are necessary for the choice of an alternative venue and/or date.

Art. 11.7 Notice of meeting

The Secretary General is responsible for summoning the Congress, stating the place, date and time of the meeting, to the Federations. The summons will be sent by electronic, fax or post dependent upon the facilities available to each Federation. This will take place at least eight months prior to the commencement of Congress.

Art. 11.8 Appointment of delegates and notification to Secretary General

Each affiliated Federation is entitled to participate with up to 4 delegates (including an interpreter if needed) and will appoint an official head of delegation among them (the Executive, Technical Committee and the Council members are invited in addition and are not affected by this proposal). Federations participating with more than one delegate must include at least 1 of each gender.

Only those delegates duly accredited, have the right to enter the room during the Congress. Delegates must belong to the Federation they represent (except for interpreters). No proxy for a person of another Federation shall be permitted.

At least two months prior to the commencement of the Congress, the Federations must send to the Secretary General a list of the names of the delegates who will represent them and who are authorised to vote on their behalf.

Any persons authorised by the Presidential Commission may be invited to attend the Congress.

Art. 11.9 Sessions are private

Meetings of the Congress are held in "closed session" and, except with the permission of the Presidential Commission, they are open only to the Authorities of the FIG, delegates, honorary members, interpreters and essential personnel.

Art. 11.10 Organisers follow Instructions of EC

The Organisers of a Congress must comply with the instructions of the Executive Committee.

Art. 11.11 Documents to be published

The following documents must be published for the Federations, Council, Technical Committees, GfA Committee, Honorary Members and Continental Unions not less than two months before the commencement of the Congress (art. 11.16.1):

- Report of the President
- The reports of the Technical Coordinator, the 6 Technical Presidents, the President of the PK-Commission and of the President of the GfA Committee
- The quadrennial financial plan (every four years)
- The reports of the elected Auditors and the professional Auditors for the preceding two years
- The financial statement
- The reports of the Continental Unions
- The agenda for the Congress
- The proposals of the FIG Authorities and the national Federations
- Any other relevant documentation

Art. 11.12 Agenda

Art. 11.12.1 Compilation of agenda

The agenda of the Congress is prepared by the Executive Committee. It must be approved by an absolute majority of the delegates present. Any addition such as the presentation of a specific report or paper for which no vote is required shall be submitted to the Secretary General before the beginning of the Congress. It shall be added to the Agenda subject to the approval by the 2/3 majority. Any late candidature for the elections and/or organisation of an FIG event as well as any new proposed modification to the Statutes shall not be admitted (see art. 11.16.1 of the Statutes).

This article applies also to the Council.

Art. 11.12.2 Items on the agenda

The agenda of the Congress must, in principle, include the following items:

1. Formal opening
2. Confirmation of delegations
3. Formation of Voting Office
4. Approval of agenda (including any additions and amendments)
5. Approval of Minutes of previous Congress
6. Presentation of Reports:
 - The President
 - The Technical Coordinator
 - The 6 Technical Presidents, the President of the PK-Commission and President of the GfA Committee
 - The Continental Unions
 - The FIG Foundation for Solidarity
 - The Gymnastics Ethics Foundation
7. Financial Matters:
 - Approval of the accounts for the preceding two years
 - Approval of the financial statement and the auditor's and the professional auditor's report

- Approval of membership fees for the 4 years of an Olympic cycle
 - Approval of quadrennial financial plan for the subsequent Olympic cycle
8. Admissions, Resignations, Suspensions and Expulsions of Federations
 9. Elections
 - President
 - Vice-Presidents
 - Members of Executive Committee
 - Presidents of Technical Committees including PK (first time for 2024) and President of the GfA Committee
 - Additional Members of the Council by the Continental Unions
 - Members of the Technical Committees and the GfA Committee
 - Two Auditors
 10. Appointment of Financial Auditors
 11. Allocation of next Congress
 12. Proposals of the FIG Authorities and the national Federations
 13. Honorary Awards
 14. Miscellaneous information

Art. 11.13 Presiding

The President presides over meetings of the Congress. In his/her absence, one of the Vice-Presidents, appointed by the Executive Committee, shall preside. In the event of this provision not being operable, one of the members of the Executive Committee, elected by that Committee, shall preside.

The President may authorise one of the Vice Presidents to preside the Congress at any particular time for any meeting.

Art. 11.14 Elections / number of mandates

All the members of the EC, the Council, the TCs and the GfA Committee as well as the two Auditors are elected by the Congress in the year of the Olympic Games (art. 11.5). The elected members take up their function January 1st of the year following their election and will remain in office until December 31st of the 4th year.

If the members are elected using a single ballot with a simple majority system, a minimum of 50% of the positions available for election must be marked off. Ballots not respecting this condition will be considered invalid.

The number of mandates of the above mentioned members is limited to three (3) (i.e. complete mandates and in the same function). After 3 mandates, a member may be a candidate for another function (e. g. an EC member may be a candidate for the function of FIG Vice-president or FIG President).

In exceptional cases, the candidature for a 4th (max.) mandate for the same function may be submitted, provided the Congress accepts it (prior to the elections) by simple majority.

The total duration of all functions, with or without interruption, is 24 years max.

These rules enter into effect with the 2008 Congress and do not affect the persons elected by the 2004 Congress and before.

Art. 11.14.1 Election of President

Gender conditions: No gender conditions, nominations by NF are open for both genders.

The election of President takes place first. If the President in office is a candidate, he/she will vacate the chair during the election and it will be assumed by one of the Vice-Presidents, who is not a candidate for the Presidency and who is appointed by the Executive Committee.

Where there are more than two candidates for the office of President, the following procedure shall apply:

- Where there are 3 candidates and, after the count of the first ballot, no candidate has received an absolute majority (and therefore would have been elected), the name of the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be deleted from the ballot and a further vote shall be taken to determine the result. The candidate with the highest number of votes during the second ballot will be elected as president.
- Where there are more than 3 candidates and, after the count of votes, no candidate has received an absolute majority, the names of the candidates placed 4th and below shall be deleted from the ballot and the procedure set out in 1) above shall be followed.

In case of a tie, see the Tie-breaking rule in Appendix 2 “Voting Rules”.

Art. 11.14.2 Election of three Vice-Presidents

Following this election, the President resumes the chair and presides over the election of the 3 Vice-Presidents.

Gender conditions: Both genders must be elected (2 women and 1 man or 2 men and 1 woman).

The election shall take the following form:

Phase 1

Election of the 1st Vice-President of either gender:

1st round:

All candidates participate. Absolute majority is required. If one or more candidates obtain the absolute majority, the candidate with the highest number of votes is elected.

2nd round:

If no candidate obtains the absolute majority, a second round shall be taken with maximum three candidates having received the highest number of votes in the 1st round of phase 1. The candidate with the highest number of votes (simple majority) is elected.

Phase 2

Election of the 2nd Vice-President of the gender not elected in phase 1:

1st round:

Only candidates of the non-elected gender participate. Absolute majority is required. If one or more candidates obtain the absolute majority, the candidate with the highest number of votes is elected.

2nd round:

If no candidate obtains the absolute majority, a second round shall be taken with maximum three candidates having received the highest number of votes in the 1st round of phase 2. The candidate with the highest number of votes (simple majority) is elected.

Phase 3

Election of the 3rd Vice-President of either gender:

1st round:

All non-elected candidates of either gender participate. Absolute majority is required. If one or more candidates obtain the absolute majority, the candidate with the highest number of votes is elected.

2nd round:

If no candidate obtains the absolute majority, a second round shall be taken with maximum three candidates having received the highest number of votes in the 1st round of phase 3. The candidate with the highest number of votes (simple majority) is elected.

In all phases and all rounds, in case of a tie see Tie-breaking rule under Appendix 2 "Voting rules".

Art. 11.14.3 Election of 7 members of Executive Committee

The election of the seven members of the Executive Committee (who will also serve on the Council) (together with the President, the Vice-Presidents, the Technical Presidents, the President of the Gymnastics for All Committee) shall take place following the election of the President and the Vice-Presidents, and the number of the nominations shall be reduced by candidates elected to those offices.

Gender conditions: Both genders must be elected (at least 2 of each gender).

The election shall take the following form:

1st round:

Election of 1 man and 1 woman

All candidates of either gender participate.

One candidate of each gender who obtained the highest number of votes is elected by simple majority.

2nd round:

Election of 1 man and 1 woman

All non-elected candidates of either gender participate.

One candidate of each gender who obtained the highest number of votes is elected by simple majority.

3rd round:

Election of the 3 remaining members

All non-elected candidates of either gender participate.

The three candidates of either gender who obtain the highest number of votes are elected by simple majority.

In all rounds, should there be no candidates available of one gender, all remaining positions will be elected in one round by simple majority.

