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## 1. Competition Framework

### 1.1 World Championships

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The Executive Board of the IRV is the regulatory body for all official international competitions and decides on the location of world championship events.

#### General requirements for hosting World Championships

World Championships may only be hosted by member countries of the IRV. Applications from national associations & federations should ideally be submitted at least two years in advance. Documentation of suitability as a world championships organiser must be available on application (general infrastructure, sports halls, accommodation, catering etc.).

#### Individual World Championships

Individual World Championships are held every second year (even years - 2026, 2028, 2030 etc.). Individual World Championships are held in the junior and senior categories. The IRV Framework Conditions, Competition Rules and International Code of Points provide the documentation necessary to host the championships.

#### Team World Championships

Team World Championships are held every second year (uneven years – 2027, 2029, 2031 etc.). Team World Championships are held in the junior and senior categories. The IRV Framework Conditions, Competition Rules and International Code of Points provide the documentation necessary to host the event.

### 1.2 Eligibility

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#### 1.2.1 General Start Authorisation

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**Only gymnasts from IRV member countries may take part at official IRV championships** (World Championships, Team World Championships). The minimum membership is an entry level membership, which is suitable for countries competing for the first time (with 1-3 gymnasts).

#### 1.2.2 Minimum Age and Eligibility

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The minimum age for participation in the world championships is 14. The actual age of the gymnast at the time of the competition is not the deciding factor, but the gymnast must have his/her fourteenth birthday in the competition year.

Gymnasts who have their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday in the competition year (or older) **are allowed to** take part in the senior category. Gymnasts who have their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday in the competition year (or older) **must** take part in the senior category.

Gymnasts are not permitted to take part in the senior AND the junior category at the

same World Championships. An exception to this rule is the registering of a junior contestant in a senior team for the team qualification.

The competition management can exclude gymnasts from participating in the competition due to medical/health/safety reasons.

### **1.2.3 Age Groups**

Junior girls/boys 14 - 18 years (see also [1.2.2 Minimum Age and Eligibility](#))

Senior women/men 16 +

## **1.3 World Championships Competition Categories**

### **1.3.1 Individual World Championships Gym Wheel Competition Categories**

A **maximum of five gymnasts** per country may compete in each competition category (e.g. junior girls).

<b>All Around Semi-Finals/ Team World Championships qualification</b>	<b>straight-line</b>	<b>spiral</b>	<b>vault</b>
junior girls	x	x	x
junior boys	x	x	x
senior women	x (to music)	x	x
senior men	x (to music)	x	x
<b>All Around Finals</b>	<b>straight-line</b>	<b>spiral</b>	<b>vault</b>
junior girls	x	x	x
junior boys	x	x	x
senior women	x (to music)	x	x
senior men	x (to music)	x	x
<b>Individual Discipline Finals</b>	<b>straight-line</b>	<b>spiral</b>	<b>vault</b>
junior girls	x	x	x
junior boys	x	x	x
senior women	x (to music)	x	x
senior men	x (to music)	x	x

### **1.3.2 Individual World Championships Cyr Wheel Competition Categories**

<b>All Around Finals / Artistic Programme qualification</b>	<b>technical programme</b>	<b>artistic programme</b>
senior women	x	x (to music)
senior men	x	x (to music)
junior girls	x	x (to music)
junior boys	x	x (to music)

mixed (see below)	x	x (to music)
<b>Artistic Programme Finals</b>		<b>artistic programme</b>
senior women		x (to music)
senior men		x (to music)
junior girls		x (to music)
junior boys		x (to music)
mixed (see below)		x (to music)
<b>Cyr World Battle</b>		<b>freestyle</b>
one category		x (to music)

### Description of Cyr mixed category options:

Cyr competitors are initially registered in their separate age/gender categories. However, the individual age and gender split will only be made if there are 3 or more participants registered in a particular category in the main registration. See explanation and examples below:

- If an individual Cyr category has fewer than 3 registered participants after the main registration, they will be merged into the same age category (junior boys & girls | senior women & men).
- If a merged group still has fewer than 3 participants, the individual participants will be merged into their respective gender categories instead.

Example 1:

category	participants	competition category
Cyr senior women	10	compete as Cyr senior women
Cyr senior men	3	compete as Cyr senior men
Cyr junior girls	<b>2</b>	compete in Cyr junior mixed
Cyr junior boys	<b>1</b>	compete in Cyr junior mixed

Example 2:

category	participants	competition category
Cyr senior women	10	compete as Cyr women
Cyr senior men	3	compete as Cyr men
Cyr junior girls	<b>1</b>	compete in Cyr women
Cyr junior boys	<b>1</b>	compete in Cyr men

Example 3:

category	participants	competition category
Cyr senior women	15	compete as Cyr senior mixed
Cyr senior men	<b>2</b>	compete in Cyr senior mixed
Cyr junior girls	3	compete as Cyr junior mixed
Cyr junior boys	<b>1</b>	compete in Cyr junior mixed

### **1.3.3 Team World Championships Gym Wheel Competition Categories**

Team World Championships	straight-line	spiral	vault
junior girls/boys	x	x	x
senior women/men	x	x	x

## **1.4 Individual World Championships Gym Wheel Competitions**

### **1.4.1 Gym Wheel Semi-Finals**

There are 4 Gym Wheel Semi-Final competitions:

