

Framework Conditions 2026

IRV World Championships

This document presents the General Framework Conditions for
Wheel Gymnastics World Championships.

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1 Application

World Championships may only be hosted by member countries of the IRV. Applications from national associations should ideally be submitted 2½ years in advance or in response to an IRV Call for Applications. Documentation of suitability as a world championships organiser must be available on application (general infrastructure, sports halls, accommodation, catering etc.).

2 Time Frame

The Time Frame for the official events within the World Championships comprises a maximum of six days (1-2 days of official side events + 4 days competitions). The dates for the championships will be negotiated with the local organisers. Included in this Time Frame are the following competitions and official side events:

Competitions Gym Wheel:

- Gym Wheel Seniors All Around Semi-Finals
- Gym Wheel Juniors All Around Semi-Finals
- Gym Wheel Seniors & Juniors All Around Finals*
- Gym Wheel Juniors Individual Disciplines Finals*
- Gym Wheel Seniors Individual Disciplines Finals*

Competitions Cyr Wheel:

- Cyr Seniors All Around Finals*
- Cyr Juniors All Around Finals*/**
- Cyr World Battle
- Cyr Seniors Artistic Discipline Finals*
- Cyr Juniors Artistic Discipline Finals*/**

* World Championship titles to be awarded

** Cyr Junior Category subject to sufficient registered participants

Official Side Events:

- Opening Ceremony (arranged and planned **by the organiser**)
- Welcome Reception of Delegations (arranged and planned **by the organiser**)
- Delegation/Competition Meeting (arranged and planned by the IRV)
- Judging Seminar (arranged and planned by the IRV)
- IRV General Assembly (arranged and planned by the IRV)
- Farewell Party (arranged and planned **by the organiser**)

The World Championships usually start with the arrival of the delegations on Sunday/Monday of the event week. The first official events take place on Monday (General Assembly, Opening Ceremony) or on Tuesday (Judging Seminar/General Assembly/Opening Ceremony), followed by four days with competitions. They end with the last competitions and the Farewell Party on Saturday. Sunday is the departure day.

Day	Competitions/Official Events
Sunday	Arrival of Delegations
Monday	Arrival of Delegations, Free Training, Delegation/Competition Meeting, General Assembly, Opening Ceremony (or Tuesday)
Tuesday	Scheduled Training, Judging Seminar, Opening Ceremony (or Monday)
Wednesday	Gym Wheel Senior All Around Semi Finals
Thursday	Gym Wheel Junior All Around Semi Finals Cyr Senior All Around Finals Cyr Junior All Around Finals*
Friday	Gym Wheel Senior & Junior All Around Finals Cyr World Battle
Saturday	Gym Wheel Junior Individual Discipline Finals Cyr Senior & Junior* Artistic Discipline Finals Gym Wheel Senior Individual Discipline Finals Farewell Party
Sunday	Departure

* Cyr Junior (Mixed) Category subject to sufficient number of participants

Note: The order of events as described above shows the most likely succession but may be changed if necessary.

3 Accommodation

The local organiser must make available a sufficient number of hotel rooms to accommodate all delegation members in predominantly twin bed rooms (2 people per room). If feasible, it is recommended to offer the option of cheaper quarters (e.g., youth hostel, school accommodation etc.) with dorms or multi-bed rooms.

It is the obligation of the local organiser, in cooperation with the IRV, to provide and cover the cost of accommodation and meals for all pre-agreed IRV personnel (see section 9). The WC Organising Committee should negotiate appropriate accommodation with the IRV (3* star hotel category, private bathroom, single rooms).

4 Food

The local organiser should provide meals for delegation members within the Competition Hall or in close proximity. In combination with the accommodation mentioned above, the organiser should offer reasonably priced "Accommodation & Food Packages" for all delegation members. The organiser must ensure that mealtimes are flexible enough to match the event schedule. The local organiser has the right to require mandatory purchase of Accommodation & Food Packages by delegation members unless objective reasons dictate otherwise. If feasible, it is recommended that the local organiser offers Accommodation & Food Packages of varying lengths and prices to visiting fans.

5 Competition Hall

Sports hall or other hall with sprung floor and a PVC or parquet floor surface (Other floor surfaces only after approval by the IRV Competitions Officer). The size of the floor should have a minimum of 27m x 45 m. The hall should have a seating capacity of approximately 600 to 1200 people. It would be an advantage to have a separate warm-up hall.

5.1 Additional Rooms

- a) Competition Office:
The local organiser must provide a reasonably sized competition office with tables, chairs, electrical sockets, an **efficient photocopier** (with reserve machine available) and **enough paper** to feed the machine. If possible, there should be direct access from the competition office to the competition hall.