In all rounds, in case of a tie, see Tie-breaking rule under Appendix 2 "Voting rules"

Art. 11.14.4 Election of the Presidents of the Technical Committees and the President of the GfA Committee

The elections of the six Presidents of the Technical Committees and the President of the GfA Committee is held as per the election of the seven Executive Committee Members.

No gender conditions, nominations by NF are open for both genders.

In case of a tie, see Tie breaking-rule under Appendix 2 "Voting Rules".

Art. 11.14.5 Election of 21 other members of the Council

A further 21 members of the Council are elected by Continent on the basis of a continental quota. The number of persons elected per continent shall be based upon the ratio determined by the number of affiliated Federations in each continent and the total number of Federations affiliated to the FIG at the time nominations were called. Irrespective of this provision, each continent shall be

entitled to have at least one elected member on the Council. The 21 members of the Council are elected in round 1 by simple majority during the FIG Congress according to the allocated quota. The candidates (nominated by their national federation) are elected by the representatives of their own Continental Union.

Minimum 30% of the quota per Continent of each gender. Numbers are rounded to the next higher or lower number as follows: x.5 and more will be rounded to the next higher number, x,499 and less will be rounded to the next lower number.

In case of a tie, see Tie breaking-rule under Appendix 2 "Voting Rules".

Art. 11.14.6 Remainder of Council

The remaining members of the Council are the TC Presidents and the President of the GfA Committee, the Presidents of the Continental Unions and the President of the Athletes' Commission. They are members "ex-officio".

Art. 11.14.7 Election of Technical Committee members and GfA Committee members

The elections of the 6 members of each Technical Committee and of the GfA Committee is held following the election of the Members of the Council.

No gender quota is required for Men's artistic gymnastics, Women's artistic gymnastics and Rhythmic gymnastics.

For Gymnastics for all, Trampoline gymnastics, Acrobatic gymnastics and Aerobic gymnastics at least 2 members of each gender must be appointed.

Candidates shall be proposed by the National Federations as set out in 11.15.1 to 11.15.6. Candidates must fulfil the conditions mentioned in art. 18.4.1.

This election is held according to the same procedure as that mentioned under art. 11.14.3.

The candidates elected with the highest number of votes, and the second highest number of votes, are appointed First and Second Vice-President respectively. In the event of a tie, seniority of FIG service shall be the determining factor. Each Committee elects its Secretary from among its members.

Art. 11.14.8 Election of two Auditors

The election of the two Auditors shall take place in the same manner as that outlined for the President.

Art. 11.14.9 Appointment of professional Auditor

The Congress shall appoint for a period of four years professional auditors or chartered accountants to examine and certify the accounts. Their report shall be submitted to the Congress together with any observations that the Executive Committee might wish to make.

Art. 11.14.10 Oath of the Authorities

During the transfer ceremony – the date and place whereof is to be chosen by the EC after the elections – all the elected and re-elected members shall make a declaration on oath and undertake to abide by the FIG Statutes and any and all Regulations as well as to fulfil their duties. A person to be appointed by the President shall read the following in English:

"I agree to fulfil my obligations as an FIG Authority by taking the following oath:

"Granted the honour of becoming a member of the FIG Authorities, and declaring myself aware of my responsibilities in such capacity, I undertake herewith,

- to serve the FIG to the very best of my ability;*
- to respect and ensure the provisions of its Statutes, Regulations, Code of Ethics, Code of Discipline, as well as the decisions of the Congress, the Council and the Executive Committee, which I consider as not subject to appeal on my part;*
- to keep myself free from any political or commercial influence and from any racial or religious consideration;*
- to fight against all other forms of discrimination;*
- to promote in all circumstances the interests of the FIG, with objectivity and neutrality, in a spirit of sportsmanship and fair-play".*

The same person or, if need be, another person shall read the same text in French. This being a solemn ceremony, the assembly shall stand up while the text is being read.

Should someone violate his/her oath, his/her case might be brought to the Disciplinary Commission of the Gymnastics Ethics Foundation.

Art. 11.15 Candidatures

Particulars concerning the nomination of candidates is set out in Art. 11.15.1 to 11.15.6.

Art. 11.15.1 Candidates must be nominated by their own Federation

Candidates must be nominated by their own Federation (of which they are citizen) at least five months before the Congress in the same manner as set out in art. 11.16.1. An individual cannot be a candidate for more than two positions. Any person who has been sanctioned during the Olympic cycle cannot be a candidate for a function within the FIG except for a simple warning issued pursuant to art. 43.3 a). At the end of the following Olympic cycle, this restriction is no longer applied, except when the sanction is in place for a longer period (art. 43.3).

The elections take the order set out inclusively in Art. 11.14.1 to 11.14.8 above. The nomination application of a candidate may indicate which election he/she wishes to take part in initially, and the other (if any) for which he/she wishes to be considered in the event he/she does not succeed at his/her first choice.

(Note: It is not possible to indicate preferences in retrospect. Thus, if a candidate wishes to be considered for election to one of the 21 positions on the Council (see art. 11.14.5) he/she cannot set down, as his/her second choice, one of the positions on the Executive Committee etc.).

Art. 11.15.2 Engagements and information from Federations / absence

A commitment by the nominating Federation must accompany each nomination, stating that, if the candidate is elected, the Federation will be responsible for the full costs of travel and lodging involved in attendance at meetings (including the expenses of any interpreters) should the FIG be unable to offer any direct assistance in this regard nor find any other means of assistance.

An assurance must also be given that the nominee, if elected, will be provided with administrative support if required, and every facility to enable him/her to attend meetings. Federations have to distribute a curriculum vitae to promote their candidates.

A member who has been duly notified of a meeting has to apologize for being absent citing reasons.

A member who has been duly notified three times in a row or four times in one cycle and fails to attend, can be replaced for the remainder of the cycle if the case is submitted to the EC.

Art. 11.15.3 Notification of candidatures

Information about candidates for office shall be published or otherwise communicated to Federations together with the proposals (see art. 11.16.1).

Art. 11.15.4 Requirements for candidates for President and Vice-President and for President of Technical committee and GfA Committee

Each candidate for the FIG Presidency must present, with his/her candidature a quadrennial plan of the activities he/she intends to realise during the 4 subsequent years. In order to preserve continuity and to ensure experienced leadership, candidates for the office of President must have been members of the Executive Committee for at least four years, candidates for the office of Vice-President must have been members of the Council or of the Executive Committee for at least four years. Likewise, candidates for the office of Technical President or President of the GfA Committee must have been members of the Committee in question for at least four years.

In exceptional circumstances, the Congress may, by a vote of the absolute majority of the delegates present, decide upon an alternative procedure.

Art. 11.15.5 Membership rights and vacancies

Membership on the Council or on any of the Committees of the FIG is a personal determination and is granted on the clear understanding that such members are not elected to represent their Federations but to serve the international gymnastics community at large.

Proxies are not allowed for elected members. If absent, a member cannot be represented at a meeting by a designated other individual.

If a position on the Council becomes vacant, it will be filled by the non-elected candidate from the continent concerned who received the highest number of votes at the preceding Congress.

If a position on the Executive Committee becomes vacant, the Council is empowered to appoint a replacement until the next Congress, when the normal election procedure can be followed.

In case of a vacancy on any other committee, the Executive Committee is empowered to appoint a replacement.

Members are eligible for re-election within the framework of the provisions of art. 11.14.

Art. 11.15.6 Council and committees representation

Except in the case of the Technical Presidents, the President of the GfA Committee, the Presidents of the Continental Unions and the President of the Athletes' Commission, the Council or any Committee may not include more than one elected member from a Federation. In addition, a member may not exercise two functions at the same time at the same event except in a particular case approved by the Council or the Executive Committee.

Elected FIG Council or FIG Committee members must not accept any position or function which can be in contradiction with his/her function as an elected member or presents conflicts of interests with the FIG. Members of the Disciplinary Section of the Gymnastics Ethics Foundation may not be designated by the Executive Committee to deal with judging cases of competitions where he/she was an active judge or participant.

Art. 11.15.7 Notification and assurance from Continental Unions

The Continental Unions shall notify the Secretary General of the names of their Presidents and of any subsequent changes in the office of President.

They will also give similar assurances, concerning attendance and payment of the costs involved, as those required to be given by Federations in accordance with Article 11.15.2.

Art. 11.16 Proposals

Art. 11.16.1 Submission and notification of proposals and candidatures

All proposals, including applications for the organisation of FIG Congresses, must be sent to the Secretary General by electronic document, fax or regular post, 5 months before the commencement of the Congress.

Proposals may only be submitted by the affiliated Federations, the Council and the Executive Committee.

