



IFAGG General Competition Rules

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Preamble

International Federation of Aesthetic Group Gymnastics IFAGG was established on 12 October 2003 and is the recognized world governing body of aesthetics Group gymnastics (AGG). IFAGG is a non-profit international federation, and it has been properly and legally registered as such. Its mission and purpose are strictly to advance the sports of aesthetic Group gymnastics. IFAGG is the supreme authority on all matter relating to International Aesthetic Group Gymnastics.

Abbreviations

IFAGG	International Federation of Aesthetic Group Gymnastics
AGG	Sport of Aesthetic Group Gymnastics, defined in the Competition Rules
Statutes	Statutes of the IFAGG
GA	General Assembly of the IFAGG, held annually and as stated in Statutes
Council	The Council of the IFAGG
President	President of the IFAGG
TC	Technical Committee of the IFAGG
IM	IFAGG Member, as defined in Statutes. Can be a national federation or a club.
Gymnastics	The sport and/or activities of Aesthetic Group Gymnastics
Gymnast/athlete	Any person participating in the activities described in Gymnastics above
LOC	Local Organizing Committee. The organizing committee or other body or person appointed to organize any IFAGG sanctioned event
GCR	General Competition Rules of the IFAGG, this set of rules and regulations approved by Council of IFAGG
Competition rules	These rules are prepared by Technical Committee and approved by Council for instructing the competition exercises and evaluating in AGG.
COE	Code of Ethics of the IFAGG
COD	Code of Discipline of the IFAGG



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1 Purpose and validity of the General Competition Rules

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of the General Competition Rules is to provide a medium for the organization, control and operation of Aesthetic Group Gymnastics competitions and development of these.

1.2 Validity

The Council is in charge of approving the General Competition Rules and any changes to GCR. Major changes to GCR can be done twice per year, by June 30th and by December 31st. The Technical Committee can propose changes to GCR. The approving of GCR or changes to GCR will be announced in the AGG International bulletin and on the IFAGG website (www.ifagg.sporttisaitti.com). Major changes to the GCR will come into force min. 6 months after the announcement and minor changes to the GCR will come into force one week after the announcement.

1.3 Scope of Application

International Federation of Aesthetic Group Gymnastics (IFAGG) – Kansainvälinen Joukkuevoimisteluliitto, its members and the committees of the members, and every person who competes or acts in IFAGG’s events are obligated to follow these IFAGG General Competition Rules.

The decision right in all decisions mentioned in these rules is with IFAGG Council, unless Council has delegated the decision right to other governing body or person.

1.4 Rules, Guidelines and Codes

IFAGG is responsible for establishing the AGG competition rules for all categories.

The AGG competition rules, and other rules and official additions concerning competition activities, are the responsibility of the Technical Committee. These rules, their appendix and major changes to the rules must be approved by the Council of IFAGG. The rules and major changes to the rules are published in IFAGG web-sites, and they will come into force from the date of validation and minimum one week after the announcement. Minor changes or clarifications to the AGG competition rules are published in IFAGG web-site and these are valid 3 days after being published.

2 IFAGG competitions and other events

2.1 Competition calendar

IFAGG members must adhere to the calendar below to avoid clashes of dates of important competitions and respect the competitions organized by IFAGG.

x = month, when competition can be arranged

For years, when WCh is in May, e.g. 2019	Level of competition	Months											
		J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
World Championships	A-cat.					x							
IFAGG Junior World Championships	A-cat.					x							
IFAGG Trophy	A-cat.					x							
World Cup, World Challenge Cup	A-cat.			x	x						x	x	
Continental Championships (even years)	A-cat.			x*							x*	x*	



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Student Competitions (e.g. EUSA)	A-cat.		x	x	x	x	x				x	x	
Other official approved international tournaments	A-cat.		x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	
Other international tournaments **	B-cat.	Organizers can decide, respecting to the competitions organized by IFAGG											
Open national competitions **	C-cat.												

* Continental Championships and World Cup min. 3 weeks from each other or during the same event.

Different continents' championships can be in different month.

** Organized by IFAGG members (federations, clubs), not official IFAGG competitions

For years, when WCh is in November, e.g. 2020-2021	Level of competition	Months											
		J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
World Championships	A-cat.											x	
IFAGG Junior World Championships	A-cat.											x	
IFAGG Trophy	A-cat.											x	
World Cup, World Challenge Cup	A-cat.		x*	x*	x*	x*				x	x		
Continental Championships (even years)	A-cat.		x*	x*	x*	x*							
Student Competitions (e.g. EUSA)	A-cat.		x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	
Other official approved international tournaments	A-cat.		x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	
Other international tournaments **	B-cat.	Organizers can decide, respecting to the competitions organized by IFAGG											
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The general competition calendar which informs months when different competitions can be arranged, is published by 31st of December minimum 1 year before the start of the competition season.

