



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 (as well as the admission conditions)*
- fulfil specified performance prerequisites (.i.e. limits)*
- have a valid licence as long as the prescriptions of the rules elaborated by*
- the FIG Executive Committee are respected*

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

2. Compulsory Licence or "Gymnastics Passport"

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

The following competitions are defined as INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS under these Licence Rules:

World Championships

Continental Championships and Games

Any and all Multisport Games (Olympic Games, World Games, Mediterranean Games, Commonwealth Games, Central American Games, University Games, etc.)

World Cup events

3. Conditions to obtain an FIG Licence

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

- fulfil the conditions mentioned in Article 5.1 of the FIG Technical Regulations;

- have personally signed Appendix 1 of the Licence Rules (FIG Licence - application form). Through their signature, gymnasts consent and agree to comply with and be bound by the FIG Statutes and any and all of the FIG Rules and Regulations and their amendments;
- have personally signed Appendix 1 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 similar system from an authorized National Anti-Doping Organization (NADO) under FIG's agreement for the sharing of information, and to the entry in such systems of data related to their doping controls, Whereabouts and Therapeutic Use Exemptions ;
- belong to an FIG affiliated Federation in good standing;
- have obtained the signature of the President or the Secretary General of their National Federation on the application form.

4. Licence Check

Upon registration

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

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

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

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

Upon accreditation

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

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

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

5. Validity of the Licence

The Licence shall be valid for two years as of its issue date by FIG.

6. World of Gymnastics

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

7. List of Licence Holders

A list of all Licence Holders shall 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 shall be deleted.

The published information shall include the following data:

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

8. Application procedure and fee

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

An application form per gymnast shall be required .

Applications forms shall be submitted at the latest one (1) month prior to the required licence validity date.

Application forms shall be available on the FIG website or at the FIG Headquarters in Lausanne upon written request. Applications may be filled in at any time online (FIG website) or sent to the FIG Office by email, fax or regular mail.

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

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

The fee shall amount to **CHF 30.-**

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

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

These fees include the issue and delivery of the Licence, the integration on the List of Licence Holders and the shipment of the *World of Gymnastics*.

Transitional period:

Any and all applications submitted by June 30, 2009 shall be fee-exempted. The presentation of the Licence shall be mandatory as of October 15, 2009.

9. Information requested for the application

The requested information of the FIG Licence Application Form must be duly completed by the respective Federation as follows:

- 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 or 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

The respective Member Federation is fully liable for any and 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 54mm and shall display the following information:

- FIG logo and name
- Photo (approx. 27mm x 22mm)
- Licence number
- Nationality / Federation
- Gymnast's full name
- Date of birth
- Gender
- Discipline (MAG, WAG, RG, TRA, AER or ACRO)
- Function
- Signature of the gymnast (on the back)

11. Renewal of the Licence

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

To renew a Licence, a "Licence Renewal Application form" must be completed. This form shall be available on the FIG website. This shall not require a new licence card to be issued.

12. Loss of the Licence Card

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

A cost of CHF 30.- shall be charged to the Federation

13. Violations against FIG Licence Rules

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

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

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

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

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

These Licence Rules have been updated by the Executive Committee at its meeting in November 2011 in Lausanne. They shall replace any and all previous versions and shall enter into force on January 1, 2012.

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