

Northern Europeans (Artistic Gymnastics)

Rules & Regulations – valid 2021-2024

GENERAL REGULATIONS

Art. 1: Organisation and terminology

In accordance with decisions of the participating countries and on the basis of the Statutes and Technical Regulations of the FIG. The Northern Europeans for men and women take place every year in November.

Art. 2: Right to participate

The following 12 federations can participate on an annual basis: Denmark, England, Faroe Islands, Finland, Iceland, Ireland, Isle of Man, Northern Ireland, Norway, Scotland, Sweden, and Wales.

Art. 3: Allocation and dates of the competition

The Northern European rotational plan (see Appendix. 2) must be confirmed at least three years in advance. Finalised dates and venues must be communicated a minimum of 18 months in advance of the next competition in order to provide countries with budgetary and planning processes; this should be done via email to each federation (using Appendix.1 contact list).

Art. 4: Conditions for participation

4.1 Each federation may enter a max of 1 team or individuals of the categories below:

- 4-6 male gymnasts
- 4-6 female gymnasts
- 1-3 individual gymnasts

4.2 Age of competitors

It is possible for individual federations to send both senior and/or junior gymnasts in accordance with FIG ages. The gymnasts will be judged according to FIG Code of points for each age group.

Art. 5: Entry procedure

5.1 The deadlines for arrival at the organising federation are determined by the dates of the competition as follows:

5.1.1 Provisional registration - 4 months before the dates of competition

5.1.2 Definitive registration of delegation members – 2 months before the dates of competition

5.1.3 Nominative list of gymnasts and officials – 1 month before the dates of competition

The list must include: 1) surname and forename of all the participants

2) Date of birth (date, month, year) of the gymnasts

5.2 Alterations of the nominative lists are possible, but will not be accepted later than 12 hours prior to the start of the competition

5.3 In cases of illness or injury, it is allowed to replace the affected gymnast with another nominated gymnast up till 30 minutes prior to the start of the competition

5.4 A maximum entry fee of EURO 100 per gymnast will be chargeable to participating federations. This will include medals, the cost of the arena, etc. Accommodation and travel costs are not included in this fee and is additional.

2. TECHNICAL ORGANISATION

Art. 6: Competition format

The competition consists of the following:

- Team competition both men and women
- Individual all-round competition both men and women
- Apparatus Finals, single apparatus both men and women

Art. 7: Competition programme

7.1 Team competition both men and women

7.1.1 A team can consist of 4-6 gymnasts, up to 6 compete each apparatus and the 4 highest scores count (max. 1 junior score). These are added and make the total result of each apparatus for the team score.

It is possible to participate with individual gymnasts only if a federation does not have sufficient gymnasts for a full team. The team competition in this case gives the ranking for the individual all-round competition and serves as qualification for the single apparatus finals. The team competition consists of 6 apparatus for men and 4 for women. The number of subdivisions depends on the number of federations and gymnasts. The starting order will depend on the results from the competition last year. Depending on how many federations participating, the 4 (3) best federations and the host federation will compete in the second subdivision.

7.1.2 The drawing of starting order in subdivision one will be done by the host federation after the definitive entries. The starting order in subdivision two will be according to FIG rules (Number one federation last year will start in vault (women) and floor (men) etc.

7.2 Individual all-round competition both men and women

7.2.1 The ranking is decided according to the results in the team competition for juniors and seniors

7.3 Apparatus Finals single apparatus both men and women

7.3.1 The 8 highest ranked gymnasts in each apparatus from the team competition (across juniors and seniors) are qualified for the corresponding apparatus finals. In case of a tie, all gymnasts will compete, but according to the regulations in 7.3.2.

7.3.2 A maximum of two gymnasts per federation are allowed in each apparatus final

7.3.3 The starting order is decided by drawing of lots

7.4 Exercise requirements

7.4.1 The requirements comply with the latest valid FIG Technical Regulations and Code of Points

Art. 8: Duration and time-schedule

The competition will be organised during 2 days as follows:

- Day 1 (Saturday): Team competition and individual all-round competition (men/women)
- Day 2 (Sunday): Apparatus Finals in single apparatus both (men/women)

Art. 9: Technical tasks

9.1 The host federation is responsible for the technical organisation and running of the competition. The host federation has to be in the last subdivision in the competition Saturday.