The date of the postage stamp at the local post office of the FIG Secretariat shall serve to prove adherence to the required deadline where proposals are sent by regular post.

Proposals must be published in the FIG Bulletin, or communicated to Federations in the manner described in paragraph 1 above, at least 2 months before the commencement of the Congress.

Art. 11.16.2 Classification of proposals

The Executive Committee and/or the Agenda Committee may, in agreement with the Federations concerned, formulate into a single proposal those proposals relating to the same subject and having the same objective. The delegates will be advised about any modifications.

Art. 11.16.3 Proposals must be put to vote

All proposals contained in the agenda must be put to the vote except that any proposal, from a Federation which is not present, will be withdrawn unless the Council or the Executive Committee shall adopt it as its own and, subject to acceptance by a simple majority of the delegates present, submits it for consideration.

Art. 11.17 Voting

The following rules for voting at the Congress also apply (where possible) at meetings of the Council, all the Committees and Commissions of the FIG.

Art. 11.17.1 Right to vote

Only the accredited representatives of the affiliated Federations may vote at Congress meetings.

Members of the FIG Authorities may represent their Federations only in exceptional cases and with the agreement of the majority of the Congress (see also art. 11.8).

Members of the FIG Authorities who's Federations are candidates for organizing a Congress are not allowed to vote for the allocation of the Congress.

Art. 11.17.2 Voting entitlement

During elections at Congress meetings each affiliated Federation has one (1) vote. In other cases (see art. 11.12.2 points 3 to 5, 7, 8 and 10 to 13) a Federation may have additional votes (to a maximum of 3) one for each Olympic discipline and for Gymnastics for All in which they have participated at an international level during the previous Olympic Cycle (Olympic Games, World Championships, World Gymnaestrada or World Gym for Life Challenge).

At other meetings of the FIG Authorities, each member may only exercise one vote. The respective President of the committee or commission may exercise a deciding vote in the event of a tie.

Should the President refrain from voting in case of a tie, the proposal in question is not adopted.

Art. 11.17.3 Elections by secret ballot and validity of votes

All elections are by secret ballot. An absolute majority (1/2 of the votes plus at least 1) applies to round one, for the election of the President and the three Vice-presidents (art. 11.14.1 and 11.14.2), seven members of the Executive Committee (art. 11.14.3), the election of the President and members of the GfA Committee (art. 11.14.4 and 11.14.7), as well as the election of the two auditors (11.14.8). Simple majority applies to second round.

The 21 members of the Council (art. 11.14.5) are elected by simple majority (one single round).

Any voting ballot containing more votes than the required number shall be declared invalid. Blank ballots, or any containing a signature or other identifying mark, shall be declared invalid. See also art. 11.14.

The elections can be done by electronic vote.

Art. 11.17.4 Voting

Voting shall, except in the case of elections (secret ballot), be conducted with an electronic device, by the show of hands using the official voting cards, or tacit approval, unless any delegate requests an electronic vote. Whenever it is self-evident during a vote by the show of hands that a majority exists, the President may announce the result immediately. However, the delegates of three Federations may demand verification and vote count.

Art. 11.17.5 Business may continue during counting of votes

Whenever possible, the business of Congress shall continue while the result of a secret ballot is being tabulated.

Art. 11.17.6 Majorities required for specific purposes

The following rules apply for a majority:

Dissolution of the FIG	Four-fifths majority of the affiliated Federations
Transfer of the FIG Office from Switzerland	Three-quarters majority
Admission of new Federations or re-admissions	Two-thirds majority
Expulsions	Two-thirds majority
Modification in subscriptions and fees	Two-thirds majority
Revision of Statutes	Two-thirds majority
Elections	
– in the first round	– absolute majority (half plus one)
– in the second round	– simple majority
Additional items at the agenda of the Congress/Council	Two-thirds majority (see also art. 11.12.1)
Other cases	Two-thirds majority

The word “majority” in the above context (with the exception of the reference to the “Dissolution of the FIG”) refers to the actual votes cast (for voting entitlements see art. 11.17.1) and does not take into account – for the purpose of calculating the actual majority – votes not utilised or invalid votes (see the illustration in Appendix 1).

Art. 11.17.7 Voting office

The Voting Office at a Congress will be composed of four to eight delegates elected by the Congress plus a member of the Executive Committee who will act as the Chair.

ARTICLE 12 – EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS

Art. 12.1 Convening of extraordinary Congress

By virtue of a decision of the Executive Committee, or upon a request of at least one-quarter of the Federations, an Extraordinary Congress shall be called within the shortest time possible but no later than four months following the request.

Art. 12.2 Notification of meeting

The summons to the meeting is made in the manner described in art. 11.7.

Art. 12.3 Request for extraordinary congress

The request must state the purpose for which the Extraordinary Congress is required. It must be signed by all the Presidents and General Secretaries of the Federations requiring the meeting.

Art. 12.4 Costs of organisation

The Federation demanding the Extraordinary Congress will, in agreement with the supporting Federations, inform the President about the location, and will undertake the costs of organisation. It is, however, possible for an Extraordinary Congress, by a two-thirds majority, to agree that the FIG should reimburse the convenors' expenses when it is felt that holding the meeting was justified. In the event that an Extraordinary Congress is held based upon a decision of the Executive Committee, the costs will be borne by the FIG.

Art. 12.5 Held at the same place as Congress

An Extraordinary Congress may be held at the same place as the normal Congress if the request for such a meeting is made within a period of four months prior to the Congress.

ART. 13 – COUNCIL

Art. 13.1 Nature

The Council is the second highest authority of the FIG. The Council members are invited to the Congress (see art. 11.2).

Art. 13.1.1 Proposals

The FIG affiliated Federations have the right to submit proposals and bids for the organisation of events (Council, World Championships and World Gymnaestrada / World Gym for Life Challenge) five (5) months before the opening of the Council meeting. These proposals will be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of art. 11.16.1, 11.16.2 and 11.16.3 of the current Statutes.

Once published by the FIG, the applying Federation is not allowed to change the conditions of its bid for the organisation of events.

For the Olympic disciplines and except for emergency cases, the TR cannot be modified less than two (2) years before the Olympic Games. The decisions of modification of the TR made the year prior to the OG and the year of the OG will come into effect the year after the OG only.

Any proposal made by Federations and refused by the Council cannot be submitted again to them/it for their/ its next meeting, unless the EC endorses it.

Art. 13.2 Composition

The Council is composed of the following 45 members:

- 11 elected members of the Executive Committee
- 21 members elected by Congress as described in art. 11.14.5
- 6 Technical Presidents and the President (1) of the GfA Committee
- 5 Presidents of the Continental Unions
- the President of the Athletes' Commission.

Art. 13.3 Quorum

The Council cannot make valid decisions unless 50% of the members are present. Decisions are made by a simple majority of the members present, except in case of changes in the Technical Regulations which require a two-third majority. The President has a deciding vote which he may exercise in the case of a tie.

Art. 13.4 Functions

The Council is responsible for the following functions to be fulfilled:

- a) to consider the President's Report
- b) to ratify the acts of the Executive Committee
- c) to revise the Technical Regulations and the Gymnastics for all Rules and Regulations (Manual)
- d) to consider the Reports of the elected Auditors and the professional Auditors
- e) to approve the annual accounts, budgets and taxes of competitions
- g) to deal with membership:
 - to provisionally admit changes from associated membership to affiliated membership
 - to provisionally expel members for a duration of max. 2 years (until the next Congress) upon request of the Gymnastics Ethics Foundation's Disciplinary Section
 - to expel suspended federations for financial reasons after 2 years (see art. 8.3)
 - to change membership status from affiliated member to associated member (see art. 6.2)
- h) to allocate the World Championships (4 years prior to the event) and the World Gymnaestrada and the World Gym for Life Challenge (5 years prior to the event)
- i) to allocate the next Council meeting (1 years prior to the event)
- f) to adopt and revise the Code of Discipline
- g) to make any rules for the better control and conduct of the affairs of FIG
- h) to ensure that the decisions of Congress, and of any Extraordinary Congress, are properly implemented
- i) to submit such proposals to the Congress that are thought necessary and/or advisable for the protection, advancement and viability of the FIG.

Art. 13.5 Elections

The election of the members of the Council is conducted by the Congress in the order shown in art. 11.14.

Particulars of the elections of other bodies are shown in art. 13.5.1 and 21.

Art. 13.5.1 "Ex-officio" members of the Council

The TC-Presidents, the President of the GfA Committee, the Presidents of the Continental Unions and the President of the Athletes' Commission are members of the council "ex-officio". If, for any reason, one of them, should vacate office before the termination of the period of office of the Council, his position will cease and will be assumed by his successor.