The IFAGG competition calendar with dates and places for WCh, Junior WCh, Continentals and WC/CC for the next year is published annually at latest June 30th in IFAGG web pages and/or other official IFAGG announcement. Updates and additions concerning other international competitions can be made during the year. IFAGG members are obligated to send their national competition calendars and event calendars to IFAGG Office yearly at the latest 31st of December and updates or additions during the year.

All international competitions must be reported to the IFAGG Office which maintains and updates the competition calendar. Countries can publish an invitation to an international competition only after confirmation from IFAGG Office, which checks that competition fits to competition calendar and that invitation complies with IFAGG rules. Other international IFAGG competitions can't be organized at the same time with World Championships, IFAGG Junior World Championships, World Cup and World Challenge Cup competition.

2.2 Official competitions

2.2.1 World Championships, Junior World Championships

Time /Period: Every year / 2019 May, 2020-2021 November



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Participants: Senior women, junior women

Disciplines: Long program

Program for 2-day competitions (until there are at least 20 countries per category two years in a row, and earliest from 2021):

Official trainings – day before the 1st competition day

1day – Preliminaries – max 3 groups* per country (hosting country max 4 groups)

2day – Finals – first 12 results from preliminaries – max 2 groups per country. Additional places: 1 group from each continent and 1 group from hosting country, if they were not selected from preliminaries.

Program for 3-day competitions (when there are at least 20 countries per category two years in a row, and earliest from 2021):

Official trainings – day before or during the morning of 1st competition day.

1day – Qualifications (team competitions and country ranking (awarding) – max 3 groups* per country (hosting country max 4 groups)

2day – Preliminaries (group competitions) – first 30 results from qualifications – max 2 groups per country. Additional places: 1 group from each continent and 1 group from hosting country, if they were not selected from qualifications.

3day – Finals (group competitions) – first 12 results from preliminaries – max 1 group per country. Additional places: 1 group from each continent and 1 group from hosting country, if they were not selected from preliminaries.

* Exception: The previous senior women World Champion group has a wild card and the right to participate in the next World Championships, if the majority of the nominated group that won the last World Championships is the same (e.g. 7 gymnasts of 12 nominated gymnasts must be the same or 6 gymnasts of 10 nominated gymnasts must be the same).

2.2.2 IFAGG Trophy

Time /period: Every year

Categories: Senior mixed groups long program, Junior mixed groups long program, Senior women short program, Junior women short program, Senior mixed group short program, Junior mixed group short program

Program: Official trainings - day before or during the morning of 1st competition day.

1day – Preliminaries – max 3 groups per country (hosting country max 4 groups)

2day – Finals – first 12 results from preliminaries – max 2 groups per country.



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2.2.3 World Cup series

Time /period: 4 competitions per year – 2 during spring and 2 during fall. The competition period for the World Cup series is calendar year (1.1.-31.12.).

Participants: Senior women

Disciplines: Long program

Program: Official trainings - day before the 1st competition day

1day – Preliminaries – max 4 groups per country (max 3 groups per country earliest from 2021)

2day – Finals – first 12 results from preliminaries – max 2 group per country (max 1 group per country if there are min. 12 groups in a category and earliest from 2021)

Cup ranking: 3 best results from 4 competitions

2.2.4 Continental Championships

Time /period: Every 2 years / recommended first half of the competition season

Participants: Senior and junior women

Disciplines: Long program

Program: Official trainings - day before the 1st competition day or on the day of the preliminaries

1day – Preliminaries – max 3 groups per country (hosting country max 4 groups)

2day – Finals – first 12 results from preliminaries – max 2 groups per country.

2.2.5 World Challenge Cup series

Time /period: 4 competitions per year – 2 during spring and 2 during fall. The competition period for the World Challenge Cup series is one calendar year (1.1.-31.12.).

Participants and Disciplines:

Currently: Junior women long program

At earliest from 2020 and if min. 6 countries and at least 10 groups per category participate during previous competition season in comparable competitions: long program students, short program (junior women and senior women).

Program: Official trainings - day before the 1st competition day

1day – Preliminaries – max 4 groups per country (max 3 groups per country earliest from 2021)

2day – Finals – first 12 results from preliminaries – max 2 groups per country (max 1 group per country if there are min. 12 groups per category and earliest from 2021)

Cup ranking: 3 best results from 4 competitions



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2.2.6 International tournaments

Time /period: Between or in connection with WC/CC but minimum 1 day earlier (e.g. preliminaries are on the day of official trainings of WC/CC, finals are on the day of WC/CC preliminaries).

