

# FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE GYMNASTIQUE



**2018 American Cup**  
**Chicago (Hoffman Estates), Illinois, USA -**  
**March 3, 2018**  
**FIG World Cup Competition (All-Around)**



## DIRECTIVES

**Event ID: 14984**

Dear affiliated Member Federation,

Following the decision of the FIG Executive Committee, USA Gymnastics has the pleasure to invite your Federation to participate in the aforementioned official FIG Individual All-Around World Cup.

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<b>HOST FEDERATION</b>	USA Gymnastics Contact Person: Ron Galimore 130 E. Washington St., Suite 700 Indianapolis, IN 46204; USA Tel : +1 (317) 237-5050 Fax: +1 (317) 237-5085 e-mail : <a href="mailto:rgalimore@usagym.org">rgalimore@usagym.org</a> website: <a href="http://www.usagym.org">www.usagym.org</a>
<b>LOCATION</b>	Chicago (Hoffman Estates), Illinois, USA
<b>DATES</b>	March 3, 2018
<b>VENUE</b>	Sears Centre Arena 5333 Prairie Stone Pkwy Hoffman Estates, IL 60192 The Competition Arena will also serve as the Training and Warm-up Hall. The Venue capacity will be minimum 6400 seats
<b>APPARATUS SUPPLIER</b>	A detailed list of American Athletics Inc. certified equipment to be used for this FIG Individual All-Around World Cup will be published on FIG web site.
<b>PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE</b>	<u>Wednesday, February 28, 2018</u> Delegation Arrivals <u>Thursday, March 1, 2018</u> 8:30 AM 10:30 AM Men's Open Training 10:30 AM 11:00 AM Men's Orientation Meeting 10:30 AM 12:30 PM Women's Structured Training 1:30 PM 3:30 PM Men's Open Training 3:30 PM 5:30 PM Women's Structured Training 5:30 PM 6:00 PM Women's Orientation Meeting <u>Friday, March 2, 2018</u> 8:00 AM 10:00 AM Women's Structured Training 10:00 AM 12:00 PM Men's Open Training 1:00 PM 3:00 PM Women's Structured Training

	<p>3:00 PM    4:30 PM    Men's Open Training</p> <p><u>Saturday, March 3, 2018</u></p> <p>8:30 AM    10:10 AM    WARM-UP FOR COMPETITION</p> <p>8:30 am - 9:00 am General Stretch</p> <p>9:00 am - 9:30 am Women: BB, FX; Men: VT, PB, HB</p> <p>9:30 am - 9:40 am Equipment Change</p> <p>9:40 am - 10:10 am Women: VT, UB; Men: FX, PH, SR</p> <p>9:00 AM    10:00 AM    Men's and Women's Judges' Meeting</p> <p>10:30 AM    2:00 PM    AMERICAN CUP COMPETITION</p> <p>Live on NBC Television (1:00 - 3:00 EST)</p> <p><u>Sunday, March 4, 2018</u></p> <p>Delegation Departures</p> <p>Although the World Cup competitions are distinct competitions, the organizer may hold other competitions at the same site and date, as long as these competitions do not interfere with the training and competition schedules of the World Cup competition. No activities will impact the training, competition, judges and overall schedule for the event.</p>
<b>PARTICIPATION</b>	<p>This FIG Individual All-Around World Cup will consist of a "single Final round" competition with no qualifications. Invitation will be done by FIG respecting the rank order.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– The top 8 Federations taking part in the Team Final Competition of the 2016 Olympic Games. Should a Federation decline the invitation, Federations ranked 9 to 12 in the Team Ranking of the qualifying Competition of the 2016 Olympic Games will be invited. Should a Federation decline the invitation, the best ranked Federation not already invited of the Team Ranking of the Qualifications of the 2015 World Championships will be invited.</li> <li>– In addition to the 8 Federations invited, the organising member Federation is entitled to receive 1 Wild Card for MAG and 1 Wild Card for WAG each. Wild Card gymnast may obtain medals and prize money, but no World Cup points. They are not eligible to receive additional prize money at the end of the Series and in 2020 they are also not eligible to qualify a quota place for the 2020 Olympic Games.</li> <li>– No more than 1 gymnast per country per discipline may participate (i.e. max. 1 MAG and 1 WAG except the Wild Cards). Gymnasts are chosen at the discretion of the participating federation and can be different for the various FIG Individual All-Around World Cup competitions.</li> <li>– All participating gymnasts are required to compete on all apparatus.</li> <li>– Until the time of the drawing of lots, the participating federation may substitute their registered gymnast. After this deadline, the replacement policy as per the Technical Regulations (Art. 4.2 Section 1) will apply.</li> <li>– FIG rules for Individual All-Around Final competitions will be applied for vault.</li> </ul>
<b>FEDERATIONS INVITED</b>	<p>The participation must be confirmed for the whole series per year (all competitions) in writing as soon as possible, but no later than four weeks after the WCH/OG. Failure to confirm in due time will automatically result in the replacement being invited. These places must be confirmed in writing within 5 working days once the invitation is received.</p>