- Senior women All Around Semi-Final
  - Senior men All Around Semi-Final
  - Junior girls All Around Semi-Final
  - Junior boys All Around Semi-Final
- All competitors are included in the results from the All Around competition even if they do not compete in all disciplines.
  - The competitors with the best combined scores from the Semi-Finals proceed to the All Around Finals (**see new criteria for qualification to the finals: [1.4.3.1 Gym Wheel All Around Finals](#)**). Requirement is the participation in all 3 disciplines.
  - The All Around Semi-Final Competitions are also the qualifying competitions for the individual discipline finals (see [1.4.3.2 Gym Wheel Individual Discipline Finals](#)).
  - The competitors with the best scores per discipline will proceed to the individual discipline finals.
  - In order to qualify for the individual discipline finals, competitors are permitted to compete in only one or two disciplines in the All Around Semi-Final Competitions.
  - The All Around Semi-Final Competitions also serve as the qualifying competitions for the following year's Team World Championships (See [1.6 Team World Championships Gym Wheel](#)).

### **1.4.2 Qualification for Team World Championships**

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- A **maximum of one Junior and one Senior team per country** can qualify for the Team World Championships. In the qualification, each team must consist of **minimum four, maximum six gymnasts** (junior/senior, male/female mixed). It is not possible to enter a team consisting of fewer than four gymnasts.
- Juniors are allowed to participate in senior teams. Seniors are not allowed to participate in junior teams.
- Each gymnast may only be a member of one team.
- A total of **6 routines** will count towards the team score:
  - **2 x straight-line (senior teams to music)**
  - **2 x spiral**
  - **2 x vault**

**NB: Each team member must perform in at least one discipline and no team member may perform more than once in the same discipline.**

- All gymnasts registered for the Team World Championships Qualification **have to take part in the Junior All Around Semi-Final or the Senior All Around Semi-Final in their designated team discipline(s).**

Example: Gymnast XY is registered for the World Team Championships Qualification for her country in the disciplines *straight-line* (to music) and *vault*. This means that she has to compete in these two disciplines in the All Around Semi-Final in order for her score to count towards the team qualifying score.

- The national team members' scores from the All Around Semi-Final in their designated disciplines will be used to decide which **junior and senior teams** will qualify for the **Team World Championships** the year after. See also: [1.6 Team World Championships Gym Wheel](#))
- The **lowest of the 6 individual scores received is discarded** and does not count towards the overall team score.
- In the case of a draw between two or more teams, these discarded scores will be used to determine which team places higher. If this does not separate the teams, the discarded scores (highest/lowest) from all six routines will be taken into consideration. If it remains impossible to separate the teams, lots will be drawn to decide which teams go through to the final.
- **After having qualified, teams may change their members for the Team World Championships, i.e. a team does not have to have the same line-up as in the Qualification. The team line-up for the Team World Championships must follow the general age limits valid for the year the**

**competition takes place.** See also [1.2.3 Age Groups](#) and [1.2.2 Minimum Age and Eligibility](#)

### 1.4.3 Gym Wheel Finals

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There are the following Gym Wheel Final competitions:

Category	All-Around	straight-Line	Spiral	Vault
senior women	x	x	x	x
senior men	x	x	x	x
junior girls	x	x	x	x
junior boys	x	x	x	x

#### 1.4.3.1 Gym Wheel All Around Finals

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- The All Around Semi-Final results will determine which gymnasts take part in the All Around Finals. Only the results of gymnasts who competed in all three disciplines (straight-line, spiral and vault) are taken into account.
- The best **six gymnasts** in each competition category (senior women, senior men, junior girls, junior boys) with the best combined scores (straight-line + spiral + vault) qualify for the All Around Finals.
- **NEW:** A maximum of **two gymnasts per country** in each competition category (senior women, senior men, junior girls, junior boys) can qualify for the All Around Finals.
- The minimum scores required to reach a junior or senior All-Around final are:
  - **Juniors: 30.00 points** (all disciplines; Vault → best of two vaults)
  - **Seniors: 36.00 points** (all disciplines; Vault → best of two vaults)
- If the limit to the number of finalists per country results in fewer than six participants, then an additional gymnast (provided he/she has achieved the qualifying score) per country will be admitted to the final. If there are still places in the final free, the same pattern will be followed until all six places have been occupied.
- In the case that fewer than six gymnasts achieve the qualifying score, the final may take place with fewer than six finalists.
- The total number of gymnasts permitted in the All Around Final can increase given equal scores from the All Around Semi-Final of two or more gymnasts. The definition of an equal score in this case is not only that the final scores of the

gymnasts are equal, but also the total of the scores awarded by all the judges (i.e. 4 scores for execution + 1 score for difficulty [+ 4 scores for artistic impression]) are equal.

- The **minimum number of gymnasts is four**, the maximum number of gymnasts is eight. In exceptional circumstances (nine or more qualified finalists), the competition management will decide who will take part in the final.
- The **starting order** in the finals will be established by a draw. There is only one draw for all three disciplines.
- The World All Around Champions are decided in the All Around Finals. The World All Around Champion in a particular category will be the competitor with the highest combined score of the three disciplines, straight-line, spiral and vault achieved in the All Around Final.