Art. 13.5.2 Restriction (limitation) of the voting right for FIG events allocation

Council members who's Federations are candidates for:

- World Championships
- World Gymnaestrada
- World Gym for Life Challenge
- Council meeting

are not allowed to vote.

Art. 13.6 Meetings of the Council

The Council shall meet annually, on a date and at a venue to be determined by the members. If circumstances so require, additional meetings may be convened.

Notice of the date and venue for the meeting must be given by the President and the Secretary General at least two months before, except in the case of an emergency. The notice of the meeting should be accompanied by the agenda, reports or other documents.

Art. 13.7 Person presiding

The President presides over meetings of the Council. In his absence one of the Vice-Presidents, appointed by the Executive Committee, shall preside. In the event of this provision not being operable, one of the members of the Executive Committee, elected by that Committee, shall preside.

The President may authorise one of the Vice Presidents to preside at any particular time.

ARTICLE 14 – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Art. 14.1 General duties

The Executive Committee has the responsibility, under the general direction and authority of the Council, for the administration and financial management.

Art. 14.2 Composition

The Executive Committee is composed of the following 24 members:

- The President
- The three Vice-Presidents
- The five Presidents of the Continental Unions ("ex-officio")
- The six Presidents of the Technical Committees, and the President of the GfA Committee ("ex-officio")
- The President of the Athletes' Commission ("ex-officio")
- The seven other members

Art. 14.3 Quorum

The Executive Committee cannot make valid decisions unless the majority of the members are present. Decisions are made by a simple majority of the members present. The President has a deciding vote in the case of a tie.

Art. 14.4 Functions

The Executive Committee has the following responsibilities:

- to appoint, upon proposal of the President, the Secretary General and the Technical Coordinator
- to control the work of the Secretariat
- to ratify the proposals of the commissions and the urgent decisions of the Presidential Commission
- to receive regular reports on the financial position of the FIG
- to propose to the Council competition fees to be paid by the Federations organising events
- to approve reports to be submitted to the Council
- to provisionally admit associated members
- to decide changes of nationality
- to endorse and approve negotiations and contracts on behalf of FIG
- to make recommendations to the Council about World Championships
- to assign other events
- to adopt the Code of Points
- to develop and approve Rules and Guidelines
- to make recommendations to the Congress for honorary awards of the FIG
- to prepare the agenda and the proceeding of the Congress
- to prepare the agenda and the proceeding of Council meetings
- to make necessary decisions in cases where there are no existing rules and to report this at the next meeting of the Council
- to ensure that the decisions of the Congress and any Extraordinary Congress are implemented
- to take any necessary action to deal with matters of an urgent nature

Art. 14.5 Mandates of the Presidents of the Continental Unions and the President of the Athletes' commission

In case of vacancies, see art. 11.15.5.

As the Presidents of the Continental Unions and the President of the Athletes' Commission are "ex-officio" members of the Executive Committee if, for any reason, one or any of them should vacate his office before the termination of the period of office of the Executive Committee his position on the Committee will forthwith terminate and be assumed by his successor in office.

Art. 14.6 Restriction (limitation) to the right to vote

In the event that a Federation holds more than two positions on the EC (for example: EC elected member, Technical President, Continental Union President, Athletes' Commission President), a maximum of two will have the right to vote. Priority is given to:

- a) EC elected member
- b) Technical President and the President of the GfA Committee
- c) Athletes' Commission President
- d) Continental Union President.

Every person holding a seat will have the right to speak.

This restriction does not apply at Council meetings.

Art. 14.7 Meetings / Vote by electronic mail

Apart from the meeting held in conjunction with the Congress, the Executive Committee will meet at least twice annually and on such other occasions that the President, or a majority of the members, consider necessary. Notice of the date of meeting, and the agenda, must be given by the President and the Secretary General at least one month in advance except in the case of an emergency.

With regard to urgent matters under its jurisdiction, the Executive Committee may make decisions by a vote by electronic mail. In this case, the appropriate procedure prepared by the Executive Committee shall be implemented.

Art. 14.8 Person presiding

The President presides over meetings of the Executive Committee. In his absence one of the Vice-Presidents appointed by the committee presides. In the absence of all these officers, the Committee shall appoint one of its other members to preside.

Art. 14.9 Participation at Olympic Games and FIG events

The members of the Executive Committee are entitled to attend the Olympic Games and the official events of the FIG and to perform the tasks allotted to them by the Executive Committee. The members inform the Secretary General, of their proposed participation, who will then communicate with the Organisers in order to ensure accommodation and required accreditations (for the Olympic Games subject to IOC rules).

ARTICLE 15 – PRESIDENT

Art. 15.1 Highest single authority

The President is elected by the Congress and represents the highest single authority of the FIG as the Chief Executive Officer.

Art. 15.2 Status and duties

The President presides at meetings of the Congress, the Council and the Executive Committee and represents the FIG legally in all circumstances, including acting either as defendant or prosecutor, or by authorising someone to act on his/her behalf. He/she represents the FIG on all formal occasions and takes precedence over all other members. He/she takes all measures necessary to ensure the good conduct and progress of the affairs of the FIG and protect the image of the FIG subject to the subsequent approval of his actions by the Congress, the Council or the Executive Committee.

Apart from the cases expressly foreseen in the Statutes, the President in consultation with the members of the Presidential Commission appoints the Commissions (art. 22), the special groups or any other person useful to the management of FIG.

ARTICLE 16 – VICE-PRESIDENTS

The Vice-Presidents assist the President and must be assigned with special duties according to their qualification and best capacities to serve the FIG. Their order of precedence is according to the number of votes received in their elections (see art. 11.14.2). The Vice-Presidents act for the President, in the event of his serious illness or in a case of urgency, in order of their precedence.

ARTICLE 17 – PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION

Art. 17.1 Presidential Commission

The Presidential Commission is composed of the following:

- the President
- the three (3) Vice-Presidents

The Secretary General reports on the administrative and management issues facing the Federation.

The Commission advises the President as requested.

The Commission makes recommendations to the Executive Committee for decisions.

Any technical issues can be discussed after consultation with the Technical Coordinator and the Technical Presidents

The Committee makes decisions by a simple majority vote.

Any decisions taken are reported to the Executive Committee at the earliest possible time.

The President can invite experts to the meetings.

ARTICLE 18 – TECHNICAL COMMITTEES, PK-COMMISSION AND GFA COMMITTEE

Art. 18.1 Composition / Mandates

The six elected Technical Committees and the nominated Parkour Commission, are responsible to administer and manage the their disciplines of the FIG (Men's Artistic Gymnastics, Women's Artistic Gymnastics, Rhythmic Gymnastics, Trampoline Gymnastics, Acrobatic Gymnastics, Aerobic Gymnastics, and Parkour). The GfA Committee is responsible for Gymnastics for All.

The Technical Committees are made of one President and 6 other members (including the Vice-Presidents), elected by the Congress. The representative of the Athletes' Commission of the said discipline (except for the GfA Committee) serves on the respective Technical Committee.

For terms of office and number of mandates, the provisions of Art. 11.14 apply.

Art. 18.2 Quorum

The Technical Committees and the GfA Committee may deliberate only if the majority of members are present. Four members are required for a quorum. Decisions are taken by a majority of the members present, the President has a deciding vote in the event of a tie. The Athletes' Commission representative (with the exception of the GfA Committee) also holds the right to vote. This representative is not, however, counted as part of the quorum.

In the event that the President and the two Vice-Presidents are absent, the TC cannot deliberate with validity (see also art. 18.6).

Art. 18.3 Functions

The Technical Committees, the PK-Commission and the GfA Committee carry out the following functions:

- to deal with all technical questions concerning the administration, management and development of their respective disciplines
- to draft, in cooperation with the Executive Committee, the Technical Regulations and the Gymnastics for All Manual, relative to their respective activities, which must be presented to the EC and approved by the Council.
- to deal with competitions and to develop their respective Codes of Points which then have to be adopted by the Executive Committee.
- to make decisions about the formation, appointment, suspension and removal of judges during the competitions. The jurisdiction of the FIG disciplinary authorities with regard to suspension and removal of judges remains.
- to control the activities of judges in accordance with the Technical Regulations, the Code of Points and Judges Guidelines.
- to ensure, under the control of the Executive Committee, that the Technical Regulations and the proper technical organisation are observed at the Gymnastics competitions of the Olympic Games, the Youth Olympic Games as well as of the World Games, at the competitions of the FIG, at the World Gymnastrada and the World Gym for Life Challenge, and at any other events of the FIG. This responsibility extends to pre-event preparation.
- to make decisions on any technical matters of urgency subject to reporting this for approval to the next meeting of the Executive Committee

Art. 18.4 Mandatory requirements to apply to the Technical Committee or the GfA Committee

In each case, the seven members of a Technical Committee and the GfA Committee must belong to different Federations.

