



IRV

Certified Competition

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Criteria for Recognition

An IRV Certified Competition is a competition held in an IRV Member Country that fulfils the criteria described in this document. Local organisers who want their competition to be recognised as an IRV Certified Competition and advertise it as such must guarantee the following conditions:

- 1) The competition must be open to gymnasts from all IRV member countries and the invitation must state this clearly. At least 25% of the maximum number of possible participants at the competition in question must be reserved for gymnasts from countries other than the host country. After the registration deadline, the remaining open spots can be filled with local participants.
- 2) The competition must offer junior and senior categories in Gym and/or Cyr Wheel as described in the current version of the IRV Competition Rules, and these categories must be judged according to the currently valid IRV Code of Points. (This is crucial for the global ranking system being developed.)
- 3) If there is an All Around competition, all disciplines must be carried out on the same day.
- 4) Wheels (standardised and in good condition) and other necessary apparatus must be provided by the local organiser.
- 5) Vault stations used for the IRV competitions categories should be in accordance with the criteria defined in the current version of the IRV WC Framework Conditions.
- 6) The competition areas used for the IRV competition categories must be marked in accordance with the current version of the IRV Competition Rules.
- 7) As long as there are gymnasts from other IRV member countries competing in the IRV competition categories, the judging panels for these categories must include judges from countries other than the host country.
- 8) 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.
- 9) Prior to the competition, the local organiser must send the following documents to the IRV:
 - Invitation* in English (3 months before the competition date)
 - Start List (3 - 5 days before the competition date)

* See separate invitation description and template in appendix

10) After the competition the local organiser must send the following information to the IRV (see Appendix II for more a template):

- Result List
- List of assigned judges
- Short report/account of the competition (including some high-quality photos*) for publication on the IRV homepage and IRV social media channels.

* During the registration process, the organiser must ask for photo consent from participants, judges, and other people prominently shown in images.

11) The IRV Certified Competition logo must be used for/on all official competition documents.

12) Accommodation Packages for athletes *do not need to be* provided. However, appropriate accommodation recommendations for international participants/judges/etc. should be included in the invitation.

13) An optional inclusion of online participation in the competition is permitted if:

- a) The same judging panel is used and the online participants are judged in the same session as the on-site competitors.
- b) The proportion of online participants does not exceed 20% of the total participation
- c) A framework is applied to allow for a fair competition between on-site and online participants (i.e. preventing online-competitors from selecting one of many recordings to hand in or providing outdated recordings or recordings that have been recorded at other competitions).

Compliance with the above-mentioned points will be checked on site by an IRV representative/delegate. IRV Certified Competition status is awarded for a term of 3 years, after which it is possible to apply for renewal.

In case of any unforeseen deviations from the above-mentioned points, the IRV must be informed as quickly as possible. The IRV will work with the local organiser to seek a manageable solution. However, serious deviations can result in a withdrawal of the IRV Certified Competition status.

Organisers can gain a pre-certified status to promote their event with the new label before receiving the official certified status. For this, please send relevant documentation (e.g. of the most recent event) to office@wheelgymnastics.sport.

Benefits of having a competition classified as an IRV Certified Competition:

- 1) The IRV will provide financial support of 500 € for one IRV Certified Competition per member country per year (to be transferred after the successful completion of the competition and the fulfilment of the listed criteria).

- 2) A delegated representative for the IRV will be present at the competition.
- 3) Certification increases the attractivity of the competition:
 - attractive for international participants as it guarantees high standard and high quality of competition
 - attractive for international judges as it will be listed as an opportunity to earn necessary credits to extend judging licence
 - attractive for international participants and judges to gain experience outside their own country
 - more attractive for possible sponsors as it will have greater outreach via IRV channels of communication
 - differentiation from non-certified competitions
- 4) The event will be promoted through the IRV channels.
- 5) In the longer term, the IRV plans to include IRV Certified Competitions in a series of competitions that will incorporate the results of gymnasts who compete in more than one competition. The details of such a series are still under development.