#### **1.4.3.2 Gym Wheel Individual Discipline Finals**

- The All Around Semi-Final results will determine which gymnasts take part in the individual discipline finals.
- The **best six gymnasts** in each category and discipline from the All Around Semi-Finals qualify for the **final** in that discipline.
- A maximum of **two gymnasts per country per discipline** can qualify for the individual discipline finals. The minimum scores required to reach a junior or senior final are:
  - **Juniors: 10.00 points** (all disciplines; Vault → best of two vaults)
  - **Seniors: 12.00 points** (all disciplines; Vault → best of two vaults)
- If the limit to the number of finalists per country results in fewer than six participants, then an additional gymnast (provided he/she has achieved the qualifying score) per country will be admitted to the final. If there are still places in the final free, the same pattern will be followed until all six places have been occupied.
- In the case that fewer than six gymnasts achieve the qualifying score, the final may take place with fewer than six finalists.
- It is also possible (*if and only if* fewer than six gymnasts achieve the qualifying score) for the competition management to agree to allocate places in the final to gymnasts whose performance in the All Around competition/qualification is considered to be at a satisfactory level to compete in the final, but who have not achieved the qualifying score.
- The total number of gymnasts permitted in a final can increase given equal scores of two or more gymnasts from any one country. The definition of an "equal score" in this case is not only that the final scores of the gymnasts are equal, but also

the total of the scores awarded by all the judges (i.e. 4 scores for execution and composition + 1 score for difficulty [+ 4 scores for musical interpretation in the case of senior straight-line]) are equal.

- The **minimum number of gymnasts is four**, the maximum number of gymnasts is eight. In exceptional circumstances (nine or more qualified finalists), the competition management will decide who will take part in the final.
- The **organising country is guaranteed two places in the Gym Wheel individual discipline finals** (junior and/or senior) according to the following rules:
  - If the organising country has two or more finalists qualified for the individual discipline finals (based on the results from the All Around Semi-Final), no additional places will be awarded.
  - If the organising country only has one finalist qualified for the individual discipline finals (based on the results from the All Around Semi-Final), one additional place in a final will be awarded.
  - If the organising country does not have any finalists qualified for the individual finals (based on the results from the All Around Semi-Final), two additional places in a final will be awarded.

[**NB:** Places in a final can only be awarded to gymnasts who have taken part in the All Around Semi-Final (junior or senior) and have achieved the minimum score required to compete in a final.]

- In the case of two additional places in a final, the organising country decides whether to let one gymnast compete in two finals or two gymnasts compete in one final each.
- The **starting order** in the finals will be established by a draw. There is only one draw for all three disciplines.

## **1.5 Individual World Championships Cyr Wheel Competitions**

### **1.5.1.Cyr Wheel All Around Finals**

- The **Cyr Wheel All Around Finals** are medal-winning competitions for all Cyr competitors. There are currently no Semi-Final competitions.
- Competitors in the Cyr Wheel All Around Finals perform a technical programme and an artistic programme.
- The competitors with the best artistic programme scores from this competition will proceed to the Cyr Wheel Individual Artistic Finals in.



- All competitors are included in the results from the All Around competition even if they do not compete in both disciplines.
- The **starting order** in this final will be established by a draw. There is only one draw for both disciplines.
- The World All Around Champion in a particular category will be the competitor with the highest combined score of both disciplines, technical programme and artistic programme achieved in the All Around Final.

### **1.5.2 Cyr Wheel Individual Artistic Finals**

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- The **Individual Artistic Finals** are world championship events in Cyr Wheel. Competition categories are the same as those in the All Around Finals but competitors perform only an artistic programme. The competitors with the best scores in these individual finals will receive the title Cyr Wheel Artistic World Champion.
- The **six gymnasts with the best score in the artistic programme** in each category from the All Around competitions will qualify for the individual artistic **final** in that category.
- A maximum of **two gymnasts per country** can qualify for the artistic finals. The minimum scores required to reach a final are:
  - **Juniors: 10.00 points**
  - **Seniors: 12.00 points**
- If the limit to the number of finalists per country results in fewer than six gymnasts qualifying for the final, then an additional gymnast (provided he/she has achieved the qualifying score) per country will be admitted to the final. If there are still places in the final free, the same pattern will be followed until all six places have been occupied.
- In the case that fewer than six gymnasts achieve the qualifying score, the final may take place with fewer than six finalists.
- It is also possible (*if and only if* fewer than six gymnasts achieve the qualifying score) for the competition management to agree to allocate places in the final to gymnasts whose performance in the All Around competition is considered to be at a satisfactory level to compete in the final, but who have not achieved the qualifying score.
- The total number of gymnasts permitted in a final can increase given equal scores of two or more gymnasts from any one country. The definition of an "equal score" in this case is not only that the final scores of the gymnasts are equal, but also the total of the scores awarded by all the judges (i.e. all 4 scores for artistic and the score for difficulty).

- The **minimum number of gymnasts is four**, the maximum number of gymnasts is eight. In exceptional circumstances (nine or more qualified finalists), the competition management will decide who will take part in the final.

### **1.5.3 Cyr World Battle**

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- The winner of the Cyr World Battle will receive the World Champion title in the Cyr World Battle.
- Gym Wheel competitors who have qualified for the Gym Wheel All Around Finals are not eligible to compete in the Cyr World Battle (since the final round of the Cyr World Battle and the All Around Gym Wheel Finals take place at the same time). If this situation arises (i.e. a registered Cyr battle competitor qualifies for the All Around Final in Gym Wheel), their name will be removed from the list of Cyr Battle competitors. For this reason, the draw for the Cyr World Battle will be made after the Gym Wheel Semi Finals.