Art. 18.4.1 Mandatory requirements to apply to the Technical Committee

In order to be eligible for nomination and election to a position on a Technical Committee, the candidate must possess a FIG Judges' brevet Cat. 1 or 2 and have participated in the Academy level 3 of his/her discipline except for the Representative of the Athletes' Commission.

Art. 18.4.2 Mandatory requirements to apply to the GfA Committee

Candidates shall have taken part in at least 1 World Gymnastrada and 1 World Gym for Life Challenge. In addition, they shall have the knowledge and expertise of GfA on a national and international level and have participated in "Foundation" courses, Colloquiums and "Workshops" organised by FIG. They shall fulfil at least 3 of these 5 requirements.

Art. 18.5 Meetings

The Technical Committees/PK-Commission, and the GfA Committee meet twice a year. Additional meetings can only be approved with the agreement of the FIG President. Each meeting is subject to consideration of budget implications and control.

Notice of the date and venue for the meeting must be given by the President of the Committee at least one month before, except in the case of an emergency. The notice of the meeting shall be signed by the Technical President/the President of the PK Commission and the Secretary General and should be accompanied by the agenda, reports and other documents.

Art. 18.6 Person presiding

The Technical Presidents/the President of the PK Commission and the President of the GfA Committee preside over meetings of their Committees. In their absences one of the Vice-Presidents presides. In the absence of any of these officers, the Committee in question appoints one of its members to preside. In this case, the meeting is held on a purely deliberative basis only and not on a decision-making basis (see also Art. 18.2).

ARTICLE 19 – DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION AND APPEAL TRIBUNAL

The Disciplinary Commission and the Appeal Tribunal mentioned in this article are not a direct part of the governance structure of the FIG and its authorities. FIG entrusts the Gymnastics Ethics Foundation with the election of the members of the Disciplinary Commission and the Appeal Tribunal, their organization as well as the running of the disciplinary procedures independently, in accordance with its constitution and operational rules and following the provisions set out in the FIG Code of Discipline.

ARTICLE 20 – COURT OF ARBITRATION FOR SPORT

Any decision made by the Appeal Tribunal may be submitted exclusively by way of appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland, which will resolve the dispute definitively in accordance with the Code of Sports-related Arbitration. The time limit for appeal is twenty-one days after the receipt of the decision of the Appeal Tribunal.

ARTICLE 21 – ATHLETES' COMMISSION

The Athletes' Commission (named to be similar with the nomenclature of the IOC) consists of seven members. Each is a representative of a different competitive discipline and elected from among their fellow athletes (gymnasts).

With regard to Olympic disciplines, the elections shall be held during the World Championships on the year following the Olympic Games with entry into force on January 1st of the following year.

With regard to AER, ACRO and PK, the elections shall be held during the World Championships on the Olympic year with entry into force on January 1st the year following the OG.

The election procedure is identical to that of the election of the FIG President (art. 11.14.1), taking also in consideration the assurance required in art. 11.15.2 and 11.15.5.

Each Federation will have one vote.

Eligibility criteria:

- minimum age 18 in the year of the election
- previous participation at official FIG competitions (Olympic Games, Youth Olympic Games, The World Games or World Championships), except for the Parkour athletes' representative;
- Candidates must retire / be retired from official competitions:
 - retirement from official FIG competitions may be a maximum of five years before the year of the election
 - candidates who are active athletes the year of the election must commit to retire before the 1st of January of the year following their election
- Athletes' representatives can be re-elected once only

- Athletes are eligible only if they have never been sanctioned by the FIG and / or their Federation:

The President and the Vice President of the Commission shall be elected among and by the seven members during the first meeting of the intermediary (even) year of the Olympic cycle.

The Commission represents the athletes' opinions on matters to be considered by the Executive Committee and the Council.

The Commission requires a mandate of 4 years and meets annually. The FIG will pay for a member's stay and daily allowance for the required days.

Commission members have the right to attend the World Championships of their respective discipline once per Olympic Cycle in order to maintain contact with the gymnasts of that discipline. In this case, the FIG will cover all travel and lodging costs, as well as a daily allowance from the official day of arrival until the official day of departure.

The Members of the Commission have the right to attend the meetings of their respective TC with voting rights. The financial conditions are identical to those of the other members of the TC.

The President of the Athletes' Commission sits at the executive Committee with voting rights. The financial conditions are identical to those of the other members of the EC.

The President of the Athletes' Commission takes part in the Council meetings with voting rights. The financial conditions are identical to those of the other members of the Council.

ARTICLE 22 – OTHER COMMISSIONS

By applying art 15.2, the President in consultation with the members of the Presidential Commission appoints and abolishes Commissions and decides the number and qualifications of the members in each Commission.

- The Commissions have the Functions and Powers decided by the President.
- The Commissions shall report to the President and the Executive Committee

ARTICLE 23 – SECRETARY GENERAL

The Executive Committee appoints the Secretary General (see also art. 14.4) and is responsible for prescribing the terms, conditions and requirements of the appointment.

He/she is required to prepare and to be present during meetings of the Congress, the Council, the Executive Committee and the Presidential Commission so as to report, to advise and to be consulted whenever necessary.

ARTICLE 24 – TECHNICAL COORDINATOR

The Executive Committee appoints the Technical Coordinator (see also Art. 14.4) and is responsible for prescribing the terms, conditions and requirements of the appointment.

He/She is required to be present during meetings of the Congress, the Council, the Executive Committee and the Presidential Commission (without a vote), so as to report, to advise and to be consulted in technical matters whenever necessary.

CHAPTER V

FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 25

Art. 25.1 Financial year

The financial year and the accounting system operate from the January 1st, to the December 31st.

Art. 25.2 Secretary General to prepare budget

The Secretary General is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial reports, the budgets and the quadrennial financial plan.

Once approved, he/she is responsible for implementing the plans and monitoring the budgets.

Art. 25.3 Administration of accounts and audit

The Secretary General is responsible for the financial administration of accounts in accordance with the financial rules approved by the Executive Committee and by the Council.

The accounts which have been approved by the Executive Committee shall be examined and certified by the professional Auditors (see art. 11.14.9).

The elected auditors (see art. 11.14.8) shall examine the audited and certified accounts.

Art. 25.4 Official positions are voluntary

With the exception of the position of Secretary General and the Technical Coordinator, all elected positions within the FIG are unpaid and so are determined as voluntary.

Art. 25.5 Reimbursement of expenses

The members of the Council, the various Committees and Commissions are entitled to reimbursement of costs of travel and accommodation incurred in carrying out designated functions (outside the official meetings) in the interests of the FIG. These need authorisation by the President or his/her designate.

ARTICLE 26 – FEES

Art. 26.1 Annual fees

Federations are obliged to pay an annual fee. Subject to changes in the economic situation, the fees – which are payable in Swiss Francs – are established for four years at the Congress. A majority vote of two-thirds is necessary.

Art. 26.2 Payment of fees

Invoices for the membership shall be sent January 1st in each year and must be paid before March 31st in that year. Fees are due in their entirety for Federations admitted before the 30th June in any year and for those which have resigned. If admission has occurred after June 30th, one-half of the annual fee is payable for the remaining half of that year.

ARTICLE 27 – TELEVISION RIGHTS AND FEES

Art. 27.1 Television rights

All Television (broadcasting rights, including all forms of broadcasting such as internet and new media rights) as well as Marketing rights (publicity, advertising, merchandising, sponsoring, logos and insigna) concerning the official events of the FIG are the property of the FIG.

The financial return from Marketing rights (publicity, advertising, merchandising, sponsoring, logos and insigna) are shared between the FIG and the organising Federation and are based on a contract signed by the said Federation and the FIG.

The principles of such a contract are negotiated and signed by both parties prior to awarding the respective event. For this purpose, the Executive Committee establishes minimum requirements which must be met by the candidates and which respect any existing contracts between the FIG and sponsors or marketing agencies. Exceptional cases may be considered.

All FIG rights can be discussed during the development of the contract. A contract must be signed before the allocation of an event.

Art. 27.2 Applications for FIG events and contractual responsibilities

The Organisation of World Championships, the World Gymnaestrada and the World Gym for Life Challenge shall be open for bids from any affiliated Federation and the allocation will be made by the Council based upon reports submitted by the Executive Committee. The successful Federations will be required to enter into binding contracts with the FIG and such contracts will include an undertaking to respect and observe any contracts to which the FIG is subject, and which are, directly or indirectly, connected with the event. The city which shall host the event must be a signatory of the bid stating their support and approval.

The contract between the FIG and the Federations will provide for a report on the event, and a properly audited report of its income and expenditures, to be presented within a reasonable time after the conclusion of the event.