Participants: All categories

Disciplines: Short program, long program

Program: 1day – Preliminaries – recommended 5 groups per country, organizer can decide

2day – Finals – recommended first 10 results from preliminaries – max 2 groups per country, organizer can decide

3 Organizing of competitions and events

3.1 Right to host competitions

Members of IFAGG, who have fulfilled their obligations to IFAGG (according to statutes), have right to organize official IFAGG sanctioned competitions. Host organization (IFAGG Member) cannot give the IFAGG event forward to organize for the third party. Application to host international competition must be done according to IFAGG rules and regulations.

3.2 Applying and choice of hosts for official IFAGG Competitions and other events

World Championships, Junior World Championships

The permission to host World Championships will be granted by the GA. The General Assembly elects the venue and organizer of the World Championships at least two years prior to the event. Applications must be made by using the competition application form (available from the IFAGG office or IFAGG web pages) with required attachments. The deadline for such application is minimum 2 months before the GA and minimum two years before the event. Junior World Championships is organized in combination with World Championships and granted by the GA.

Other official IFAGG A-category competitions

The permission to host other official A-category competitions will be granted by the Council. Applications to organize these competitions must be made to the Council by using the competition application form (available from the IFAGG office or IFAGG web pages) with required information and attachments.

World Cup and World Challenge Cup competitions: the due date for applications is March 31st and the Council decides the organizer for each event latest May 31st.

IFAGG Trophies, Continental Championships, Other official approved international tournaments: as far as possible, the Council decides the organizer of the event minimum 12 months prior to the event.

Other international B- or C-category competitions and tournaments

Any member of IFAGG may organize international AGG competitions. B- or C-category competitions and tournaments must be organized considering these General Competition Rules and they must be



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brought to the attention of IFAGG by contacting IFAGG Office. Before the organizer can publish the invitation to the competition, the invitation and especially dates and categories must be confirmed by IFAGG Office. The program and operating procedures are decided by the organizer but based on the guidance of General Competition Rules. With the aim of ensuring a proper organization of competitions, the conditions of the event must be stipulated in writing.

3.3 Entry procedures

3.3.1 Preliminary and definitive entries

Entry registrations must be officially submitted by IFAGG members according to instructions in the competition invitation.

For World Championships, Junior WCh, IFAGG Trophy competitions preliminary entry must be made at latest 3 months before the competition and definitive entry at latest 6 weeks before the competition. If the preliminary entry is missed or is late, before the definite entry can be made, a sanction for late entry must be paid. Late Definitive entry must be made at latest 4 weeks before the competition starts.

For Continental Championships, World Cup and World Challenge Cup competitions preliminary entry must be made at latest 2 months before the competition and definitive entry must be made at latest 4 weeks before the competition. If the preliminary entry is missed or is late, before the definite entry can be made, a sanction for late entry must be paid. Late definitive entry must be made at latest 3 weeks before the competition starts.

For other competitions, preliminary and definitive entries must be made by the deadline and as informed in the competition invitation letter, but sanctions for late entries are not required.

Preliminary entry must contain the following:

- Group name
- Number of gymnasts and coaches

In the definitive entry it is possible to make other nominations than in preliminary entry (e.g. change the group or number of gymnasts).

Definitive entry must contain the following:

- Per Group all nominated gymnasts and coaches
 - o family name, first names, date of birth (day – month – year), license number
- Each official: family name, first names, title (e.g. choreograph, team lead, medical staff, paramedical, head of delegation)
- Each judge: family name, first names, judging license level, possible categories/disciplines that the judge is not allowed to evaluate

If IFAGG Member entered the preliminary entry, but missed the definitive entry deadline, a late definitive entry will be accepted if the definitive entry is duly sent minimum 4 weeks (WCh, CCh, Trophy) / 3 weeks (Cont.Ch, WC, CC) before the competition's start and if the IFAGG Member pays the sanction for late entry. IFAGG Members must send the definitive entry of the judges together with the definitive entry of the gymnasts.



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3.3.2 Participation fees

The required participation fee must be paid at the latest at the date of the definitive entry. In case of non-participation or partial participation, the participation fee will not be reimbursed.

Sanctions will be applied if the different deadlines for the entry registrations are not respected. Also, if at the definitive registration an IFAGG Member registers a Group and the Group is not participating at the competition, the IFAGG Member has to pay a sanction fixed by the Council.

The fees and sanctions are fixed by the Council and are to be paid to the Competition organizer. The sanctions apply for WCh, Junior WCh, IFAGG Trophy, Continentals and WC & CC competitions, in Senior and Junior categories. For amounts of participation and sanction fees, see Appendix A.