SIZE OF DELEGATION AND FIG LICENSE	<p>Only senior gymnasts in good standing with the correct age and holding a valid FIG License at the time of the nominative registration until the end of the competitions may participate. The maximum size of the invited delegation is as follows:</p> <table><tr><td>Delegation Member</td><td>Men</td><td>Women</td><td>Joint</td></tr><tr><td>Head of Delegation</td><td>1</td><td>1</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>Coach</td><td>1</td><td>1</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>Gymnasts</td><td>1</td><td>1</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>Medical Doctor</td><td>1</td><td>1</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>Paramedical staff</td><td>1</td><td>1</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>Judges</td><td>1</td><td>1</td><td>2</td></tr></table>	Delegation Member	Men	Women	Joint	Head of Delegation	1	1	1	Coach	1	1	2	Gymnasts	1	1	2	Medical Doctor	1	1	1	Paramedical staff	1	1	1	Judges	1	1	2
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AGE LIMITS	<p>Age Limit for MAG: 18 years (born in 2000 or before)</p> <p>Age Limit for WAG: 16 years (born in 2002 or before)</p>																												
JUDGES AND JURIES	<p>One Judges' Panel for WAG and one Judges' Panel for MAG at each competition must be composed as follows: 2 D judges (min. cat. 2), 5 E judges (min. cat. 3), plus 1 Supervisor (cat. 1 or 2) Not more than one judge per Federation per panel will be permitted except for Time and Line Judges (min. cat. 4). The Judges' Panels are set up by a draw from the judges present at the event. The draw must be directed by the MAG and WAG Technical Delegates. The participating Member Federations must send minimum one qualified judge for MAG if they participate with male gymnasts and one qualified WAG judge if they participate with female gymnasts. The Organizing Member Federation will apply a fine of CHF 2'000 per missing judge (to be paid to the LOC by January 3, 2018) should a federation fail to bring the required number of judges qualified and with an appropriate brevet. The Organizing Member Federation is responsible that there are enough FIG brevetted judges present with the appropriate valid category of brevet for their function. Should there not be sufficient judges as per the on-line nominative registration, the Organizing Member Federation must propose to the FIG for prior approval of the FIG Technical Delegate the name of neutral additional judges and neutral supervisors to complete the panels (plus 2 reserves, 1 man and 1 woman). These judges, once approved, have to be invited at the cost of the Organizing Member Federation. Such invitation must be made through the respective Member Federation. Should the Organizing Member Federation fail to propose names for additional judges and neutral supervisors, the FIG Office in consultation with the FIG Technical Delegate concerned will invite these judges at the cost of the Organizing Member Federation.</p>																												
FIG TD AND EC MEMBER	<p>The FIG Technical Delegate and EC member (if applicable) will be designated by the FIG.</p> <p>The FIG Technical Delegates will serve as Presidents of the Superior Jury.</p>																												