The contract must also include an undertaking to provide accommodation at reduced rates in different hotel categories and an offer for less expensive accommodation in youth hostels or university dormitories.

Art. 27.3 Payment of licence fee by Federations

Federations which organise international competitions, or displays with gymnasts of world class, are required to pay a licence fee to the FIG which is regulated by the Executive Committee and ratified by the Council.

CHAPTER VI

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN FEDERATIONS, UNIONS, GROUPS AND THE FIG

ARTICLE 28

Art. 28.1 Exclusive control

Each member Federation is recognised by all other members, as being the exclusive authority over gymnastics in their respective country.

Art. 28.2 Relationships between affiliated Federations

The FIG assists to foster and maintain friendly relations between Federations within the context of Article 2.2 and between Unions and Groups "recognised" in accordance with Article 31.

A Federation shall not intervene or interfere in the affairs of another Federation.

ARTICLE 29 – CODE OF DISCIPLINE AND CODE OF ETHICS

The Code of Discipline shall be approved and reviewed by the Council. The provisions ruling disciplinary sanctions are provided for under art. 43.3 of the Statutes.

The Code of Ethics shall be approved and reviewed by the Congress.

ARTICLE 30 – UNIONS AND GROUPS

Art. 30.1 Formation of Continental Unions

Continental Unions are constituted according to the FIG Rules and consist of at least five (5) affiliated FIG member Federations. Their Presidents are members of the Executive Committee with full rights. They are entitled to attend the Congress and to take part in discussion, but have no right to vote.

Art. 30.2 Participation of Federations outside continental limits

Only FIG recognized member Federations may become members of a Continental Union.

A continental union may accept into membership the Federation of a country which, in geographical terms, is not strictly part of the continent but which is in proximity geographically and which, but for this circumstance, or for some other reason beyond the Federation's control, would otherwise be unable to join any other continental Group.

Art. 30.3 Formation of groups

Federations may also, with the approval of the Executive Committee, form groups for competitive and/or development purposes. A written request, with statutes and programme, signed by all the Federations wishing to participate in such groupings, must be submitted. The use of the word "Federation" in their title is not permitted.

Art. 30.4 Approval of Statutes and Regulations of Unions and groups

The Statutes, the administrative and technical regulations, and all subsequent modifications made by all continental unions and regional Groups, must be submitted to the FIG Executive Committee for approval at least every four years. Any additional modifications or amendments must also be submitted to the FIG Executive Committee for approval. Such Groups must undertake to respect the Rules of the FIG and to conduct their activities in the spirit of the FIG. Minutes of meetings are to be submitted to the Secretary General of the FIG.

The Statutes of the Continental Unions may not be in conflict with those of the FIG. They shall be congruent with FIG Statutes.

All developmental activities within the Union shall be congruent with those of the FIG. The FIG reserves the right to supervise the use of FIG-granted aid.

In the event that the FIG Statutes are modified by the Congress, those of the Continental Unions shall be adapted accordingly at the time of their earliest Congress. Exceptions may be made, however, upon request and with FIG Executive Committee agreement.

Any Continental Union failing to respect the FIG Statutes runs the risk of losing FIG "Recognition" and any related rights.

ARTICLE 31 – RELATIONSHIPS WITH NON-AFFILIATED/ASSOCIATED ORGANISATIONS OF THE FIG

Relationships with gymnasts or judges from a country which is not affiliated or associated to the FIG are allowed but require the prior consent, in writing, of any Federation affected.

Relationships with Federations which have been expelled, or which have resigned from the FIG, require the prior written consent of the Council or the Executive Committee. A two months' delay is reserved to enable the matter to be considered and the decision to be published.

Relationships with a Federation not affiliated/associated to the FIG require the prior consent, in writing, of any affiliated/associated Federation concerned.

ARTICLE 32 – AUTONOMY OF FEDERATIONS AND CONTINENTAL UNIONS

Federations, Continental Unions and regional Groups retain their entire autonomy and independence of action within the limits imposed by these Statutes.

CHAPTER VII

OFFICIAL EVENTS OF THE FIG AND ELIGIBILITY OF GYMNASTS

ARTICLE 33

Art. 33.1 Official events list

The official events of the FIG are as follows:

- a) Gymnastics competitions at the Olympic Games (OG)
- b) Gymnastics competitions at the Youth Olympic Games (YOG)
- c) Gymnastics competitions at the World Games (TWG)
- d) The World Championships in the different disciplines (WCH)
- e) The World Gymnaestrada, World Gym for life Challenge
- f) All World Cup and World Challenge Cup events of all disciplines
- g) Multi-Continental Events
- h) Multisport Games
- i) Any other events of a competitive, instructional or display nature organised by the Executive Committee on behalf of the FIG.

Art. 33.2 World Gymnaestrada

The World Gymnaestrada is a World festival of non-competitive gymnastics held every four years. It is subject to special regulations providing for no judging, no classification and no prizes.

Art. 33.3 World Gym for Life Challenge

The World Gym for Life Challenge is an international contest for gymnastics groups. It is an event under the jurisdiction of the GfA Committee, held every four years. Participation for everybody,

regardless of gender, age, race, religion, culture, ability or social standing. Special regulations exist for the organisation and conduct of the event.

Art. 33.4 Awarding of events and action in default

The awarding of the World Championships, the World Gymnaestrada and World Gym for Life Challenge is done by the Council (see Art. 27. 2) upon the recommendations of the Executive Committee.

In case of default by any Federation, or by the relevant authority of the country involved, the Executive Committee is authorised to decide the action to be taken including, if necessary, to transfer the organisation of the event concerned to another Federation.

The Executive Committee is empowered to determine the venues and organisation of other events.

Art. 33.5 Conditions of awarding of events

The organisation of events is entrusted, at an appropriate time, to Federations which fully guarantee that the Statutes and Regulations of the FIG will be observed together with the terms of the contract which they are obliged to enter into with the FIG. The preparation and conduct of the competitive programme is under the control of the FIG.

Art. 33.6 Assurances concerning visas

Entry visas must be granted to the gymnasts and other members of the official delegations of the Federations. In the event that this requirement is not fulfilled, the allocation of the event may be cancelled immediately by the Executive Committee.

Art. 33.7 Council and/or Executive Committee to act in exceptional cases

In all exceptional cases, the Council and/or the Executive Committee has full power to make a decision whether the organisation of an event shall continue, be held elsewhere or be withdrawn. Similarly, it may act in the event of non-compliance with the Statutes, the Technical Regulations or other requirements of the FIG.

Art. 33.8 Expenses to organisers

The expenses relating to the official events of the FIG are charged to the Federations in accordance with the technical and financial requirements regulating the events and with the terms of the contract with the FIG.

Art. 33.9 Expenses of delegations

The expenses of participation of a Federation's delegation (transport, hotel and meal costs) are attributed to the said Federation.

ARTICLE 34 – FIG MAY ORGANISE OTHER EVENTS

When aiming to carry out promotion of gymnastics or to enhance the income and/or prestige of the FIG, the FIG may organise events of an international character described in article 33.1 letter i) above. Where necessary, regulations for these will be drawn up by the Technical (or GfA) Committee/the PK Commission concerned and submitted for approval by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 35 – OTHER INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Art. 35.1 Control of international competitions

All international competitions organised by the Continental Unions, the Groups, the Member Federations or other organisations on their territory, are under the authority of the FIG and require collaboration and co-ordination with the FIG. For this purpose, the FIG Executive Committee establishes “Rules for Sanctioning of International Events”.

The above Continental Unions, Groups and Federations will announce to the FIG the events they will organise with a 6-month notice (see also art. 3.8 of the TR).

Art. 35.2 Competitions of the Unions and the Groups

Competitions of the Unions and the Groups will be organised under their own statutes and regulations which must be approved by the FIG (see art. 30.4)

Art. 35.3 Inter-Federation events and responsibilities of Federations

Federations may organise events among themselves in accordance with the Statutes and Regulations of the FIG. It is, however, forbidden for gymnasts or judges of a Federation to participate in competitions or demonstrations in the sphere of activity of another Federation without the prior consent of the Federations involved and that of the Federation organising the event. Likewise, the participation of gymnasts or judges of a Federation in an event organised by a body other than a Federation must be subject to the prior consent of any Federations involved. Federations are also responsible to FIG for the behaviour of their gymnasts, coaches, judges and other officials and they act as guarantors to the FIG in respect of these responsibilities.

After every competition, the Federations will send to the FIG the requested documents (see FIG Rules “International Event Approval”) as well as, within 30 days, the tax ratified by the Council (see art. 27.3).

ARTICLE 36 – NATIONALITY OF GYMNASTS AND JUDGES AND MEMBERSHIP WITH FEDERATION

Art. 36.1 Principle

Gymnasts and judges taking part in any international competition must have the nationality (citizenship) of the Federations they represent and authority to participate, from their Federation.