The competition office and its equipment is solely for the use of the competition management and those who are handling the competition scores.

- b) First Aid Room:
There must be a first aid room with first aid equipment: table, chair, stretcher. The local organiser **must have at least two qualified first aid staff (including relevant equipment) on duty during warm-up and competition**. The local organiser must make sure that **ice bags and similar first aid equipment for immediate use in the sports hall are available at all times**.
- c) Changing Rooms - competitors:
There must be **separate male/female changing rooms and showers** for the competitors.
- d) Changing Rooms - judges:
There should be two separate changing rooms for the judges.

- e) 1 room for judges and/or competition jury meetings
- f) IRV Meeting Room:
The IRV needs to have access to a meeting room available for the entire week (10-12 people).
- g) Room for General Assembly:
A sufficiently large room to seat all participants (up to approx. 50 people) must be available for holding the General Assembly.

5.2 Equipment in the Competition Hall

- a) The following number of chairs and tables must be available for the judges and competition officials.

Judging panels

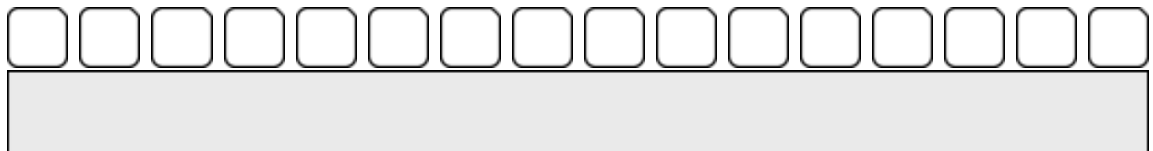
- Straight-line with music: 12 seats
- Straight-line without music: 8 seats
- Spiral: 8 seats
- Vault: 8 seats
- Cyr: 12 seats

Other:

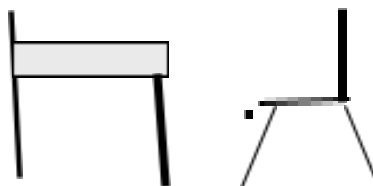
- Competition committee: 4 seats
- Scoring officials: 2 seats
- Competition announcer/s: 2 seats

The tables and chairs are set up in a row. All the tables must be covered and there should be a 15-20 cm screen at the edge of the table. During the All Around competition the tables for the judging panels are placed alongside the relevant competition area. For the finals (individual and team) the tables are in one long row (see below).

Seen from above:



Seen from the side:



In addition to the above-mentioned number of chairs, there must be 10 extra chairs in reserve (e.g., for line judges at the spiral competition area).

- b) There must be a multiple electricity source at one end of the row of tables.
- c) There must be a projector with a screen to show the scores and other competition related information for the spectators. Helpers to operate the scoreboards must be provided by the local organiser.
- d) A good quality microphone/PA system must be available for the **announcer**. Important: It must be possible to hold the opening and closing speeches as well as award ceremonies from the middle of the hall (using an extension cable or **cordless microphone**). There should be at least two microphones in the hall.
- e) There must be a good quality **sound system (computer – mp3 files)** for the marching in music and all competitions with routines to music (straight-line routines/Cyr routines etc.). **Qualified and well instructed helpers to operate the sound system/music must be provided by the local organiser.**
- f) There must be an internet connection with the following specifications available in the sports hall: **Broadband internet connection with minimum 60 Mbit/s download and 40 Mbit/s upload bandwidth. Sufficient bandwidth must be reserved for the live-stream – e.g. by providing a separate wifi connection.** The high quality of the internet connection is necessary for the smooth and efficient running of the championships, including the following:
 - to operate the scoring system (including a wireless display of all competition information)
 - to ensure swift communication between the judging panels and the competition office during the competition
 - to ensure efficient communication between IRV representatives and members of the local organising committee throughout the event
 - to guarantee a high-quality competition livestream
- g) **The competition hall should be suitably decorated/equipped for the occasion, e.g.:**
 - Banner with the name of the event
 - Plants, flowers
 - Flags of all participating nations
 - The competition area should be cordoned off from the spectators.
 - For the individual finals there must be a central 'resting area' (chairs, sofa), where the gymnasts go to wait for the score after the end of their routine. This area should be suitably decorated (e.g., flowers, plants, name of the event, IRV logo, space for sponsors, etc ...).
 - A plan for the competition areas will be provided by the IRV Competitions Officer.
 - The wheels should not be in the competition hall during the competition.
 - If there is no warm-up gym (or similar) or suitable apparatus storerooms, the wheels must be kept behind a screen, curtain or similar

- If possible, participants should be able to warm up in a separate sports hall. If this is not possible, the warm-up area must also be screened off from the competition area (see previous point).
- There must be sufficient seating available for the participants and their coaches/delegation leaders.