REGISTRATION DEADLINES	<p>The Nominative Registration must be made on-line via FIG registration platform. This on-line registration will only be accepted from FIG Member Federations in good standing.</p> <table><tr><td>Confirmation of participation *</td><td>6 November 2017 4 weeks after the WCH/OG for the whole series per year</td></tr><tr><td>Nominative registration</td><td>January 3, 2018 2 months prior to the competition</td></tr></table> <p><i>* <u>Note:</u> Cancellation of participation after this confirmation will result in the respective Member Federation being responsible to indemnify the Organising Member Federation for all costs incurred in terms of travel expenses, hotel accommodation and meal reservations.</i></p>	Confirmation of participation *	6 November 2017 4 weeks after the WCH/OG for the whole series per year	Nominative registration	January 3, 2018 2 months prior to the competition																								
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<b>DRAWING OF LOTS</b>	The gymnasts' drawing of lots for all FIG Individual All-Around World Cup events will take place at the FIG Office in Lausanne (SUI) within two weeks after the closing date of the nominative registration in accordance with the procedures established.		
<b>ENTRY FEES</b>	No Entry Fee will be applied for this event.		
<b>ACCOMMODATION</b>	<p>Chicago Marriott Northwest 2800 Hoffman Boulevard Hoffman Estates, IL 60192</p> <p>The Organizing Member federation will pay minimum for the Accommodation expenses for all delegation members. The Accommodation Form must be returned to the LOC by January 3, 2018 at the very latest.</p> <p>The costs per room/night in this Hotel are as follows for additional delegation members:</p> <p>\$200 USD (single room, including breakfast) \$230 USD (double room, including breakfast)</p> <p>For any additional delegation members accommodation costs must be paid to the LOC by January 3, 2018. Any accommodations cancelled less than 7 days prior to arrival will be non-refundable.</p>		
<b>MEALS</b>	<p>The Organizing Member federation will pay minimum for full board for all delegation members.</p> <p>The Meals Form must be returned to the LOC by January 3, 2018 at the very latest</p> <p>For any additional delegation members, meals costs must be paid to the LOC by January 3, 2018. Any meals cancelled less than 7 days prior to arrival will be non-refundable</p>		
<b>FINAL BANQUET</b>	The closing banquet will take place on Saturday March 3, 2018, and will be free of charge to all delegation members.		
<b>INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION</b>	The invited participating federations must pay for the travel costs of all their delegation members. The Travel Schedule Form must be returned to the LOC by January 3, 2018		
<b>LOCAL TRANSPORTATION</b>	There will be local transportation between the hotel and competition hall provided to the official delegation members. Airport transportation will also be provided for the gymnasts, their respective coach and judges. Airport and local transportation for additional delegation member(s) may be at the respective Federation's cost to be paid to the LOC by January 3, 2018. This fee will be determined by the number of additional delegation members and their travel schedule and will be communicated by the LOC to the Delegations concerned.		
<b>VISA</b>	Please verify immediately with your travel agent or the U.S. Embassy or Consulate in your country if a visa is required for your travel to the United States. The Organizing Committee will be happy to assist each Delegation member with an official invitation letter, provided that the request is made before January 3, 2018 to the LOC. The request must include the function, full name, gender, date of birth, citizenship and passport number, passport expiry date, arrival and departure dates, as well as the city the visa application support letter must be sent to.		
<b>INSURANCE</b>	The Host Federation, the Organizing Committee and the FIG will not be held responsible for any liabilities in case of accidents, illness, repatriation and the like.		