Art. 36.2 Permission to represent another Federation

Gymnasts and judges may request a nationality change through their federations, provided they received the nationality (citizenship) and they are residents in this country. The number of nationality changes a federation may request for athletes is limited to 2 per year per discipline and 3 over all disciplines.

Art. 36.2.1 Gymnasts who have represented their country internationally

When a gymnast who has represented his/her country, moves to another country and obtains citizenship (official nationality) of the latter country, he/she may – with the consent of the two Federations concerned and the Executive Committee – immediately represent the new country. Where such consent is not granted, he/she may (with the consent of the Executive Committee) represent the new country one year after the date of the positive decision made by the Executive Committee.*

Gymnasts who had the nationality change approved may not request a further nationality change before three years for a third country or before six years for the initial country after the date the previous nationality change entered into effect.

Art. 36.2.2 Dual nationality

Where a gymnast or a judge has dual nationality he/she may choose which country he/she wishes to represent but, having represented that country, he/she cannot also – except as provided for in paragraph 36.2.1 above – represent the other country in question.*

Art. 36.2.3 Gymnasts who have not represented their country internationally

Where a gymnast moves to another country, and has not represented his/her former country, he/she may immediately after receiving citizenship (official nationality) represent his/her new country with the consent of the Executive Committee.*

In the case of a gymnast born in a country in which his parents are "bona fide" residents but have not received citizenship (official nationality), the Federation of the country in which he/she was born may include him/her in its national team subject to the consent of the Executive Committee.*

Art. 36.2.4 Political division of countries

Where a country ceases to be a political entity and divides into one or more countries, a gymnast may choose to represent any one of the new countries, or to represent any other country to which he/she may have moved, subject to the consent of the Executive Committee. He/she has to submit his/her passport of the new country*

Art. 36.2.5 Change of discipline

When a gymnast moves from one specific discipline to another discipline, art. 36.2.1 will apply with the exception that the gymnast may represent the new country immediately in the new discipline.

Art. 36.2.6 Club competitions

A gymnast, temporarily or permanently residing in another country, and who is a bona fide member of a club in that country, may – with the consent of his/her national Federation and that of the country in which he/she is resident – represent the said club.

Art. 36.2.7 Other cases

In other cases (exceptional or unforeseen circumstances) the Executive Committee shall make the determination*.

* Rules 36.2.1 to 36.2.4 and 36.2.7 are valid with the exception of Olympic Games and Youth Olympic Games. For the nationality of competitors, dual nationality and change of nationality at the Olympic Games and Youth Olympic Games, see the Olympic Charter.

ARTICLE 37 – OBSERVANCE OF RULES OF ELIGIBILITY AND IOC RULES

Gymnasts, entered into competitions by their Federations, must follow the Rules of Eligibility of the FIG (set out in the Technical Regulations) and the relevant Rule of the International Olympic Committee. Special Rules of the FIG must be followed for advertising and publicity: At the Olympic Games it is necessary to comply with the Rules of the International Olympic Committee.

CHAPTER VIII

HONORARY AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

ARTICLE 38

Art. 38.1 Awards of special merit

The Congress, acting upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee and/or Council, may make any of the following awards to any person who has rendered outstanding meritorious service to the FIG:

- Honorary President (this can be granted only to a former President)
- Honorary Vice-President
- Honorary Member (Gold Distinction)
- FIG Order

(as per Regulations).

Art. 38.2 Entitlements of awardees

Recipients of any of the above awards are entitled to attend the Congress, Council and to free admission to all FIG events and official receptions.

Art. 38.3 Awards of distinction

The FIG may also confer awards of distinction upon any person who, in any capacity, has rendered particularly outstanding service to the cause of Gymnastics internationally. These awards shall be granted by the Executive Committee, on behalf of the FIG, and shall consist of the "FIG Silver Distinction" and the "FIG Bronze Distinction".

Art. 38.4 Rules concerning awards

The Executive Committee will set out Rules for granting awards. These will be published. Suitably inscribed badges will be presented to awardees.

Art. 38.5 Withdrawal of an honorary title

Anyone who did not honour his/her oath (judge, authorities' member), infringed the Code of Ethics or seriously breached FIG Statutes and Regulations may be deprived from his/her honorary title(s).

The honorary title(s) shall be withdrawn upon decision by the Disciplinary Section of the Gymnastics Ethics Foundation.

CHAPTER IX

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS AND DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

ARTICLE 39 – RULES OF DEBATE

The Rules of Debate set out in Appendix 1 are to be observed at the Congress and, appropriately and suitably modified, at meetings of the Council and the Committees.

ARTICLE 40 – OFFICIAL LANGUAGES AND DOCUMENTS

Art. 40.1 Official languages at Congress

At the Congress the official languages are French, English, German, Spanish and Russian. Delegates may speak in their mother tongue. If this is not included in the official languages, the cost of any translations must be borne by the Federation requiring the translation.

Art. 40.2 Official languages for documents, etc.

French and English are the official language for meetings, competitions, the Statutes, Rules, Regulations, Code of Points, minutes and all the official documents published by the FIG.

The Code of Points can be published in French, English, German, Spanish and Russian.

In the event of any discrepancies between the English and the French versions of the Statutes, Rules, Regulations, Code of Points, minutes and all official documents published by the FIG, the English shall prevail.

ARTICLE 41

Art. 41.1 Copyright

Any reproduction or distribution of documents, instructional material or other edited material belonging to the FIG is prohibited without the authority of the FIG. Any contravention can be penalised requiring fines to be paid.

Art. 41.2 Official documents

All official documents and official information are valid only if they are distributed by the Secretary General. Federations are obliged to respect this and are responsible for its enforcement within their own Federations

ARTICLE 42 – SIGNATURES ON OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS

Contracts, agreements and all other documents requiring the stamp of authority of the FIG must be signed by the President and the Secretary General.

ARTICLE 43

Art. 43.1 President represents FIG legally

The President represents the FIG legally in all circumstances. Whenever possible, he/she obtains the advice of the Executive Committee and he/she may engage the assistance of professionals.

Art. 43.2 Code of Discipline and legal procedures

In accordance with art. 13.4 of the Statutes, the Council establishes a Code of Discipline notably describing the disciplinary procedure, the questions of regulation and the disciplinary rules applicable within the framework of the FIG.

The Disciplinary Commission is the only authority generally qualified to impose disciplinary measures, except however for cases provide for in art. 11.12.2, 13.4 and 43.3 a) of the Statutes, special provisions provided for by the FIG regulations for the competitions and, concerning appeals, the competence of the FIG appeal Tribunal.

The Disciplinary Commission is the FIG investigation authority as regards disciplinary action.

In so far as they come under the civil law, decisions (of proprietary nature) can be exclusively disputed to the Court of Arbitration for Sport "CAS" in Lausanne (Switzerland). The legal ordinary procedures are excluded.

The decisions which are of sports nature cannot be disputed.

Complaints to the Court of Arbitration for Sport can be addressed only when the internal FIG appeal procedures were exhausted.

An appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport does not have a suspension effect, except if this Authority orders it. The provisions of the sports' code of arbitration of the CAS apply to this authority. Special provisions apply for doping cases.

Art. 43.3 Disciplinary measures which can be imposed amongst others on a Federation or an individual

- a) the warning
- b) the blame
- c) the suspension of the Federation or the person concerned for one or more official FIG events and other international events
- d) the proscription to take part in the FIG events and other international events for one given or unspecified duration
- e) the exclusion of any participation in the FIG activities and other international events for one given or unspecified duration
- f) the demotion of functions
- g) the withdrawal of a honorary title or distinction
- h) the cancellation of the brevets or diplomas awarded
- i) the financial fine
- j) the suspension for one or more functions of a person elected within one of the FIG bodies and/or of a continental Union for one given or unspecified duration
- k) the suspension of the Federation for one given or unspecified duration
- l) the exclusion of a Federation for one given or unspecified duration on decision of the Congress
- m) the exclusion of an FIG person
- n) the cancellation of results of a competition
- o) the obligation to restore the financial benefits and prices received
- p) the disciplinary measures resulting from the anti-doping regulations
- q) all the sanctions taken can be the subject of a publication in the FIG bulletin or in any other official FIG publication
- r) or any other sanction which could be proposed by the Disciplinary Commission of the Gymnastics Ethics Foundation

CHAPTER X
PROVISIONS PARTICULAR TO STATUTES

ARTICLE 44

Art. 44.1 Supremacy of Statutes

The Statutes of the FIG are the final and paramount authority and nothing contained in any document shall operate as to circumvent or lessen the force and purport of these Articles. Similarly, nothing in the Codes of Points adopted by the Executive Committee shall operate so as to supersede or challenge the authority of the Statutes or the Technical Regulations.