Note: The IRV reserves the right to place official IRV banners and roll-ups in a visible location in the competition hall. Their placement will be agreed with the local organiser.

5.3 Competition Areas

Measurements

The width of the tape belongs to the competition area or safety zone.

Straight-line:	competition area	=	3m x 23m
	safety zone	=	reg 7m x 27m
		min	5m x 25m
Spiral/Cyr:	competition area	=	13.5m x 13.5m
	safety zone	=	reg 17.5m x 17.5m
		min	15.5m x 15.5m
Vault:	competition area	=	3m x 23m
	safety zone	=	reg 7m x 23m
		min	5m x 23m

The above-mentioned minimum safety zone measurements can only be used if the designated sports hall for an international competition is not large enough to mark all safety zones according to the regular sizes. **This must be negotiated and agreed with the IRV in advance of the event.** In this case, the **safety zones** can be reduced to the above-mentioned minimum sizes.

Preparation of the competition areas

The IRV Competitions Officer decides the number and spacing of the competition areas in the competition hall. **The local organiser will then prepare the competition areas.** These will be inspected and approved by the Competitions Officer before the beginning of the competition. The competition areas and safety zones will be marked with tape such that they are easily distinguishable from other markings in the competition hall.

The marking of the competition area and the marking of the safety zone has to be done in different colours. The standard width for marking is **10 cm**.

Applying, changing and removing the tape is the sole responsibility of the local organiser.

6 Wheels and other Apparatus

- a) The local organiser is responsible for providing a sufficient number of standardised wheels. The following sizes and numbers are usually needed:

1,80m = 1x 1,85m = 1x 1,90m = 2x 1,95m = 2x 2,00m = 3x
2,05m = 3x 2,10m = 3x 2,15m = 3x 2,20m = 3x 2,25m = 3x
2,30m = 3x 2,35m = 2x 2,40m = 2x 2,45m = 1x

The exact number and sizes of wheels needed will be communicated to the local organiser by the IRV Competitions Officer immediately after the registration deadline.

- b) Participants are only permitted to use their own wheels in competition after consultation with the IRV Competitions Officer.
- c) In addition to the wheels, **two identical vault stations** and **mats for dismount straight-line** are needed for training and competition.

Two identical vault stations → **each vault station** consists of:

- two **crash mats** (these **must not be trodden through**) not smaller than 3,00m x 1,80m - 2,00m x 0,30m - 0,40m (length x width x height)
- for example [Soft Mat 300x200x30 cm | from SPIETH Gymnastics \(spieth-gymnastics.com\)](https://www.spieth-gymnastics.com/) or [Sprungkissen "Sport" 300 x 180 x 40 cm - Alder + Eisenhut \(alder-eisenhut.ch\)](https://www.alder-eisenhut.ch/)
- two to four **landing mats** (these **must not be trodden through**) - if possible same size as crash mats - 2,00m - 3,00m x 1,80m - 2,00m x 0,10m - 0,20m (length x width x height) for example [Landing Mat "Happy Landing" 2x2m | SPIETH Gymnastics \(spieth-gymnastics.com\)](https://www.spieth-gymnastics.com/) or [Sport-Thieme Niedersprungmatte "Wettkampf" kaufen - Sport-Thieme](https://www.sport-thieme.de/) or [Competition Landing Mat "Basic" 300x200cm | SPIETH Gymnastics \(spieth-gymnastics.com\)](https://www.spieth-gymnastics.com/)
- **The landing mats must cover the full width of the crash mats and with the landing mats it must be possible to cover the crash mats underneath free of gap/s on a length of at least 3 metres.**

Two to four **mats for dismount straight-line:**

- mats must be in good condition
- 2,00m x 1,00m – 1,50m x 0,10m – 0,20m (length x width x height)
- for example [TEAM Landing mat blue 12cm & Velcro Velcro \(benz-sport.de\)](#) or [Niedersprungmatte "Supra Plus 16 cm" - Alder + Eisenhut \(alder-eisenhut.ch\)](#)

All designated mats must be specified (photo + dimensions/measurements) and approved by the IRV Competitions Officer (at least 2 months ahead of competition).

- d) If the local organiser borrows wheels (e.g. from other clubs), it is recommended to take out a third party insurance or to check that the club insurance will cover possible damage to the apparatus.
- e) The local organiser will be informed if there is a need for other apparatus (in addition to wheels and crash mats).