### **Registration**

- Registered battle participants will be asked to provide two videos. A **Trick video (max 15 seconds)** of one of your **highest-level tricks**, filmed clearly, no cuts. This serves as a reference of the skill, and thus safety, of the applying artist. And a Short introduction video (max 1 minute) with background information of the artist and their connection to Cyr. This video may be used during the event to introduce the artist to the audience.
- The IRV reserves the right to limit the number of battle participants. If there are too many registrations, the IRV will **pre-select** based on safety and level (using the submitted videos). A **waiting list** can be created.

### **Competition Format Cyr World Battle**

The music for the Cyr World Battle will be provided by a DJ or by a pre-set playlist. The participants do not perform/compete to their own music and do not know the music before the competition.

### **Group Battle Rounds (Pre-Selection)**

- After registration, competitors are divided into **groups** (3–6 gymnasts per group, depending on the number of competitors registered).
- Gymnasts are announced one by one by an announcer (MC).
- Each Group Battle Round consists of **1 run of max. 45 seconds** per gymnast.
- The best **two gymnasts** from each group will take part in the 1-vs-1 battle rounds.



### **1-vs-1 Battle Rounds**

- Gymnasts are **paired in groups of two**.
- Each 1-vs-1 Battle Round consists of: **two runs** of max. **30 seconds** per gymnast, performed alternately.
- After completion of each Battle Round, the **jury immediately determines the winner** of the encounter.
- In the event of a **tie or if the result cannot be clearly determined**, the jury may require a **tie-break** consisting of: **One additional trick per gymnast**, performed alternately.
- The decision following the tie-break is **final**.
- The winner of a 1-vs-1 Battle Round advances to the next 1-vs-1 Battle Round until there are only two competitors left.
- The winner of the final 1-vs-1 Battle Round will be awarded the Cyr Wheel World Battle World Champion title. The defeated gymnast will be awarded the silver medal.
- The two gymnasts defeated in the semi-final round will compete again for the 3rd place bronze medal.

### **1.6 Team World Championships Gym Wheel**

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- Separate Gym Wheel Team World Championships for juniors and seniors are held in alternate years to the Individual World Championships.
- The participating teams for the Team World Championships are decided as follows: The **best four junior** AND the **best four senior** teams based on nominated scores from the previous year's Individual World Championships, provided that one of these eight teams is from the host country for the Team World Championships. If the TWC host country is not among the best four senior OR junior teams from the previous year's Individual World Championships, then only the **best three senior** OR the **best three junior** teams from the Individual World Championships plus **one senior OR junior team from the TWC host country** will take part in the Team World Championships.
- **NB:** The host country for the next Team World Championships should make it known before the Individual World Championships whether it is interested in entering a team for the Team World Championships the following year. It is not compulsory for the host country to enter a team.

### **1.6.1 Competition Format - Team World Championships**

- Each team must consist of **minimum four, maximum six gymnasts** (junior/senior, male/female mixed). Teams consisting of fewer than four gymnasts are not eligible to participate.
- Each team performs 6 routines as follows:
  - 2 x straight-line (senior teams to music)
  - 2 x spiral
  - 1 x vault
  - 1 elective routine** (either straight-line to music **OR** spiral **OR** vault)

A gymnast may perform **up to three routines** – but **maximum one routine per discipline**.

- Each team enters its gymnasts into the start list without knowing the order in which the other teams have entered their gymnasts.
- **When all the teams have handed in their line-ups, the starting list will be made public for the teams.**
- The competition will consist of six rounds. One gymnast per team will compete in each round.
- At the end of each round the gymnasts' scores will decide the order within the round (highest to lowest). The teams will be awarded points on the basis of this order:

Winner of the round:	4 points
Second place in the round:	3 points
Third place in the round:	2 points
Fourth place in the round:	1 point

- Each team has the opportunity to nominate **ONE JOKER** before the beginning of **one** of the six rounds. This joker means that the points obtained by the team for that round will be doubled. A joker has to be nominated **IMMEDIATELY BEFORE** the teams reveal which gymnasts are competing in the round.
- It is possible for all the teams to nominate their joker in the same round or for the jokers to be nominated in different rounds.

After the six rounds, the final ranking of the teams is determined as follows:

- 1) By adding an **additional extra 4 points for the team with the highest overall score** (scores given by the judges for each routine) received for their six routines (an additional 3 points for the second best, 2 points for the third best and 1 point for the team with the lowest overall score).

E.g.:

Team	Score	Extra Points
Team C	50.95	4
Team A	48.75	3
Team B	48.60	2
Team D	48.05	1

In the case of two or more teams receiving the same overall score, the points awarded will be according to the ranking. The following teams will receive the points according to their place.

E.g.:

Team	Score	Extra Points
Team C	50.95	4
Team A	48.75	3
Team B	48.75	3
Team D	48.05	1

- 2) The world championship title is awarded to the team with the highest number of points collected throughout the six rounds of routines PLUS the additional points allocated on the basis of the overall total scores of each team.

In the case of a draw between two or more teams, the overall total scores (scores given by the judges) will be used to determine which team ranks higher. If this does not separate the teams, the teams in question achieve the same place.

