

FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE GYMNASTIQUE



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FIG Licence Rules

1. Introduction:

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

Reg. 5.1 GENERAL RIGHTS OF PARTICIPATION IN COMPETITIONS AND LICENCE

Official FIG competitions are open to gymnasts who:

- belong to a federation affiliated to the FIG*
- have the nationality of the federation in accordance with the FIG Statutes, Technical Regulations and the Olympic provisions*
- fulfil the requirements of the Statutes*
- fulfil specified performance prerequisites (.i.e. limits).*

As of 1.1.2009, all the gymnasts, juniors and seniors, in all disciplines with the exception of GfA, and expected to take part in international competitions will need to own a personal Licence. All the licences are established by the FIG Office on the basis of the information transmitted by the affiliated Federations. The list of information necessary for establishing a licence will be transmitted to all the Federations.

This Licence is considered as a “gymnastics passport” and is valid for all the FIG competitions, the competitions organized by the Continental Unions, the international tournaments and the international events, as well as the competitions organized in the frame of Continental and Regional Games.

During the FIG competitions, the Licence will be the basis document for elaborating the accreditation.

The validity of the Licence is 2 years. The cost of the Licence is determined by the Council.

Detailed regulations will be elaborated by the EC and transmitted to all the Federations.

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

2. Compulsory Licence or “Gymnastics Passport”

All gymnasts (junior and seniors) must present a valid FIG Licence in order to be eligible to participate in an international competition. “Gymnastics for All” events are exempted from this rule.

A competition is considered as international as soon as there are gymnasts from more than one affiliated Federation participating.

This includes Olympic Games, World Games, World and Continental Championships and all other international competitions organized by the FIG, the Continental Unions, the Groups and the Member Federations as listed in Art. 34 of the FIG Statutes, as well as other Multisport Games.

Exceptions are made for:

(i) National Events, as defined herein below:

A National Event is limited to national gymnasts who take part in the competition according to the regulations of the respective NF. Foreign gymnasts may only take part in National Events if they are officially resident of the country of the OC concerned and, if applicable, they have obtained written permission from their own NF.

(ii) Clubs, regional and border competitions (understood as competitions organised under the jurisdiction of the host NF, and/or their affiliates) provided the participating clubs do not belong to more than three (3) different nations and provided that, in case of individual competitions, gymnasts do not belong to more than three (3) different nations.

The Organising Committees of the above mentioned events must control the Licences of all gymnasts at accreditation.

In exceptional cases, the FIG Secretary General may waive the Licence requirement.

3. Conditions to obtain an FIG Licence

The FIG licence will only be issued to gymnasts who:

- fulfil the conditions mentioned in Article 5.1 of the FIG Technical Regulations;
- have personally signed the Appendix 1 of the Licence Rules (FIG Licence Rules Application Form). Through their signature, gymnasts consent and agree to comply with and be bound by the FIG Statutes and all of the FIG Rules and Regulations and their amendments;
- have personally signed the Appendix 2 of the Licence Rules (Acknowledgement and Agreement). Through their signature, gymnasts consent and agree to the creation of their profile in WADA Doping Control Clearing House (ADAMS), and/or any other authorized National Anti-Doping Organizations (NADOs) similar system under FIG's agreement for the sharing of information, and to the entry on their doping control, Whereabouts and Therapeutic Use Exemptions related data in such systems;
- belong to an FIG affiliated Federation that is in good standing;
- have obtained the signature of the President or the Secretary General of their National Federation on the application form;
- have paid the fee for the FIG Licence.

4. Licence Check

The Licence must be presented and checked upon accreditation. Gymnasts who do not present a valid FIG Licence are not allowed to compete.

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

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

5. Validity of the Licence

The Licence is valid for two years from the date it is issued by FIG.

6. World of Gymnastics

The Licence entitles the holder to receive the FIG magazine *World of Gymnastics* free of charge.

7. List of Licence Holders

A list of all Licence Holders will be published on the FIG Website.

This list should be updated weekly and shall include all Licences which are valid at that time. Licences which have expired will be deleted.

The published information shall include:

- Federation / Nationality
- Gymnast's Full Name (First Name and Surname)
- Date of Birth
- Discipline
- Licence Expiry Date
- Licence Number

8. Application procedure and fee

Only FIG affiliated Federations in good standing can apply for Licences for their gymnasts.

An application form must be completed for each gymnast.

Application forms are available on the FIG website (Intranet section) or at the FIG Headquarters in Lausanne upon written request. Applications may be filled in at any time on line (FIG website - Intranet section) or sent to the FIG Office by e-mail, fax or regular mail.

The application form must be returned completed, duly signed and stamped by the President or Secretary General of the respective affiliated federation.

The application form must be signed by the gymnast. All consent forms from minor applicants, according to the legislation of the applicant's country, must be counter-signed by their legal representative.