Concerning other payments in the competitions, every country and participating group is responsible for their own costs. LOC must provide information about possible accommodation and meals at various price ranges, but participants can book accommodation and meals themselves according to their needs without any extra organizing fee.

3.3.3 Insufficient participation

If less than 3 Groups submit a definitive entry for a category/discipline, no medal will be awarded but only a prize.

For the official status of the nominated competition, minimum number of participating countries and Groups:

- World Championships: A minimum of 12 countries and altogether at least 20 Groups must participate in the World Championships that it can be nominated as World Championships and a minimum 10 countries and altogether at least 16 Groups in Junior World Championships that it can be nominated as Junior World Championships
- World Cup and World Challenge Cup: A minimum of 5 countries and altogether at least 10 Groups per each category must participate in the World Cup and World Challenge Cup competition that it can be nominated as the World Cup or the World Challenge Cup competition.
- Continental Championships: A minimum of 4 participating countries per category, and for Europe minimum 6 countries per category
- Student Competition: according to student association/union rules
- Official approved international competition (A-category): A minimum of 3 countries/category and 3 Groups/category must participate in the competition that it can be nominated as an official approved international competition (A-category).
- Other international competition: A minimum of 2 countries/category and 3 Groups/category must participate in the competition that it can be nominated as an international competition.

The organizers are obliged to inform the IFAGG Office competition statistics.

If less than recommended number of countries or groups participate, IFAGG Council reviews the competition calendar and the requirements for the official status of the competition for the following competition seasons.



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3.3.4 Changes to the participating Groups and gymnasts

From the definitive entry until final schedules are made (WCh, Jun WCh, Trophy: from 6 weeks to 4 weeks before the competition starts, for Cont.Ch, WC, CC: from 4 weeks to 3 weeks before the competition starts)

After final schedules are made, no Groups can be added to the number of participating Groups and no gymnasts can be added to the number of gymnasts per Group as declared in the Definitive entry.

From Definitive registration until Accreditation

Until accreditation, a gymnast can be replaced with another gymnast in the same Group. No additional Groups or gymnasts can appear in accreditation. Passports of gymnasts are checked in the accreditation.

From accreditation until 3h prior to competition start

No changes to gymnasts or groups can be made after the accreditation. The competing team must be formed from accredited gymnasts of the group. The accreditation must be made according to competition schedule. In case of force majeure (e.g. severe flight delays, sickness or injuries), if the group or gymnasts not present and accredited 3h before competition start, the IFAGG Member can apply for revision of the starting order. The Superior Jury shall approve.

From 3h prior to competition start until the end of competition

No changes to gymnasts or Groups can be made. In exceptional cases, the Superior Jury may accept a relevant change.

3.3.5 Delegation members

Participation fee in the official IFAGG competitions covers the participation of nominated gymnasts and coaches as follows:

Small group: 6 gymnasts, max 2 coaches

Basic group: 7-15 gymnasts, max 3 coaches

If country or group needs to have more members in the delegation (e.g. choreographers, physicians, physiotherapists), additional accreditations can be acquired with an additional price informed by the LOC.

3.3.6 Organizer

IFAGG member designated by the IFAGG is responsible for the organization on the A-category competitions.

Organizer undertakes to ensure the proper running of the competition in an adequate hall/site; to prepare the event according to the regulations and instructions in GCR; to provide sufficient amount of competent organization officers; and to assume responsibility for all the costs of organization.

The organizer of an A-category competition is obligated to have negotiations with IFAGG about the competition arrangements that have been determined by these General Competition Rules and, when published, the Regulations for competition organizer. The contract of the competition circumstances



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will be signed, and the possible sight inspection will be made by the official authorities of IFAGG. IFAGG will be the contacting party. The cost of sight inspection will be covered by the organizer.

The contract of the competition organizing incl. circumstances must be signed min. 8 months before World Championships & World Junior Championships *and 30% of organizing fees payed min. 6 months before the WCh competition.* For other A-category competitions, the contract must be signed min. 6 months before the competition *and 30 % of organizing fees paid min. 3 months before the competition.*

Work plan

The work plan for competition is prepared by Organizer and approved by IFAGG officials.

Work plan contains the technical aspects of the organization. It must include, among others, the definite timetable of the competitions and for categories and disciplines, welcome meeting, timetable of judges' meetings, possible other meetings for the participants, places for these meetings, layout of the competition area and type of podium.

Work plan for A-category competitions must be shared to participating IFAGG members at latest 4 weeks before the competition.