7 Award Ceremonies

The IRV and the local organiser have joint responsibility for the award ceremonies and collaborate to decide on who will present medals/awards/certificates or hold individual speeches. The following general guidelines apply to all award ceremonies:

- A running plan for award ceremonies should be agreed upon before the start of the championships and communicated to delegation leaders in good time before the first ceremony takes place.
- An award ceremony podium **suitable for a World Championship** must be set up after the end of each competition. The podium must be decorated according to the occasion.
- Suitable music must be available for the participants to march in and out.
- The local organiser should invite sponsors, guests of honour etc. to present medals/awards/certificates. One IRV official should be included in each award ceremony.
- A suitable table (or similar) to display medals/awards/certificates must be provided by the local organiser.
- The local organiser must have the national anthems of all participating nations available (mp3).

- a) **The following awards are provided by the IRV and/or the local organiser**

Competitions Gym Wheel	Provided by IRV	Provided by local organiser
Senior All Around Competitions (2)	Medals for 1st – 3rd place	Trophies for 1st – 3rd place (1 x women)
	Certificates for all gymnasts	Trophies for 1st – 3rd place (1 x men)
Senior Individual Discipline Finals (6)	Medals for 1st – 3rd place	Trophies for 1st – 3rd place (3 x women)
	Certificates for all gymnasts	Trophies for 1st – 3rd place (3 x men)
Junior All Around Competitions (2)	Medals for 1st – 3rd place	Trophies for 1st – 3rd place (1 x junior girls)
	Certificates for all gymnasts	Trophies for 1st – 3rd place (1 x junior boys)
Junior Individual Discipline Finals (6)	Medals for 1st – 3rd place	Trophies for 1st – 3rd place (3 x junior girls)
	Certificates for all gymnasts	Trophies for 1st – 3rd place (3 x junior boys)
Competitions Cyr Wheel	Provided by IRV	Provided by local organiser
Senior All Around (2)	Medals for 1st – 3rd place	Trophies for 1st – 3rd place (1 x women)
	Certificates for all gymnasts	Trophies for 1st – 3rd place (1 x men)
Junior All Around (1)	Medals for 1st – 3rd place	Trophies for 1st-3rd place (1 x mixed junior category)*
	Certificates for all gymnasts	
OPEN Cyr World Battle (1)	IRV prizes for 1st - 4th place	Host prizes for 1st - 4th place
Senior Artistic Discipline Finals (2)	Medals for 1st – 3rd place	Trophies for 1st – 3rd place (1 x men)
	Certificates for all gymnasts	Trophies for 1st – 3rd place (1 x women)
Junior Artistic Discipline Final (1)	Medals for 1st – 3rd place	Trophies for 1st – 3rd place (1 x mixed junior category)*
	Certificates for all gymnasts	

* Cyr Junior Mixed Category subject to enough participants

b) The following numbers of trophies are needed

Gym Wheel Competitions	Number of Trophies
Senior All Around Competitions	3 trophies (1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place) senior women
	3 trophies (1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place) senior men
Senior Individual Discipline Finals	9 trophies (3 x 1st place, 3 x 2nd place, 3 x 3rd place) senior women
	9 trophies (3 x 1st place, 3 x 2nd place, 3 x 3rd place) senior men
Junior All Around Competitions	3 trophies (1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place) junior girls
	3 trophies (1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place) junior boys
Junior Individual Discipline Finals	9 trophies (3 x 1st place, 3 x 2nd place, 3 x 3rd place) junior girls
	9 trophies (3 x 1st place, 3 x 2nd place, 3 x 3rd place) junior boys
Cyr Wheel Competitions	Number of Trophies
Senior All Around	3 trophies (1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place) senior women
	3 trophies (1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place) senior men
Junior All Around*	3 trophies (1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place) junior mixed category
Senior Artistic Discipline Finals	3 trophies (1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place) senior women
	3 trophies (1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place) senior men
Junior Artistic Discipline Final*	3 trophies (1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place) junior mixed category
Battle	Prizes from the local organiser and the IRV for the final 4 in the Cyr Open Battle
Spare Trophies	Please have some spare trophies ready in case of gymnasts sharing places.