The Statutes, including the Code of Ethics, can be modified only by the Congress, and the Technical Regulations, and the Code of Discipline, only by the Council.

Art. 44.2 Unforeseen circumstances not mentioned in the Statutes

Cases not foreseen in the present Statutes are resolved by the Executive Committee and/or the Council subject to ratification by the next Congress.

Art. 44.3 Dissolution

After liquidation of all the obligations, the remaining FIG asset will be remitted to a tax-free institution in Switzerland for public utility. The remitted asset will obligatorily have to be assigned to a goal similar to those provided for by art. 2 of the FIG Statutes, in particular, to support the practice of gymnastics as a sport.

Art. 44.4 Effective dates for decisions taken by the Congress

The decisions taken at the time of a Congress come into effect on January first of the following year, unless the Congress decides otherwise.

The 2019 Edition of the FIG Statutes replace the 2017 Edition (updated with the articles re. Parkour, approved by the Presidential Commission on 22 December 2017 upon authorization of the EC given at its meeting 24 October 2017 in Benin). The present Statutes have been approved by the Congress 3 December 2018 and come into effect on January 1st, 2019, unless otherwise mentioned.

Signed on behalf of the Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique.

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RULES RELATIVE TO DEBATES AT CONGRESS AND COUNCIL MEETINGS

1. Definitions

In the following provisions, unless the context expresses another interpretation, the following points designate:

- "Assembly" means the meeting of Congress or Council
- "President" means the person who presides at an assembly
- "delegate" means the delegate of a member federation or a member of a FIG authority

2. Provisions governing Debates

- a) In order to take the floor to speak, a delegate shall rise and commence by stating his/her name and that of his/her national Federation. His speech shall be concise and remain directed to the question which is the subject of discussion
- b) The duration of a speech shall not exceed five minutes. The original mover of a proposition, may avail himself/herself of maximum ten minutes at the maximum to develop his theme. In the event of a very important or complex proposition, the President, acting within his discretionary powers, may ask the Assembly (*by absolute majority*) to agree to grant the mover more than ten minutes for the development of his proposition
- c) No delegate may speak more than once to a proposition or on an amendment. This is subject to the reservation contained in paragraph (n)
- d) A delegate who originally presents a proposition will, however, have the right of reply to an amendment before the vote is taken by the Assembly
- e) The mover of an amendment does not have the right of reply
- f) A delegate may, however, raise any point concerning the application of these Rules or may ask a question
- g) The President determines all questions concerning the application of these Rules. His/her decision on this subject, and upon the subject of the procedure during the course of debate, shall be without appeal and shall not give rise to any discussion.
- h) If the President raises his/her hand during the course of a debate, the delegate who is speaking must interrupt statement or his/her speech
- i) The President, or any other member duly authorised by the FIG, has the right to speak at an Assembly to give the perspective of the FIG for each proposition or each amendment submitted to the Assembly
- j) An amendment must be confined to:
 - leaving out words, or
 - leaving out words and inserting others, or
 - referring a question to another authority of the FIGAn amendment may not introduce a new proposition nor reject the original proposition.
- k) No amendment may be submitted for discussion before having been duly presented and seconded by a delegate.

- l) All propositions and all amendments, presented by the Committees of the FIG, will be treated in the same manner as other propositions or amendments
- m) A proposition or an amendment may not be seconded by a delegate belonging to the same national federation as the one who has presented it
- n) If an amendment is withdrawn, other amendments can be submitted for the original proposition. If an amendment is carried, the proposition thus amended is substituted for the original proposition and can, in turn, be amended subsequently
- o) No new amendment shall be submitted before the Assembly has decided upon the amendments previously submitted. After every amendment has been disposed of, the proposition will be submitted to the Assembly without any supplementary debates
- p) A delegate may modify the proposition submitted on the following grounds:
 - that the Assembly gives its consent without discussion
 - that the proposition of modification (*amendment*) submitted by another delegate can be assimilated as an amendment
- q) At the termination of a delegate's address, another delegate may propose, without comment, that (*at his/her choice*):
 - The question be put without further debate
 - Debate be adjourned
 - The Assembly proceed to the next item on the agenda
 - The Assembly be adjourned

If the proposition is seconded, the President (*if he/she considers the proposition before the meeting has been sufficiently discussed*) shall put the question to the vote, subject to the right of reply of the mover of the proposition. If the proposition is accepted, it will be given immediate effect.

3. Voting / Elections

a) By using an electronic device

In principle electronic devices are used for voting and elections. An electronic device is handed out to each head of delegation of the member federations in good standing present at the Assembly. They are solely responsible for holding their electronic device during the time of the Assembly. No device will be replaced.

b) Without using an electronic device

When an open vote is taken by the raising of hands or showing cards, the Secretary General shall make appropriate arrangements for only the authorised delegate to receive a voting card. Only the votes of those delegates showing these cards will be counted.

In order to facilitate the conduct of elections, the Secretary General may arrange for lists of candidates to be distributed to delegates. These can be given out with the voting papers.

Whenever possible, the business of Congress will continue while the result of an election is awaited.

The Rules concerning voting appear in Appendix 2.

4. Deliberations

In the case of a tie at the Assemblies, the FIG President has a casting vote.

During a vote by the raising of hands, if it is self-evident that a majority exists, the President may announce the result immediately. However, the delegates of at least three national federations may demand a verification of the vote.

If, in the course of a meeting, the President considers that a delegate or an observer is behaving in an inappropriate or aggressive manner so as to obstruct the conduct of business, the President (*subsequently a delegate*) may propose that the person involved is not allowed to speak further. If this proposition is seconded, it will be put to the vote and dealt without discussion.

If, despite this intervention, the person involved continues to misbehave, the President may move that the person should leave the meeting. This decision can intervene without the need for the proposition to be seconded and without discussion. The President may, consequentially, interrupt the deliberation for such time as he considers necessary.

The President may equally adjourn a meeting if he/she considers that the general disturbance renders proper conduct of business impossible. He/she may exercise this right without having had a proposition or discussion on the matter.

5. Exclusion of the Press and the Public

The Assemblies are of a confidential nature. They are reserved solely for the persons mentioned in the rules or regulations.

6. Application of Rules of Debate to Committees

In principle, these Rules apply as well to the meetings of the Committees of the FIG.

These rules of Debate have been approved by the extraordinary Congress in 1999. They have been amended by the Congress 2018 and enter into effect 1st January 2019.

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VOTING RULES

These Rules form an integral part of the Statutes. They may be modified by the Congress only.

1. Reminder of Article 11.3 - Validity of Deliberations (Quorum)

Except where the Assembly is dealing with the proposed dissolution of the FIG, a valid resolution cannot be passed unless at least 40% of the affiliated federations with voting rights are present. (See Reg. 11.17.6.)

2. Election of Candidates

- a) the FIG President, the 3 Vice-Presidents, the 7 EC members, TC Presidents, the GfA President, the TC Committee members, GfA Committee members and the 2 auditors:

first round: *absolute majority (50% +1)*
second round: *simple majority (highest number of votes)*

- b) Nomination of the professional auditors:

first round: *simple majority (highest number of votes)*

- c) Council members:

first round: *simple majority (highest number of votes) by the representatives of the Continental Unions for the candidates of their own continent*

Tie-breaking rule

In case of a tie, the more senior candidate in the FIG (as elected member) will be given preference. If need be, the importance of the last duty in office of both candidates shall be taken into consideration according to Reg. 10.1.

If there is still a tie, another round shall be conducted to break the tie between candidates with the same number of votes.

2.1 Valid ballots/ or valid electronic ballots

Ballots containing at least one (1) name (provided the 2nd paragraph of Reg. 11.14 is applied), as well as the blank ballots are considered valid ballot papers.

2.2 Null or blank ballots or electronic ballots

- Blank ballots containing no name
- Ballots containing recognisable marks, (*signature, cross, etc.*)
- Ballots containing messages
- Ballots containing more names than the number of candidates to be elected
- Ballots not respecting Reg. 11.14 (2nd paragraph)

3. Determination of Absolute Majority

Example 1:

Ballots issued	78
Blanks	4
Spoiled ballots	2
Ballots taken into account	72

Absolute Majority ($72:2 = 36 + 1$) = **37 votes**

Example 2:

Ballots issued	74
Blank ballots	3
Spoiled ballots	2
Ballots taken into account	69

Absolute Majority ($69:2 = 34,5$) = **35 votes**

4. Determination of a Majority of Two-Thirds

Examples:

Number of votes (valid)	68
$(68:3 = 22,66 \times 2 = 45,32)$ =	46 votes
Number of votes (valid)	78
$(78:3 = 26 \times 2 = 52)$ =	52 votes