The Application is only valid once the fee is duly paid and received at the FIG.

The fee is of CHF 30.- for online applications and payments.

The fee is of CHF 45.- for all other ways of application and payments.

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

The paid fee is valid for two years.

This fee includes the issue and delivery of the Licence, the integration on the List of Licence Holders and the shipment of the *World of Gymnastics*.

9. Information requested for the application

The following application form information must be duly completed by the respective federation:

- Name of FIG affiliated Federation
- Gymnast's Surname
- Gymnast's First Name
- Gymnast's Address, Postal Code, City, State, Country
- Gymnast's Email address
- Discipline (i.e. MAG, WAG, RG, TRA, AER, ACRO)
- Passport number and validity
- Gender
- Date of Birth
- Signature of the gymnast (and the legal representative if necessary)
- Signature of the President or Secretary General of the affiliated Federation
- Stamp of the affiliated Federation
- Photo (Colour passport photo - 45mm x 35mm)
- Copy of the valid passport
- Proof of the payment of the Licence fee

The respective member Federation is fully responsible for all information and documents provided with the application form.

10. Content of the Licence

The Licence will be a plastic-coated card in the format 85mm x 45mm and shall display the following information:

- FIG Logo and Name
- Photo (approx. 32mm x 25mm)
- Licence Number
- Expiry Date
- Nationality / Federation
- Gymnast's Full Name

- Date of Birth
- Gender
- Discipline (MAG, WAG, RG, TRA, AER, ACRO)
- Function
- Signature of the gymnast

11. Renewal of the Licence

The Licence is valid two years and must be renewed in due time before its expiry date. An application for renewal shall be made one (1) month prior to the expiry date. Applications for renewal are accepted six (6) months prior to the expiry date.

To renew a Licence, a "Licence Renewal form" must be completed. This form will be available on the FIG website.

12. Violations against FIG Licence Rules

As mentioned in Art. 2. of these Rules, the Licence is compulsory and must be presented at all FIG international competitions. The control of the international competitions (see Statutes Art. 34.1) is of the responsibility of the Continental Unions, Groups and the affiliated member federations.

The Continental Unions, Groups and the organising member federations are responsible for enforcing FIG Licence Rules at the competitions held under their auspice.

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

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

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

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Appendixes:

- Appendix 1: FIG Licence Application Form
- Appendix 2: Acknowledgement and Agreement

APPENDIX 1

FIG Licence Application Form

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[Through their signature of the Licence application form, applicants:

1. consent and agree to comply with and be bound by the FIG Statutes and all of the FIG Rules and Regulations and their amendments;
2. consent and agree to the creation of their profile in WADA Doping Control Clearing House (ADAMS), as requested under the WADA Code to which FIG, as an IF, is a signatory, and/or any other authorized National Anti-Doping Organizations (NADOs) similar system under FIG's agreement for the sharing of information, and to the entry on their doping control, Whereabouts and Therapeutic Use Exemptions related data in such systems.]

APPENDIX 2

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND AGREEMENT

I, as a member of a National Federation of FIG and/or a participant in a FIG authorized or recognized event, hereby acknowledge and agree as follows:

1. I have had an opportunity to review the FIG Anti-Doping Rules.
2. I consent and agree to comply with and be bound by all of the provisions of the FIG Anti-Doping Rules, including but not limited to, all amendments to the Anti-Doping Rules* and all International Standards* incorporated in the Anti-Doping Rules.
3. I consent and agree to the creation of my profile in WADA Doping Control Clearing House (ADAMS), as requested under the WADA Code to which FIG, as an IF, is a signatory, and/or any other authorized National Anti-Doping Organizations (NADOs) similar system under FIG's agreement for the sharing of information, and to the entry on my doping control, Whereabouts and Therapeutic Use Exemptions related data in such systems.
4. I acknowledge and agree that FIG and its National Federations have jurisdiction to impose sanctions as provided in the FIG Anti-Doping Rules.
5. I also acknowledge and agree that any dispute arising out of a decision made pursuant to the FIG Anti-Doping Rules, after exhaustion of the process expressly provided for in the FIG Anti-Doping Rules, may be appealed exclusively as provided in Article 13 of the FIG Anti-Doping Rules to an appellate body for final and binding arbitration, which in the case of International-Level Gymnasts is the Court of Arbitration for Sport.
6. I acknowledge and agree that the decisions of the arbitral appellate body referenced above shall be final and enforceable, and that I will not bring any claim, arbitration, lawsuit or litigation in any other court or tribunal.
7. I have read and understand this Acknowledgement and Agreement.

Date

Print Name (Last Name, First Name)

Date of Birth
(Day/Month/Year)

Signature (or, if a minor, signature of
legal guardian)

* For FIG anti-Doping Rules and the International Standards in effect, see:
www.fig-gymnastics.org and/or www.wada-ama.org.