3.4 Medal qualifications and tie-breaking rules

3.4.1 Medal qualifications

Applies for World Championships, Junior World Championships, World Cup, World Challenge Cup, IFAGG Trophy, Continental Championships and open championships.

Principal is that gold medal cannot be shared by two groups, but silver and bronze medals can be shared.

If two or more groups are with the equal total score (preliminaries + finals) or the equal score of the World Cup or Challenge Cup ranking first, the order of the criteria by which the winner is determined is:

1. The higher score in the Finals (second competition day)
2. The higher execution score in the Finals
3. The higher execution score in the Preliminaries
4. Superior Jury score is the result concerning these groups
5. If there is no Superior Jury, the same system will be gone through, first technical score, then artistic score.

3.4.2 Cup points

Applies for World Cup Finals and Challenge Cup Finals.

If two or more groups have the same total cup points after the World Cup Finals or after the Challenge Cup Finals (after all part competitions), the ranking in the total cup is determined by:

1. The highest ranking in one of those Cup competitions
2. If the groups with the same ranking place have participated in more than 3 partial



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cup competitions, those cup points will be counted also to the final cup ranking score.

3. The higher score in the Finals (second competition day)
4. The higher execution score in the Finals
5. The higher execution score in the Preliminaries
6. Superior Jury score is the result concerning these groups.
7. if there is no Superior Jury, the same system will be gone through, first technical score, then artistic score.

3.4.3 Choice of finalists

Applies for World Championships, World Cup Finals, IFAGG Junior Championships, World Challenge Cup Finals, IFAGG Trophy, Continental Championships and open championships.

The order of criteria by which finalists are determined, when two or more groups have the same total points after Preliminaries competition:

1. The higher execution score in the Preliminaries
2. The higher technical score in the Preliminaries
3. The higher artistic score in the Preliminaries
4. Superior Jury score is the result concerning these groups

Also, for World Championships and Junior World Championships:

Principal: The maximum number of groups that go to the Finals is 12 groups by the ranking in preliminaries.

Exceptions

1. Only 2 best groups / country may enter the Finals after the preliminaries.
2. There is a continental place for every continent in Finals. If no group from a continent is within the 12 best groups, they will have an extra place in the Finals
3. There is a place in Finals for the best group from the organizing country. If the best group of the organizing country is not within the 12 best groups in the preliminaries, they will have an extra place in the Finals.

If some country doesn't have a place to the Finals, the board has a possibility to nominate 1-3 groups to perform in the beginning of the Finals without competing in the Finals.

3.4.4 Medal qualifications in country ranking

Applies for World Championships and IFAGG Junior Championships.

Country ranking is counted by the higher total score per team (from preliminaries or finals), max 3 teams per country.

The places in country ranking cannot be shared.

The order of criteria by which country ranking is determined:



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1. The higher Execution score
2. The higher Technical score
3. The higher Artistic score
4. Superior Jury score is the result concerning these groups

3.4.5 Amount of medals

Medals are given for the medalist groups, total max. 18 medals per group:

- nominated gymnasts (max 15)
- coach (max 2)
- choreographer (max 1)

In country ranking, only nominated gymnasts are awarded by medals, max 15 medals per group.

In World Championships and Junior World Championships IFAGG is responsible for medals. In other competitions, the organizer is responsible for medals. In the competitions where medals can be shared, the party who is responsible for medals must be prepared to have medals for shared places, max 18 per group.

3.5 Cancellation of a competition or an event

IFAGG Council can cancel the competition or event without any compensation to the competition organizer or to the participants in case of any force majeure situations: for example strike, war, political situation, lockout, industrial action, revolt, and catastrophe of nature, or if the participant's security is somehow compromised or other overwhelming obstacle that can be proved to influence that the competition cannot be organized according to the General Rules.

In case minimum number of countries, groups or judges is not fulfilled, IFAGG Council can cancel the competition or event without any compensation to the competition's organizer or to the participants at latest five (5) months before the competition or event.

The organizer of the competition or event can cancel the competition or event without any compensation to IFAGG or participants five (5) months before the agreed competition date (preliminaries) or event. If the organizer cancels the competition or event five (5) months before the agreed competition date or event date IFAGG is not responsible of any compensation for participants.

IFAGG strongly recommends that the participating delegations will consider purchasing of cancellation insurance, since if the competition or event is cancelled, IFAGG is not responsible of any costs associated with the travel arrangements of individual groups.

If the group/person cancels their participation of the competition or event IFAGG is not responsible to compensate any possible costs of cancellation.

The organizer of the competition or event must prepare and deliver all necessary documentation for participating Group/person for getting the visa on reasonable time. Participating Group/person is responsible for applying for the visa early enough.