## **1.7 Registration**

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### **1.7.1 Registration Formalities for Competitors**

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Registration takes place through the official IRV member organisation.

Any gymnast wishing to participate in the world championships for an IRV member country must possess a valid nationality for that country. This means that any gymnast has to qualify for the world championships for the country of his/her nationality, even if this is not the country in which he/she trains and usually competes. A proof of citizenship (e.g. passport or national identity card) must be available for inspection on arrival at the world championships.

The IRV Executive Board can decide to give a gymnast the opportunity to compete as an independent athlete in the world championships if, due to exceptional circumstances, there is no country for which he/she is eligible to compete.

Examples of such circumstances could be (list is not exhaustive):

1. The gymnast is stateless or has no valid nationality of any country
1. The gymnast lives (i.e. has permanent legal residency), trains and competes in a country without having that country's nationality and he/she is not eligible to compete in the qualifications of the country whose nationality he/she has.

Registration deadlines are sent with the registration documents and must be respected by the countries. Late registration will result in an additional fee (see below) and can lead to disqualification from the championships.

a) The following fees will apply for late registration:

- Pre-registration: € 10 per day
- Main registration: € 35 per day (up to 14 days after the deadline)

b) Registrations arriving later than this will not be accepted.

c) Registration alterations (e.g. de-registration) at the championships are only possible in the case of injury or illness.

### **1.7.2 Registration Fees for Competitors**

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- A registration fee per competitor is payable.
- The fees are specified in the current version of the [IRV Membership Regulations](#).

### **1.7.3 Registration Formalities for Judges at Individual World Championships**

- Each participating country at the World Championships must register **one judge per 4 competitors in Gym Wheel and one judge per 5 competitors in Cyr Wheel**.
- Countries that register **Gym Wheel and Cyr Wheel** competitors are permitted to nominate maximum **one judge** who is qualified to judge both Gym Wheel and Cyr Wheel.
- This means that these countries **can potentially reduce the number of necessary judges by one**.
- If a second Cyr Wheel judge is required (i.e. the country has more than 5 Cyr Wheel competitors), the second judge must be dedicated to Cyr Wheel only.
- **Judges are not permitted to compete at the championships.**

#### **Example 1:**

A delegation registers **gymnasts only for Gym Wheel competitions** (e.g. Austria). According to the numbers of gymnasts registered (9), this delegation has to nominate 3 judges for Gym Wheel.

Correct:           **Gym Wheel**

Judge **1**  
Judge **2**  
Judge **3**

#### **Example 2:**

A delegation registers **gymnasts only for Cyr Wheel competitions** (e.g. Australia). According to the numbers of gymnasts registered (1), this delegation has to nominate 1 judge for Cyr Wheel.

Correct:           **Cyr Wheel**

Judge **1**

#### **Example 3:**

A delegation registers **gymnasts for Gym Wheel AND Cyr Wheel competitions** (e.g. Germany). According to the numbers of gymnasts registered for Gym Wheel (18) and Cyr Wheel (10), this delegation has to nominate 5 judges for Gym Wheel and 2 judges for Cyr Wheel.

<u>Correct 1:</u>	<b>Gym Wheel</b>	<b>Cyr Wheel</b>
	Judge 1	Judge 1
	Judge 2	Judge 2
	Judge 3	
	Judge 4	
	Judge 5	
<u>Correct 2:</u>	<b>Gym Wheel</b>	<b>Cyr Wheel</b>
	Judge 1	Judge 1*
	Judge 2	Judge 2
	Judge 3	
	Judge 4	
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Cyr Judge 1 ←  
can also  
judge  
Gym Wheel

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**Attention:** Judges registered for both Cyr Wheel and Gym Wheel will be expected to judge MORE (in total) than judges registered only for Gym Wheel.

- All Gym Wheel judges must already have a judging qualification (written confirmation of judging competence), a copy of which will need to be submitted together with the main registration.
- All Cyr Wheel judges must have attended at least **one official IRV Cyr Wheel judging session** offered by the IRV prior to the event. There is no judging qualification/exam for Cyr Wheel judges at present.
- All judges will be required to participate in preparatory meetings (e.g. online tutorials) before the championships as well as take part in the judging seminar to be held on arrival at the World Championships.

The IRV Judging Officers for Gym and Cyr Wheel will decide which judges to use in the championships.

**If a country does not register a sufficient number of judges or does not make use of one of the options listed below, a fine of 350 € per missing judge will be imposed. In addition to this, the replacement judge's costs (travel, accommodation, full board) will have to be covered.**

Member countries that are unable to provide the required number of judges have the following options:

- a) It is possible to ask the IRV for help to find a judge. In this case, the member country must contact the IRV as soon as possible, **at the latest with the main registration**. A fee of € 100 for the placement of each judge is payable to the

IRV. In addition to this the member country will be expected to cover all costs, including travel, accommodation and full board for the judge(s).

- b) It is also possible to make direct contact with another member country in order to "borrow" a judge for representation at the world championships. **In this case, the name of the judge must be submitted to the IRV Judging Officer for approval.** All practical arrangements regarding travel, accommodation, etc., must be agreed between the member countries and judge(s) concerned.
- c) Member countries with a total of **1-4 Gym Wheel gymnasts** registered for the championships are permitted to "share" their Gym Wheel judge. Maximum numbers must be respected.