Appendix I – Invitation

An invitation is a document containing all relevant information for an upcoming event and is the link between the event announcement and actual registration.

- An invitation must contain all relevant information (see below) for the event.
- It must state that the event is accessible and intended for international participants.
- It shall be made available in pdf or similar format so that it can be easily distributed (including distributed by the IRV) or downloaded by interested parties.
- The invitation must be accessible publically without restrictions.
- The invitation must provide instructions on how to (or guide readers to) register for the event.

The following information needs to be part of the invitation:

- Organiser and contact information (club, email and/or mobile phone, link to homepage ...)
- Date
- Competition Venue (name and address)
- Competition Levels/Categories
 - Junior AND Senior categories, age groups according to IRV age groups
- Statement regarding the event being open to gymnasts from all IRV member countries
- Statement regarding the event being judged according to current IRV Code of Points
- Registration fees
- How and where to register
- Deadline for registration
- Guidance/Suggestions for accommodation (in particular for international participants and judges)

The following items need to be part of the registration:

- Mandatory Photo Consent Form (permission to take photos, to livestream and to shoot videos of all performances during the competitions and full rights to use the images resulting from the photography / video filming and livestreaming, and any reproductions or adaptations of the images in print and online publications as well as on the IRV social media channels and website, in press releases and funding applications) must be obtained (in written form) of all participants. In the case of under-age participants, the photo consent form must be signed by a parent.
- Payment method for international participants

Appendix II – Report Template

Template: IRV Certified Competition Report

Formatting Notes

- Length: 200–350 words
 - Style: factual, positive, and clear
 - Tense: past tense (“took place,” “won,” “was held”)
 - Optional: IRV logo, Club logo, link to results, acknowledgment of officials
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[Title of the Report]

(e.g., “Successful Weekend at the International Cup 2025”)

[Location, Date]

(e.g., “Hölstein (Switzerland), 22–23 June 2025”)

Introduction

Briefly introduce the event:

- Type of competition (IRV Certified, Open, Cup, etc.)
- Host city and country
- Date or duration (weekend, one day, etc.)
- Number of participants and participating nations

Example:

The [Competition Name] took place in [City, Country] on [Date]. More than [number] gymnasts from [list of countries] participated in this international competition weekend, which included [Competition A] on Saturday and [Competition B] on Sunday.

Competition Overview

Describe the structure and character of the event:

- Categories (Senior, Junior, Youth A/B, Team competitions)
- IRV certification or new rules applied
- General level and highlights of performances

Example:

The event featured the categories Senior, Junior, Youth A, and Youth B. As an IRV Certified Competition, it offered all-around contests on the highest international level with several world-class gymnasts participating.

Results and Highlights

Summarize results and notable achievements:

- Winners per category (name, country, score if available)

- Special or historic performances
- Technical innovations or memorable moments

Example:

In the Senior category, [Name] ([Country]) won gold with [points], followed by [Name] ([Country]) and [Name] ([Country]).

In the Junior competition, [Name] impressed with a [remarkable skill/performance], marking a new highlight in this age group.

Atmosphere and Impressions

Describe the event's spirit and environment:

- Atmosphere (friendly, exciting, relaxed, etc.)
- Organization, audience, and community feeling
- Social aspects or cultural experiences

Example:

The competition was characterized by a warm and friendly atmosphere. Gymnasts, coaches, and spectators enjoyed reconnecting with their wheel gymnastics community and celebrating great performances together.

Outlook / Future Events

Include a short outlook:

- Date and place of the next edition or upcoming event
- Development of local or national wheel gymnastics scene (*optional*)

Example:

The next edition of the [Competition Name] will take place on [Date] in [City]. Wheel gymnastics in [Country] continues to grow, with new clubs and athletes joining the sport each year.

Visual Impressions

[Photos (1-3)]

Photo Caption (optional)

(e.g., "Photo: [Photographer's Name]")