

International Wheel Gymnastics Federation Competition Rules 2016

Changes

1.2.2 All Around Competitions Gym Wheel

Seniors:

- In the **Senior All Around Competition** there is a qualification round for all senior competitors.
- The six women and six men with the best combined scores from this qualification will proceed to the Senior All Around Finals (see 1.2.5.).
- The Senior All Around qualification is also the qualifying competition for the individual discipline finals.
- In order to qualify for the individual discipline finals, competitors may compete in only one or two disciplines within the All Around qualification.

1.2.3 Individual Disciplines Gym Wheel

The minimum scores required to reach a final (for both juniors and seniors) are:

Straight-line	7.00 points
Spiral	6.00 points
Vault	6.50 points (best of two vaults)

1.2.5 Finals Gym Wheel

Seniors All Around:

- There is a **separate Senior All Around Final**
- The senior women and senior men All Around competition is the qualification for this final
- All senior competitors take part in the qualification (including those competing in only one or two disciplines).

- The **six women** and **six men** with the best combined scores (straight-line + spiral + vault) **will qualify for the senior All Around Finals.**
- The World All Around Senior Champions (men and women) are decided in the Senior All Around Finals. The World All Around Senior Champion will be the competitor with the highest combined score of the three disciplines, straight-line, spiral and vault.
- The total number of gymnasts permitted in the Senior All Around Final can increase given equal scores 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 and composition + 1 score for difficulty [+ 2 scores for musical interpretation]) are equal.
- The maximum number of gymnasts is eight. In exceptional circumstances (nine or more qualified finalists), the competition committee will decide who will take part in the final.
- The All Around qualification round is also the qualifying competition for the individual discipline finals.
- In order to qualify for the individual discipline finals, competitors may compete in only one or two disciplines in the All Around qualification.

1.2.6 All Around Competition Cyr Wheel

Men and Women:

- There is no separate All Around Final for Cyr Wheel
- Men and women compete in separate categories
- The World All Around Cyr Wheel Champion will be the competitor with the highest combined score technical program + free program
- The All Around competition is also the qualifying competition for the individual Cyr Wheel final.

1.2.7 Individual Final Cyr Wheel

The best competitors (maximum 4) from each competition category (men and women) in the All Around competition will qualify for the individual Cyr Wheel finals (one for men; one for women).

Additional information about the Cyr Wheel competitions will be published in January 2016.

1.3.6 Registration Formalities for Judges

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. Judges are not permitted to compete at the championships.** These 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 judges will be expected to complete an online judging tutorial before the championships as well as take part in the judging seminar to be held on arrival at the World Championships.

The ITC in co-operation with the IRV Judging Officer will decide which judges to use in the championships.

If a country forgets to 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 **1-3 Gym Wheel gymnasts** registered for the championships are permitted to "share" a Gym Wheel judge. Maximum numbers must be respected.

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

Member countries with a total of **1-4 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 } 1 **Cyr Wheel** judge

Further information about registration of judges may be obtained from the IRV Judging Officer.

2.4 Competition Clothing

Gymnastics clothing for straight-line with music

a) Clothing must be tight so that the gymnast is not inhibited or endangered. Decorations in the form of sequins, buttons etc. are only permitted in a very limited quantity.

b) Hair and make-up must be simple and discreet. Feathers, flowers etc. are not permitted.

c) The **use of props of any kind is not permitted.**

d) 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 may disqualify the gymnast from the competition.

Clothing guidelines for Cyr Wheel will be published in January 2016 together with the Cyr Wheel Code of Points 2016.

2.7 Starting Order Gym Wheel

A new timetable for the All Around senior qualification will be implemented at the World Championships in Cincinnati 2016, 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 in point 2.5.6 in the Competition Rules, but the final start list will be divided into 4 blocks for men and 4 blocks for women. The order of competition will also be different from previous years.

The order of competition for the All Around junior competition will remain unchanged.

2.8 Starting Order Cyr Wheel

The system for working out the starting order for the Cyr Wheel All Around competition will depend on the number of registered participants.

The starting order for the individual finals (men and women) will be in reverse order of the qualifying scores from the All Around competition, i.e. the gymnast with the highest qualifying score will start last in the final.

2.10 Pocket Cards

a) "Pocket Cards" are used to list the difficulty elements of a straight-line or spiral 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 template from the IRV homepage (www.rhoenrad.com) 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) Handwritten Pocket Cards must be legible ("readable"). The difficulty judges may reject a handwritten Pocket Card that they cannot read.

e) If a Pocket Card is not submitted at all, all contact with the judging panel and/or inquiries about the difficulty score after the routine are strictly forbidden.

2.12 Delegation Leaders, Coaches, Physiotherapists

a) Each delegation **may 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.

b) Each delegation **may accredit a maximum of five 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	→	1 coach
	5 – 8	gymnasts	→	2 coaches
	9 – 12	gymnasts	→	3 coaches
	13 – 6	gymnasts	→	4 coaches
	17 or more	gymnasts	→	5 coaches

c) Each delegation **may accredit one coach for Cyr Wheel**.

- Only **one coach** (must be **officially accredited**) per gymnast is allowed to enter the competition area.
- Coaches entering the competition area must wear delegation uniform (**track suit trousers, official team T-shirt and/or jacket**) and **sports shoes**.
- Each delegation **may accredit 1 physiotherapist**.

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As there seem to be misunderstandings concerning the rules of the All Around and Individual Competitions as well as the number of qualified gymnasts per country in the Individual Finals here are some explanations that will help to understand the Competition Rules 2016 (CR2016).

Juniors:

- a) There were **no changes** made in the general rules for the Junior All Around Competition or the Junior Individual Finals (see point 1.2.2 in the CR2016).
- b) A maximum of **two gymnasts per country per discipline** can qualify for the Individual Discipline Finals.
- c) The minimum qualifying scores for the finals are now the same for Juniors AND Seniors (see point 1.2.3 CR2016).

Straight-line	7.00 points
Spiral	6.00 points
Vault	6.50 points (best of two vaults)

Seniors:

1. Senior Individual Finals

- a) There were **no changes** made in the rules **for the Senior Individual Finals.**
- b) A maximum of **two gymnasts per country per discipline** can qualify for the Individual Discipline Finals.
- c) The minimum qualifying scores for the finals are now the same for Juniors AND Seniors (see point 1.2.3 CR2016).

Straight-line	7.00 points
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Vault	6.50 points (best of two vaults)



2. NEW - Senior All Around Competition

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- b) The **six women and six men with the best combined scores** from this qualification **will proceed to the Senior All Around Finals** (see point 1.2.5 CR2016).
- c) There is a **separate Senior All Around Final**
- d) The World All Around Senior Champions (men and women) are decided in the Senior All Around Finals. The World All Around Senior Champion will be the competitor with the highest combined score of the three disciplines, straight-line, spiral and vault.