3.6 Liability insurance

The organizer must have the liability insurance but doesn't have to insure participants. Each participant/group is responsible for their own insurance in a competition or event. Participating groups



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must sign the indemnity document at latest in the accreditation of a competition event.

Organizer must show the receipt of the liability insurance when required by IFAGG Office or IFAGG Official.

4 Gymnasts and control of gymnasts

4.1 General rights of participation in competitions

Official IFAGG competitions are open to gymnasts who:

- belong to an IFAGG member affiliated to the IFAGG and have the right to represent an IFAGG member (according to a national decision)
- have the nationality of the IFAGG member's nation in accordance with the IFAGG Statutes and GCR
- comply with the age and gender requirements of the GCR and competition rules
- have valid license, are not under suspension and respect the decisions and rules elaborated by the IFAGG

Group has right to compete, even if one of the nominated Group gymnasts would not have a right to compete, but this gymnast cannot participate in the competition.

4.2 Competition licenses

Competition license is a contract between a person and IFAGG. Gymnasts, coaches and judges must have a valid license in IFAGG sanctioned A or B category competitions.

License season starts 1.1. and ends 31.12. IFAGG Council confirms license fees and requirements annually before the start of a new license season. For license fees, see Appendix B.

The member of IFAGG is responsible for

- applying licenses by registering the gymnasts, coaches and judges into IFAGG register
- sending an invoice inquiry to IFAGG Office
- making the payment to IFAGG for licenses.

License gets into force when the license payment has arrived to IFAGG bank account. License is valid until the end of license season.

4.3 Age of participants

For international IFAGG competitions, the participants must have the following age in the year of the event:

Age category	at least until 31.12.2020
- Students	17 years minimum
- Seniors	16 years minimum
- Juniors	14-16 years
- Pre-Junior	12-14 years
- Novice	10-12 years
- Children 8-10	8-10 years



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In all age categories a nominated Group can have maximum 2 gymnasts that are max. 1 year older/younger than age limits.

In other international competitions and tournaments gymnasts and groups can participate in only one age category during the competition.

4.4 Control of nationality and age

During the accreditation process before the competitions, the LOC will check the nationality of the gymnasts as well as the age and the IFAGG license of the gymnasts.

In World Championships, Junior World Championships, IFAGG Trophy, Continental Championships, World Cup and World Challenge Cup competitions organizers can have a passport control immediately after competition exercise. In passport control competing gymnasts must show passports to organizer, who can verify the age of the competing gymnasts.

4.5 Insurance

Everyone who participates in IFAGG competitions and events must have their own insurance. IFAGG is not responsible for any insurance.

4.6 Right to compete

If a group or some member/s of the group have competed without having the right to compete, IFAGG can disqualify group's result in the competition and command a penalty.

IFAGG Council can invite a group representing a country/club that is not an IFAGG member to IFAGG sanctioned competitions and give them a special right to compete.

4.7 Nominating gymnasts to a team

A gymnast must represent a group and a group must represent an IFAGG member and a country. In senior and junior category, a group can have maximum 15 nominated gymnasts during competition season.

Group consists of 6–15 nominated gymnasts. For every specific competition the group can use 6–10 gymnasts on the competition carpet (=team) from 15 nominated gymnasts (from the group). Nomination to each competition (preliminaries and/or finals) must be done among nominated gymnasts. If group nominates 15 gymnasts for the first competition – group has used all their nominations for the season. If group nominates less than 15 gymnasts for the first competition, group can add gymnasts during the season up to maximum 15 gymnasts (names).

4.8 Changing a group

Gymnasts can change group after the end of a license season. New group is informed by buying a new license under a new group when a new license season begins.

Gymnasts can change group one time during the license season. The change can be made only after the first part of the competition season - during June 1st – September 30th. The age requirements for a group must be met.

To make a change to a group, IFAGG member must contact IFAGG office by email and pay the administration fee and the possible difference in the price of gymnast license (e.g. license for seniors vs. license for juniors). For administration fee, see Appendix B.



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Groups must agree themselves the commercial issues relating to the change of the gymnast's group.

The gymnast's license is valid until the end of the license season.

4.9 Foreigner's right to compete and represent a country

A gymnast who is not a citizen of the country that the Group represents still has the right to represent the group and country, if at least one of the following conditions is fulfilled:

- The gymnast has lived in the same country that the group is representing for at least 6 months.
- The gymnast has not competed in her own country, nor represented her own country in IFAGG sanctioned A-category competitions during the past year.

IFAGG must always be informed in cases mentioned above. IFAGG member is responsible for informing IFAGG Office.