E.g.: Country 1 → 1 Gym Wheel gymnast  
Country 2 → 3 Gym Wheel gymnasts } 2 Gym Wheel judges

- d) Member countries with a total of **1-5 Cyr Wheel gymnasts** registered for the championships are permitted to "share" a Cyr Wheel judge. Maximum numbers must be respected.

E.g.: Country 1 → 2 Cyr Wheel gymnasts  
Country 2 → 3 Cyr Wheel gymnasts } 2 Cyr Wheel judges

Further information about registration of judges may be obtained from the IRV Judging Officers for Gym and Cyr Wheel.

**Attention:**

**National Registrations will not be accepted until the necessary number of judges is confirmed.**

**1.7.4 Registration Formalities for Judges at Team World Championships**

- Each participating team at the Team World Championships must register **two judges**, regardless of the number of participants.
- The judges must not be competitors or have any other official function at the Team World Championships.
- All judges must judge in all competitions (e.g. junior competition and senior competition) at the Team World Championships.
- All judges must have a national and/or international judging qualification (written confirmation of judging competence) and must have judging experience in all three disciplines, passed the IRV judges exam and must be up to date with the

newest changes in the CoP. It may be necessary to complete a judging refresher course before the Championships.

Qualified countries can pass responsibility for judges' nomination to the IRV with full cost coverage for selected judges:

1. IRV nominates judges from its pool (also from non-qualified countries)
2. IRV provides cost estimation for selected judge/s
3. Qualified team has to cover full cost for judges, after approval

## **1.8 Code of Conduct**

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The following rules apply to everybody involved in a World Championships: e.g. all official delegation members. . .

A copy of the Code of Conduct and the procedures in case of a violation must be signed at the beginning of each World Championships by every official delegation member.

### **1.8.1 Disorderly Behaviour**

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All above-mentioned persons who behave disorderly (see examples under [1.8.2 Disqualification](#)) or violate any other rules related to the competition/training etc. in progress, may be disqualified and/or expelled from the competition/the gym.

### **1.8.2 Disqualification**

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The following violations (not extensive) can lead to a disqualification and/or expulsion from the competition/sports hall:

- serious, deliberate delay of competition
- verbal or physical attack on a judge or other competition official
- public criticism of a score/scores or of a judge's/judges' work
- bribery or attempted bribery of judges and/or other competition officials
- unsporting behaviour towards other gymnasts or any other official member of a delegation (this includes disruption, mobbing and/or bullying, or aggressive behaviour)
- presentation, choreography, costume, or music containing **political, sexualised, discriminatory, or otherwise controversial or inappropriate content** that is not suitable for a youth or general audience
- any display, gesture, or expression that may be interpreted as **offensive, provocative, or contrary to the principles of neutrality, fairness, and respect** upheld by the competition

**Disqualification of a gymnast** means that the gymnast receives no score/s and is not listed in the table of results. A disqualification counts for all disciplines a gymnast is registered for, even if the disqualification happens after the end of a competition.

Any diplomas and/or trophies received must be handed back. Accrued fees are not refunded.

**Disqualification of a delegation leader/coach/judge/member of the paramedic staff** means that this person is immediately expelled from the venue. Additionally (depending on the seriousness of the disorderly behaviour), a hall ban for the next competition can be imposed.

In the case of repeated disorderly behaviour of the same person/persons, the IRV reserves the right to disqualify and expel the person/persons in question permanently from all IRV competitions.

### **1.8.3 Procedure in Case of a Disqualification**

- A report of disorderly behaviour can only be made to the competition management.
- A report can be made by anybody, and the competition management is obliged to pursue any credible complaint. If the report/complaint is made by a member of the competition management, he/she must be replaced for as long as the management is processing the case.
- The gymnast/coach/judge etc. in question must be informed by the competition management that a complaint about disorderly behaviour was reported.
- The competition management decides whether to issue a warning or whether the disorderly behaviour warrants disqualification.
- If a situation demands immediate action against the person in question and s/he has to be led out of the gym, final scores awarded in her/his absence must be accepted.
- In case of a disqualification, the competition management notes the person's name and the reason for his/her disqualification. Signed copies are handed to the disqualified person and her/his delegation leader and/or his/her national federation.
- A disqualification is final and cannot be disputed.

## **2. Competition Requirements & Guidelines**

All IRV world championship competitions are to be carried out according to the IRV competition guidelines described in the points below.

### **2.1 Competition Management**

The **Competition Management** will be established by the IRV before the start of the championships and will include representatives from the IRV and local host/organiser.

### **2.2 Complaints Committee**

Complaints must be submitted and handled in accordance with the IRV Complaints Manual as published on the IRV website.

### **2.3 Competition Equipment**

- a) Only normalised (international norm) wheels are to be used for international competitions. The local organiser, together with the relevant national association/representative, is responsible for ensuring that there are enough wheels for warm-up and competition. The local organiser is responsible for ensuring that a transport insurance policy with sufficiently high coverage is taken out for all wheels that are borrowed for the event.
- b) The IRV Competitions Officer may delegate certain wheels for specific disciplines. The competitors may then only use these wheels for warm-up and competition in the specific disciplines.
- c) Bringing and using one's own wheels and/or mats for warm-up and competition is only possible with the permission of the IRV Competitions Officer. A request must be made with the main registration. Approved wheels and/or mats must be available for any other contestants who want to use them during the time of the World Championships. Mats used for vault must be provided in double.
- d) Cyr Wheels must be brought by the participants themselves. However, the wheels need to be in a suitable condition to be used in a competition. The IRV may inspect the wheels and can refuse the usage of unsafe Cyr Wheels.