9.2 The orientation meeting should be held Friday afternoon

Art. 10: The jury and judging panel

10.1 Judges should be holders of the FIG Brevet licence for the corresponding cycle.

10.2 When a federation enters individual gymnasts i.e. less than four, they must send at least one judge qualified to Brevet level. Federations entering a team of four or more gymnasts must bring two judges, preferably both qualified to Brevet level, but if not possible then 1 national judge will be accepted, but may be limited to time or line judge.

10.3 Federations are allowed to provide neutral FIG Brevet judges when not being able to provide a judge from own federation.

10.4 Time and line judges can be of national level or above and could be provided by the host federation.

10.5 Participating federations which do not send judges will have to pay cost of Euro 800 for each judge. The host federation will fill in with extra judges.

10.6 The appointment of the judges to each apparatus is made by drawing of lots, with first drawing of brevets, followed by the drawing of national judges where required. Four on each apparatus.

10.7 The appeal jury for technical matters is composed as follows:

- The official representative of the host federation
- One representative from the participating federations appointed at the orientation meeting
- The head judges/experts on each apparatus

10.8 The D-score will be shown immediately. Written inquiries on the D-score are allowed. There will be a charge 100 Euro for the first inquiry, 200 Euro for the second inquiry, and 300 Euro for the third inquiry. Fees will be invoiced by the host federation after the event. If the inquiry is accepted, then the fee is waived. The inquiry will be reviewed by two D judges from a different apparatus panel.

10.9 If extraordinary or unforeseen situations should occur, this will be the matter of the official representatives from all the participating federations.

Art. 11: Ranking lists

In the case of gymnasts tying for 8th place in the individual apparatus start list, FIG regulations will be applied. Maximum 2 gymnasts per federation can participate.

Art. 12: Victory ceremonies

12.1 Awards in the team competitions, all-round competitions and Apparatus Finals are presented as follows:

- 3rd place: Bronze medal
- 2nd place: Silver medal
- 1st place: Gold medal

12.2 The winning teams (MAG / WAG) and the individual all-around gold medallists are awarded also with a prize

12.3 The victory ceremonies for the team competitions and all-round competitions follow immediately after the conclusion of Saturday's competition. The victory ceremonies for the Apparatus Finals follow immediately after the conclusion of Sunday's competition.

Art. 13: Scoring sheets and lists of finalists

13.1 The host federation is obliged to distribute one copy of the complete results to all participating federations when the competition is completed, sent by e-mail to NE federations contact list (Appendix 1) and Head of Delegation.

13.2 The hosts have to publish the list of finalists immediately after the end of the team competition. The participating federations concerned have to confirm any changes to the participation of their gymnast (s) not later than 2 hours before the start of the finals.

3. SPECIAL REGULATIONS

Art. 14: Responsibilities of the host federation

14.1 The host federation is responsible for a flawless running of the event, which includes the running of the competition, equipment of FIG and competition standard, the training sessions and the necessary meetings.

14.2 The host federation has to prepare at least 2 alternatives for accommodation in different price-categories. It is important to find alternatives as close as possible to each other and the competition hall.

14.3 The host federation must provide video footage of each routine.

Art. 15: Financial matters and obligations

15.1 The participating federations have to cover all expenses throughout the stay themselves.

15.2 The host federation will cover all expenses and obligations related to the running of the event.

Art. 16: Flags and national anthems

- 16.1 The host federation must provide flags for all participating federations.
- 16.2 The host federation must provide national anthems for all participating federations; must be confirmed during the accreditation.

Art. 17: Changes to Northern European Technical Regulations

- 17.1 In the last year of an Olympic cycle all proposed changes to technical regulations must be sent to all federations 18 months in advance of the competition (May).
- 17.2 The upcoming host federation of the new Olympic cycle must arrange a Northern Europeans Technical Meeting call in September.
- 17.3 The upcoming technical regulations for the new cycle should be shared by the host no later than 12 months (November) before the next year's competition.
- 17.4 Each participating federation must provide only 1 representative to participate in the NE Technical Meeting call.
- 17.5 This group has the mandate for the final decision and simple majority will be used to conclude all decisions.
- 17.6 There must be a minimum of 6 federations participating for the event to be held.