	<p>The FIG Technical Regulations foresee that all participating Federations are responsible for making their own arrangements to have the necessary valid insurance coverage against illness, accidents and for repatriation for all the members of their Delegation. The LOC will verify the insurance upon arrival of the delegation members (e.g. cover note or photocopy of the valid policy).</p> <p>Delegation members with insufficient insurance cover must inform the LOC in advance. The LOC will subsequently offer insurance at the Federations own charge as follows: \$25USD per person/day</p> <p>Details on IMSSA procedure: <a href="https://www.imssa-sos.com/en/">https://www.imssa-sos.com/en/</a>. Access code:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• FIG</li><li>• 22AYCA094186</li></ul>																		
ACCREDITATION	Accreditations will be provided to all members of the official delegations.																		
FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS	Federations which have not fulfilled their financial obligations towards the FIG (e.g. annual membership fees, unpaid invoices, etc.) will not be allowed to participate in this FIG Individual All-Around World Cup. Federations which have not fulfilled their financial obligations towards the Organizing Member Federation by the given deadlines of these Directives may still have the possibility to participate, but the Organizing Member Federation will not guarantee the hotel booking, meals and local transportation. Federations which have not fulfilled their financial obligations towards the Organizing Member federations upon arrival will not be accredited.																		
BANK ACCOUNT INFORMATION	<p>For amounts coming from International sources: For US \$ Transactions:</p> <p>Bank Name: PNC Bank Address: 249 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222 ABA number: 041000124 Swift/BIC: PNCCUS33 Beneficiary: USA Gymnastics Account number: 4620567647 Reference: 2018 American Cup</p> <p>Each participating member Federation is kindly requested to integrate the payment's purpose as follows: 2018 American Cup The participating federation is responsible for covering all bank fees in connection with the bank transfers.</p>																		
TIE-BREAKING RULES	In case of a tie at any place (i.e. for gymnasts with the same final score), the tie will be broken according to the Rules valid for Individual All-Around Finals competition at Olympic Games (see Section 2 of the 2018 Technical Regulations). If after application of the tie breaking rules for Olympic Games in the FIG Individual All-Around Finals Competition outlined in the TR Section 2 there is still a tie, the prize money of the tied ranks will be added and divided by the number of ties, and the points of the tied ranks will be added and divided by the number of ties																		
PRIZE MONEY	<p>The Organising Member Federation must pay a minimum Prize Money of a total of CHF 116'000.- (58'000.- for Men and Women each). In case the Organising Member Federation uses its right to add Wild Card Gymnasts, it must provide for additional prize money in the amount of the 8th place.</p> <p>The Prize Money, free of any deductible taxes, will be distributed according to the results of the event (nominative) in CHF as follows:</p> <table><tr><th>Ranking</th><th>Amount per Gymnast CHF</th><th>Amount per Personal Coach CHF</th></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>12'000</td><td>1'200</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>10'000</td><td>1'000</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>8'000</td><td>800</td></tr><tr><td>4</td><td>6'000</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>5</td><td>5'500</td><td></td></tr></table>	Ranking	Amount per Gymnast CHF	Amount per Personal Coach CHF	1	12'000	1'200	2	10'000	1'000	3	8'000	800	4	6'000		5	5'500	
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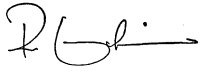
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	FIG shall pay an additional prize money to the three best ranked gymnasts at the end of each of the four series as follows: 1 st rank: CHF 25'000 2 nd rank: CHF 15'000 3 rd rank: CHF 10'000 FIG will establish a World Cup ranking list per gymnast (nominative) using the same point system as mentioned below. The three gymnasts with the highest number of points from all events of the Series shall receive the prize money indicated here above, irrespective of how many events they have participated in. In case of a tie at any place, the prize money of the tied ranks will be added and divided by the number of ties.																			