Even if the conditions were not fulfilled, IFAGG Council can give a gymnast a special right to compete in some or all competitions for specified reasons. This special right must be applied by a member of IFAGG.

4.10 Assistance by Coaches

In no case may a coach, team leader or another official person communicate, verbally or by signal, to a gymnast or to a group during the performance of exercises.

Any assistance, contributing to the successful execution of an exercise, will result in a deduction from Artistic value. Assistance by coaches is controlled by Superior judge who informs category's Artistic head judge (if no superior judge in the competition, then Artistic head judge), who will make the deduction.

4.11 Competition attire, national identity and advertising

Competition attire for women is leotard, for men a singlet or shorts or pants. Competition attire is described in more detail in Competition Rules.

Gymnasts can have a national identity (flag or national emblem) on their competition attire, but it is not mandatory.

Advertising can be displayed on the gymnast only twice.

The maximum space of any emblem, logo or trademark is 60 sq cm/each, including the background. Advertising space is allowed on either hip to the side, anywhere on either sleeve, or anywhere on the front to ensure aesthetic presentation. Emblems, logos or trademarks are not allowed on the back anywhere.

Gymnasts or groups can also have the original logo or trademark of the manufacturer of the attire in the competition attire, but the size must be as it is in manufacturer's commercially sold attires.

Competition attires must be according to competition rules.

Sanctions: If the competition attire does not correspond to the rules, the Artistic Value judges can deduct according to the Competition Rules and the competition jury can require the violating advertisements to be removed or covered.



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4.12 Welcome meeting

The LOC provides important information during the welcome meeting of IFAGG competitions. Participating IFAGG members must attend to the official welcome meeting.

IFAGG will inform guidelines for welcome meeting in IFAGG web pages or IFAGG bulletin (regulations for competition organizers).

5 Judging

These General Competition Rules are binding for all judges in all IFAGG competitions and events.

5.1 Requirements for judges

Judges in international competitions must have a valid IFAGG judging license and they must be educated according to IFAGG sanctioned rules of AGG. Head judges of the different panels (technical value, artistic value, execution) must be nominated by the judge's system. A responsible judge must be nominated in every international competition.

Minimum number of judges

- A minimum number of the judges in World Championships, World Cup Finals / Challenge Cup Finals and Continental Championships is twelve (12), and in other international competition nine (9). Full panel is strongly recommended in every international competition.
- Superior judge(s) are required in WCh, Jun WCh, Cont.Ch, WC, CC competitions and recommended for other A-category competitions.

The choreographer or coach of a participating group cannot be a judge in the competition category in which the group competes. Every judge is her-/himself responsible to be a qualified judge.

Judging in the competitions is monitored according to GCR and IFAGG competition rules. The judge who violates the rules will be sanctioned by the IFAGG Code of Discipline and according to the judges warning procedure.

Technical Committee is responsible for the rules being followed.

5.2 Judge's registration to competitions

Judges registration for available judge for a certain competition must be made by using the official form (available from the IFAGG Office or IFAGG web pages) and to the due date mentioned in the competition invitation. Late judge registrations are not approved.

The judge's registration for A-category competitions must be made by a member of IFAGG to IFAGG Office. IFAGG Council makes the final decision on the Judges list.

The judge's registrations for B-category competitions must be made by a member of IFAGG and the registration must be sent to IFAGG Office.

The registered judges must have a valid judges license.

5.3 Judging in the competitions

All judges must follow IFAGG regulations, IFAGG Code of Ethics for judges as well as competition rules



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and all other IFAGG regulations. Judges must work individually and during the competition event, the judging panelists are not allowed to discuss evaluation aspects among each other or with coaches, gymnasts or other officials. Results must not be negotiated beforehand.

During the competition, score tables with scores from all judges are only for head judges, superiors and relevant competition official, but other judges (or coaches, other people) are not allowed to see the score tables until the competition ends.

Judges must be present in all judges' meetings, official trainings and competitions on time. If a judge is late, this judge can't be in the judging panel.

Regarding the judging system, the competition is counted as a required competition for all judges that are in the panel, superiors or reserve judges.

5.4 Judges' appearance

Judges must appearance must be professional with business like image. In the competitions, judges must wear a business suit (black or very dark grey/blue suit jacket, white blouse/shirt, black or very dark grey/blue trousers/skirt or dress, modest shoes).

5.5 Protest of results

There is no protest possibility for results.

Results are official after the competition, when head judges have checked the scores and signed the results. After checking the scores, if there are such mistakes in the score tables that correcting of these impacts group's scores, head judges call coach or other representative of this group to the secretary table and explain the situation to the coach/representative.