* Cyr Junior Mixed Category subject to enough participants

- c) **The following “awards” should/can be provided by the local organiser:**

Gym Wheel Competitions	Provided by local organiser
Senior All Around Competitions (2*)	presents for all participants + coaches
Senior Individual Finals (6)	presents and/or flowers for the finalists/top three finalists
Junior All Around Competitions (2)	presents for all participants + coaches
Junior Individual Finals (6)	presents and/or flowers for the finalists/top three finalists
Cyr Wheel Competitions	Provided by local organiser
Senior All Around (2)	presents for all participants + coaches
Junior All Around** (1)	presents for all participants + coaches
Senior Artistic Discipline Finals (2)	presents for all participants + coaches
Junior Artistic Discipline Final** (1)	presents for all participants + coaches
Battle (1)	See tables above for Battle awards

*Indicates number of competitions; e.g. Senior All Around Competitions → 1x women, 1x men

** Cyr Junior Mixed Category subject to enough participants

- d) **The local organiser should also provide presents for the judges.**

8 Opening Ceremony

- The local organiser must plan and carry out an opening ceremony.
- This opening ceremony **must not last longer than 1 hour** (excluding speeches).
- The IRV can help with the preparation on request.
- The programme for the opening ceremony must be submitted to and agreed upon with the IRV at least 4 weeks before the championships.**

9 Local and IRV Personnel

- The local organiser must provide a certain number of volunteers to support the IRV personnel in their work, e.g. assist the judging panel/s, help giving out and taking back wheels, setting up the podium for the award ceremonies etc. The exact number of volunteers needed and their relevant tasks will be communicated to the local organiser by the IRV Competitions Officer.

- b) The following IRV personnel are required for the implementation of the Individual World Championships:

1. IRV President or Vice President
2. Head of Gym Wheel Competition
3. Head of Cyr Wheel Competition
4. Competitions Officer
5. Head of Judging - Gym Wheel
6. Head of Judging - Cyr Wheel
7. Head of Media & Public Relations

The local organiser is responsible for providing and covering the cost of accommodation and meals for the above-mentioned IRV personnel, while the IRV will take responsibility for the travel costs. The local organiser needs to agree with the IRV on an appropriate accommodation (3* star hotel category, private bathroom, single rooms).

- c) There will usually be a need for additional personnel at the championships (e.g. photographer, livestream, additional competition support). Responsibility for covering the costs of such personnel deemed necessary by the local organiser or the IRV (or both) will be negotiated and agreed upon by both parties on a case-by-case basis.
- d) The IRV is responsible for any official world championships livestream to be broadcast from the event and will aim to provide broadcasting links to all interested parties.
- e) The local organiser must provide an experienced and qualified speaker (or speakers) (including a substitute) to "present" and lead through the opening ceremony, all competitions, award ceremonies etc. All information/results etc. must be announced at least in English (see also point 5.2 d). The IRV can help find suitable people for this task on request. Selected individuals must be put in contact with the IRV at least 6 weeks before the event for preparation purposes.
- f) The local organiser must provide experienced personnel to operate the music during the competitions (see also point 4.2 e)

10 Invitation to participating countries

- a) The invitation to the Individual World Championships is prepared by the IRV Competitions Officer.
- b) The local organiser sends the IRV Competitions Officer the necessary information about the non-competition timetable, arrival, accommodation, meals, costs and non-competition activities. A contact email address should also be provided for any questions from delegations regarding these details.

11 Press and Marketing

- a) The local organiser informs the local, regional and national press and is also responsible for press contacts during the event.
- b) The local organiser works intensively to try to attract television interest in the event.
- c) A close working relationship should be established with the IRV Head of Media & Public Relations.
- d) The local organiser is responsible for advertising by way of poster, local/regional press as well as radio and television.
- e) A programme for the event including a timetable and list of participants should be available for spectators.
- f) The local organiser must look for grants and sponsorship in order to minimise the financial risk of the event.
- g) Press/Media Room:
It would be an advantage to have a dedicated press/media room in or in the immediate vicinity of the competition hall. The press room should be for the sole use of the press/media officials. The local organiser should provide one representative to liaise with the regional/local press. More detailed arrangements are made before the event in direct contact with the IRV Head of Media & Public Relations.

12 General Information

- a) The local organiser should try to keep the distances between the accommodation, the competition venue and possible other world championships locations as short as possible. If this is not possible, it would be good if the local organiser could provide a shuttle service.
- b) The local organiser should provide detailed information about the host city (public transport, accommodation, sights etc.) and its vicinity.
- c) All information must be provided at least in English. This also applies to the moderation of the championships as well as websites, brochures etc where applicable. The local organiser must appoint a suitable person(s) for this job. In order to provide the announcer(s) with the necessary information, close co-operation with the IRV Head of Media & Public Relations is important.
- d) The local organiser must have a representative on duty during the opening hours of the competition venue.
- e) A cultural programme for athletes and tourists organised by the local organiser would be welcome.