### **2.4 Competition Clothing**

#### **2.4.1 Gym Wheel**

All Gym Wheel gymnasts participating in IRV international competitions must comply with the following guidelines concerning competition clothing (for all disciplines except for straight-line with music):

#### **Female participants:**

- a) One-piece tight-fitting leotard or tight-fitting unitard



- b) One-piece leotard with tight-fitting gymnastics tights

**Male participants:**

- a) Men's leotard with tight-fitting gymnastics trousers
- b) Tight-fitting unitard

**The following applies for both female and male participants:**

- a) Gym shoes must be intact
- b) Wearing watches or dangling jewellery is not permitted
- c) Long hair must be tied back

**Gymnastics clothing for straight-line with music**

- a) Clothing must be tight so that the gymnast is not inhibited or endangered.
- b) Decorations in the form of sequins, buttons etc. must be tight-fitting and are only permitted in a limited quantity.
- c) Hair and make-up must be simple and discreet.
- d) Hats, caps, feathers, flowers etc. on the head are not permitted.
- e) The use of props of any kind is not permitted.
- f) If a gymnast does not comply with the above, the head judge will ask him/her to change competition clothing. If a gymnast refuses to do so, the head judge may disqualify the gymnast from the competition.

**Attention:** More information under

<https://wheelgymnastics.sport/competition-clothing-in-wheel-gymnastics/>

**2.4.2 Cyr Wheel**

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- a) The gymnast must keep the same costume throughout the routine
- b) The costume must be in good taste and not too permissive
- c) The gymnast's face must be visible
- d) The use of props in IRV competitions is **NOT** permitted

If the gymnast does not comply with the above, the head judge will ask him/her to change competition clothing. If the gymnast refuses to do so, the head judge will disqualify the gymnast from the competition.

If there is any doubt about these regulations, please contact the IRV.

## 2.5 Competition Areas

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### Measurements

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

Straight-line:	competition area	=		<b>3m x 23m</b>
	safety zone	=	<b>reg</b>	<b>7m x 27m</b>
			min	5m x 25m
Spiral/Cyr:	competition area	=		<b>13.5m x 13.5m</b>
	safety zone	=	<b>reg</b>	<b>17.5m x 17.5m</b>
			min	15.5m x 15.5m
Vault:	competition area	=	min	<b>27 m (including mat, is not marked)</b>
	safety zone	=		90 cm on landing mat

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 maximum 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 should be done in different colours. The minimum width for marking is **10 cm**.

**Applying, changing and removing the tape is the sole responsibility of the local organiser. Any costs related to a damaged floor caused by persons who independently and not at the local organiser's command change or remove the tape will be chargeable to the perpetrator.**

## **2.6 Starting Order Gym Wheel**

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The **starting order for the All Around Semi-Finals and individual Finals will be determined by a start draw.**

The system for deciding the competition starting order places the gymnasts into "blocks" before the draw is made within each block. This should ensure that gymnasts from the same nation are distributed within a competition category and that the top ranked gymnasts will start towards the end of the starting order. This system is described in detail in points a) - g).

- a) The start draw for the All Around junior/senior competition will take place before the start of the World Championships and is overseen by the IRV President and recorded and made available on request.
- b) Only one starting order will be drawn for each competition category (junior girls, junior boys, senior women and senior men). All registered competitors will be included in this list, regardless of discipline.
- c) **The gymnasts will start their first discipline in the drawn starting order.** Gymnasts registered for only one or two disciplines will only appear on the starting lists in the relevant discipline(s).
- d) **On the main registration form, countries are requested to put their gymnasts in a ranking order from 1 to 5 (where rank 1 = highest qualified gymnast).** This ranking order will determine the block in which the gymnast starts in the All Around competition/qualification. **There will be three blocks per starting list** (whereby the number of gymnasts per block will be determined by the total number of gymnasts registered for the All Around competition and the number of disciplines in which they are competing).

Block 1 → first third of the starting list	}	Number of gymnasts per block can vary
Block 2 → second third of starting list		
Block 3 → last third of starting list		

<b>Table A</b>			
Number of registered gymnasts per country in a competition category	<b>Block 1</b> starts the competition	<b>Block 2</b> follows after Block 1	<b>Block 3</b> follows after Block 2
1 (single starter)	see Table C below		
2		1	1
3	1	1	1
4	1	1	2
5	1	2	2

**Single starter** = e.g. Country X registers only **one gymnast** for the junior boys competition category. The number of disciplines this gymnast will compete in, is irrelevant.

**Example for the case of 4 registered gymnast by country XY:**

<b>Table B</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Ranking list order</b>	<b>Block</b>
Gymnast A	1	3
Gymnast B	2	3
Gymnast C	3	2
Gymnast D	4	1

This will give the following distribution in the starting order for the first discipline:

IMPORTANT → Number of disciplines per gymnast makes no difference.

In the case of more than one single starter in a competition category, the single starters will be allocated to the different blocks according to the following quota system. The numbers under the blocks represent the order of the draw for single starters.