ASSIGNMENT OF WORLD CUP POINTS FOR THE FIG INDIVIDUAL ALL-AROUND WORLD CUP RANKING LIST	The results and the updated FIG Individual All-Around World Cup Ranking List will be published on the FIG website within 24 hours after the end of the competitions to the conditions that the Organizing Member Federation respects all procedures set before and after the competition. Separate Men's and Women's FIG Individual All-Around World Cup Ranking Lists are established every year. These lists begin with the first FIG Individual All-Around World Cup competition of the year and end with the last FIG Individual All-Around World Cup competition of the year (counting all competitions).At each event, the following World Cup Points will be assigned by NF.																			
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YEARLY WINNER OF THE FIG INDIVIDUAL ALL-AROUND WORLD CUP	The yearly winner of the FIG Individual All-Around World Cup Competitions is the NF with the highest number of points of the FIG Individual All-Around World Cup Ranking List of the respective year, after the last event of the year, counting all results and regardless of the number of event the respective NF has participated in. The best three ranked gymnasts will receive an additional prize money paid by the FIG . If there is a tie after application of the tie breaking rules outlined in the TR Section 2, the better rank of the last competition of the series will prevail. A special award ceremony must be held at the last FIG Individual All-Around World Cup competition of the year in which the winning National Federation shall receive a Cup.																			
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<b>MEDICAL SERVICES</b>	Host will provide Certified Athletic Trainers at all training and competition sessions.	
<b>OFFICIAL HOSPITAL</b>	AMITA Health St. Alexius Medical Center 1555 Barrington Rd, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169 Mark R. Hutchinson MD, FACSM Professor of Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine Director of Sports Medicine Services Head Team Physician University of Illinois at Chicago <a href="mailto:Mhutch@uic.edu">Mhutch@uic.edu</a> <a href="tel:+13124055280">+1 (312) 405-5280</a>	
<b>DOPING CONTROLS</b>	The Organizing Member Federation will provide at its own charge a minimum of 4 doping controls, 2 for Women and 2 for Men.	
<b>MARKETING</b>	FIG advertising and publicity norms must be respected.	
<b>TELEVISION</b>	Television coverage is compulsory. The Organizing Member Federation will guarantee the production of a basic feed (international signal). Please also refer to Reg.14.3 and 14.4 of the FIG Individual All-Around World Cup for Artistic Gymnastics for additional information on Television. NBC TV Network 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10112 Contact: Ron Galimore <a href="mailto:rgalimore@usagym.org">rgalimore@usagym.org</a>	
<b>SCORING AND RESULT SERVICE</b>	The Organising Member Federation will provide a scoring and result service, including a high quality video system which will allow the recording, storage and provision of compilation of the recorded images for the Difficulty Judges, the Superior Jury and the President of the Superior Jury.	
<b>RULES AND REGULATIONS</b>	The competition will be organized under the following FIG rules, as valid in the year of the competition, except for any deviation mentioned in the FIG Individual All-Around World Cup Rules for Artistic Gymnastics : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statutes</li> <li>• Code of Ethics</li> <li>• Technical Regulations</li> <li>• License Rules</li> <li>• Code of Points and relevant Newsletters</li> <li>• General Judges' Rules</li> <li>• Specific Judges' Rules for Artistic Gymnastics</li> <li>• Medical Organization of the Official FIG Competitions</li> <li>• Doping Control Rules</li> <li>• Media Rules</li> <li>• Apparatus Norms</li> <li>• Advertising and Publicity Rules</li> <li>• Accreditation Rules</li> <li>• Regulations for Awards Ceremonies</li> <li>• FIG Individual All-Around World Cup Rules for Artistic Gymnastics and subsequent decisions of the FIG Executive Committee</li> </ul>	
<b>DEADLINES SUMMARY</b>	Confirmation of participation	6 November 2017
	Nominative Registration	January 3, 2018
	Visa Request Form	January 3, 2018
	Travel Schedule Form	January 3, 2018
	Accommodation Form	January 3, 2018
	Meals Form	January 3, 2018
	Payment of the Accommodation Costs	January 3, 2018

	Payment of the Local Transportation	January 3, 2018
	Payment of the Meals	January 3, 2018
	Payment of the fine for missing judge	January 3, 2018

Sincerely Yours,



Chief Operating Officer  
USA Gymnastics  
June 29, 2017