6 Violations of rules

IFAGG, its members and the committees of the members, and every person who competes or acts in IFAGG's events are obligated to follow the good spirit of the sport, the ethical values of the sport, the principles of Fair Play, National and International Rules of Doping and other rules and regulations that are in force. Violations will be penalized according to IFAGG Code of Discipline.

6.1 Doping

According to IFAGG statutes, IFAGG declares that doping is prohibited, and the provisions of WADA code shall apply. As a condition for participating in IFAGG events, a person must follow the anti-doping rules.

The procedure for penalties is clarified in the IFAGG Code of Discipline.

6.2 Ethical and fair play principles

Fair Play is the basic guiding principle in the sport of Aesthetic Group Gymnastics. The gymnasts, groups, coaches, other assistants of the gymnasts, judges, managers, clubs, delegation members and competition organizers will be on their best behavior during the competition by acting in the spirit of Fair Play. The disturbance of other gymnasts or teams during their performance and intentionally misleading the judges and/or officials is against the IFAGG code of ethics. The participants of the competition event must follow the IFAGG regulations.



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Conduct always should reflect honesty, good sportsmanship, courtesy, and respect.

Violation of IFAGG Code of Ethics will be penalized according to IFAGG Code of Discipline.

All judges must follow IFAGG regulations, IFAGG Code of Ethics for judges as well as competition rules and all other IFAGG regulations. The judges who have violated these rules will be sanctioned by the IFAGG Code of Discipline, according to the judges warning procedure.

7 Administrative information

7.1 Yearly report

IFAGG members are obliged to send yearly (Administrational Information) statistics to IFAGG Office by the form provided by IFAGG Office.

7.2 Competition report

IFAGG members are obliged to send immediately after the competition the results, judges score tables, list of judges who have evaluated in the international competition that they have organized.

IFAGG member who is arranging an international competition must send the definitive entries and participation lists at least one week before the competition begins to the IFAGG Office. See more in IFAGG regulations for competition organizers.

7.3 Handling personal data

Competition organizer must handle personal data of participants according to local laws and regulations and with care. Personal data can only be used for organizing the competition and personal data must be deleted after the data is no longer needed for this purpose.

8 Commercial regulations

8.1 Broadcasting of international AGG competitions

IFAGG owns the broadcasting rights of IFAGG sanctioned competition events in Aesthetic Group Gymnastics. Broadcasting must be negotiated and agreed with LOC and IFAGG.

From World Championships LOC must provide at least good quality on-time video stream internationally and at latest from 2021 World Championships must be broadcasted by a television company.

For competitions that are broadcasted, LOC must negotiate and IFAGG approve the use and visibility of IFAGG and IFAGG's logo during the competition and in marketing materials used for marketing the competition.

IFAGG Rules for Competition Organizers must be followed.

More information is available from IFAGG Office or IFAGG officials.



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Appendix A Participation fees

The fees and sanctions are fixed by the Council and are to be paid to the Competition organizer. The sanctions apply for WCh, Junior WCh, IFAGG Trophy, Continentals and WC & CC competitions, in Senior and Junior categories.

The organizing and participation fees are determined yearly by the Council. Information on organizing and participation fees is sent to all members and published in IFAGG web pages and/or other official IFAGG announcement.

Participation fees for 2019 (paid to LOC)

Situation	Fee / sanction *		
	WCh	WC/CC /A	B-cat.
Entry fee per Group, max 6 gymnasts and 2 coaches	250 EUR	150 EUR	100 EUR
	300 EUR	180 EUR	130 EUR
Entry fee per Group, 7-15 gymnasts and max 3 coaches	100 EUR	100 EUR	100 EUR
	100 EUR	100 EUR	100 EUR
Accreditation fee for additional participants, e.g. physician, physiotherapist	decided by competition organizer, informed in competition invitation		
Sanction after missing the preliminary entry or late entry	100 EUR		
Sanction after missing the definitive entry or late entry	100 EUR		
Sanction for not participating after the definitive entry	100 EUR		

Appendix B License fees

The licenses fees are determined yearly by the Council. Information on license fees is sent to all members and published in IFAGG web pages and/or other official IFAGG announcement.

License season starts 1.1. and ends 31.12. IFAGG Council confirms license fees and requirements annually before the start of a new license season.

Always check the current license prices from IFAGG web pages. As an example, license fees for 2019 are:

License type	Fee
Gymnast – senior	25 EUR / gymnast
Gymnast – junior	15 EUR / gymnast
Gymnast – pre-junior, novice, children	5 EUR / gymnast
International judge	50 EUR / judge
International coach	5 EUR / coach

Administration fee for changing a gymnast in a group during a license season	10 EUR / gymnast
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