<b>Table C</b>			
Number of registered single starters per competition category	<b>Block 1</b>	<b>Block 2</b>	<b>Block 3</b>
1 single starter			1
<b>2 single starters</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
3 single starters	3	2	1
4 single starters	4	3	1 + 2
5 single starters	5	3 + 4	1 + 2
6 single starters	5 + 6	3 + 4	1 + 2

etc.

Example: In the case of 2 single starters, the first drawn gymnast will be in Block 3, while the second drawn gymnast will be in Block 2.

- e) **The final starting order will be produced after a draw within each of the three blocks.** (This draw will take place in advance and is overseen by the IRV President and is also recorded and made available to watch by request).
- f) In the starting list for the second discipline, the first gymnast from the first discipline will be moved to the end of the list for the second discipline.
- g) In the starting list for the third discipline, the first gymnast from the second discipline will be moved to the end of the list for the third discipline.

**Attention:**

Depending on the number of registered gymnasts in a competition category (e.g. senior women/senior men etc.) a **different method** to decide the starting order can be applied, whereby gymnasts will be able to complete their respective qualifying competitions within a few hours (instead of all day). The overall starting order will be decided in the same manner as described above, but the final start list will then be divided into a certain number of divisions for male and divisions for female (depending again on the total number of registered gymnasts).

- h) During the competition the starting order may only be altered in special cases and in agreement with the IRV Competitions Officer.

## **2.7 Starting Order Cyr Wheel**

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The **starting order for the All Around Finals and Artistic Finals will be determined by a start draw.**

- a) The start draw for the All Around competition will take place before the start of the World Championships and is overseen by the IRV President and recorded and made available on request.
- b) Only one starting order will be drawn for each competition category (junior girls, junior boys, senior women and senior men). All registered competitors will be included in this list, regardless of discipline.
- c) **The gymnasts will start their first discipline in the drawn starting order.** Gymnasts registered for only one discipline will only appear on the starting lists in the relevant discipline.

## **2.8 Warm-Up**

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The IRV Competitions Officer is responsible for organising the warm-up times.

## **2.9 "Pocket Cards" (Difficulty Lists)**

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- a) "Pocket Cards" are used to list the difficulty elements of a Gym or Cyr Wheel routine. The list must contain the correct order of the difficulty elements in English and their correct notation from the difficulty catalogue.
- b) **The official IRV Pocket Card templates from the IRV homepage (<https://wheelgymnastics.sport/pocket-cards/>) must be used.**
- c) **Pocket Cards must be submitted in advance.** The time and place for submission will be communicated on or before arrival at the championships.
- d) Pocket Cards **are supposed to be written on a computer and printed out.**
- e) If Pocket Cards are collected digitally, or can be uploaded, then only this form of submission may be used.
- f) Handwritten Pocket Cards must be legible ("readable"). The difficulty judges may reject a handwritten Pocket Card that they cannot read.
- g) In Gym Wheel, if a Pocket Card is not submitted, all contact with the judging panel and/or inquiries about the difficulty score after the routine are strictly forbidden.
- h) In Cyr Wheel, if a Pocket Card is not submitted, the gymnast will not be permitted to compete and the score given will be 0.

## **2.10 Delegation Leaders, Coaches, Medical Staff**

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### **2.10.1 Individual World Championships**

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a) Each delegation **can accredit a maximum of two persons as delegation leaders**. The number of permitted persons depends on the number of registered gymnasts (independent of category) per nation. For up to ten gymnasts, one person may be accredited as delegation leader. For eleven or more gymnasts, two persons may be accredited as delegation leaders. It is highly recommended that these persons do not take over other responsibilities during the Individual World Championships. If a delegation leader is nevertheless also coaching, they have to be registered as a coach as well.

b) Each delegation **can accredit a maximum of six official coaches for Gym Wheel**. The number of permitted coaches depends on the number of registered Gym Wheel gymnasts (independent of category) per nation.

Example:	up to 4	gymnasts	→	2 coaches
	5 – 8	gymnasts	→	3 coaches
	9 – 12	gymnasts	→	4 coaches
	13 – 16	gymnasts	→	5 coaches
	17 or more	gymnasts	→	6 coaches

c) Each delegation **can accredit a maximum of four official coaches for Cyr Wheel**. The number of permitted coaches depends on the number of registered Cyr Wheel gymnasts (independent of category) per nation.

Example:	up to 10	gymnasts	→	2 coaches
	11 or more	gymnasts	→	4 coaches

- Only **officially accredited coaches** with a task during a routine or vault (spotting the gymnast, catching the wheel or pushing the mat) may enter the competition area at the time her/his gymnast competes.

- Coaches entering the competition area must wear delegation uniform (**track suit trousers, official team T-shirt** and/or **jacket**) and **sports shoes**.

d) Each delegation **can accredit 1 medical staff (doctor/physiotherapist or similar)**.

### **2.10.2 Team World Championships**

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a) Each delegation **can accredit a maximum of two persons as delegation leaders**. The number of permitted persons depends on the number of registered teams per nation [one team (junior or senior) = one person; two teams (junior and



senior = two persons)].

b) Each delegation **can accredit a maximum of two official coaches**, regardless if they compete with one or two teams.

- Only **an officially accredited coach** per gymnast is allowed to enter the competition area.
- Coaches entering the competition area must wear delegation uniform (**tracksuit trousers, official team T-shirt** and/or **jacket**) and **sports shoes**.

d) Each delegation **can accredit 1 medical staff (doctor/physiotherapist or similar)**.