

GFA International Events Selection Policy

Participation Abroad – non-competitive

The purpose of this policy is to provide a clear understanding of the process involved for an International non-competitive Event.

The following rules, policies and documents support this policy and must be adhered to.

- Gymnastics Ireland Rules & Regulations
<http://www.gymnasticsireland.com/structure-policy/general-rules-and-policy>
- Gymnastics Ireland Travel Policy
<http://www.gymnasticsireland.com/structure-policy/international-travel-policy>
- Gymnastics Ireland Head of Delegation Travel Booklet
- Codes of Conduct for HOD, Gymnast, Coach, Adult Delegation Members, Parents
- Gymnastics Ireland Information Booklet for Parents and Gymnasts
- Gymnastics Ireland Delegation Nomination form
- Gymnastics Ireland Complaints & Disciplinary Rules and Procedures
<http://www.gymnasticsireland.com/structure-policy/complaints-and-discipline>

2. Other important Policies and Documentation

- FIG GFA rules – LINK
<http://www.fig-gymnastics.com/publicdir/rules/files/gfa/2009%20GFA%20manual-e.pdf>
- FIG GfL Rules – LINK
[http://www.fig-gymnastics.com/publicdir/rules/files/gfa/World%20Gym%20for%20Life%20Challenge%20Regulation%20\(English\).pdf](http://www.fig-gymnastics.com/publicdir/rules/files/gfa/World%20Gym%20for%20Life%20Challenge%20Regulation%20(English).pdf)

Procedure:

Step 1: Provisional Expression of interest form to be submitted to GI 1 week prior to closing date as on directives

Step 2: Delegation definitive and nomination forms both must be submitted to GI 1 week prior to closing date as on directives

Step 3: All relevant forms must be submitted to GI 1 week prior to the closing date as on directives

Step 4: Approval through GI – no flight bookings etc can be made before GI sign off on the Delegation Nomination form

Step 5: Booking flights, accommodation, logistics

Step 6: The gymnastics Ireland Information Travel booklet for the selected team and Parents will be issued by the Head of Delegation

Step 7: Travel to event

Step 8: Post event analysis to be submitted to GI within 2 weeks of return by each head coach/club

Club Participation in International Events – Policy

1. All criteria for team/ display events must be adhered to. Please refer to the links below
<http://www.fig-gymnastics.com/publicdir/rules/files/gfa/2009%20GFA%20manual-e.pdf>
[http://www.fig-gymnastics.com/publicdir/rules/files/gfa/World%20Gym%20for%20Life%20Challenge%20Regulation%20\(English\).pdf](http://www.fig-gymnastics.com/publicdir/rules/files/gfa/World%20Gym%20for%20Life%20Challenge%20Regulation%20(English).pdf)
2. The HOD will be nominated by GI, and teams travelling will be subject to all HOD rules and regulations
3. Coaches travelling as part of the GI team must:
 - be GI members
 - have completed Garda Vetting (ROI) or AccessNI (NI) through GI
 - have attended Sport Ireland/Sport NI Safeguarding Workshop
 - sign a GI code of conduct
 - Have a recognised coaching qualification with GI
4. A head coach must be nominated on the team delegation form. They must be qualified to level 2 or above and approved by GI
5. All gymnasts travelling as part of the GI team must:
 - be GI members
 - sign a code of conduct

Chaperones/ additional adults travelling as part of the GI team (i.e. on the delegation nomination form) must:

- be GI members
 - have completed Garda Vetting or AccessNI (NI) through GI
 - have attended Sport Ireland /Sport NI Safeguarding Workshop
 - sign a GI code of conduct
6. On receipt of the completed Delegation Nomination Form, consideration will be given to ensuring that there is adequate gender based ratios of adults to young people (male & female).

7. Parents travelling to the event in a private capacity (must sign and adhere to the GI Parents Code of Conduct and complete a self-declaration form). Both forms must be submitted by the club, along with all other documentation.
8. All clubs must supply a video of the display routine to be GI approved with the delegation nomination form.
9. **INSURANCE**

Gymnastics Ireland has an overseas travel insurance policy – only officially named GI delegation members are covered by this policy. A copy of this policy will be provided to the Head of Delegation. Gymnastics Ireland recommends all gymnasts take out additional personal health cover insurance, further information can be obtained from Gymnastics Ireland.

 1. A European Health card is also recommended which can be downloaded and applied for through this Link <http://www.gov.ie/services/apply-for-european-health-insurance-card/>

Clubs Responsibility

 1. Clubs will be responsible for booking their own flights, and all relevant information must be forwarded to GI, once booked (step 4). Please note step 1-4 must be completed before any flights are booked for delegation members.
 2. Once delegations have been approved, clubs will send their recommended accommodations requirements to GI
10. The Team travelling will be required to wear a recognised approved Gymnastics Ireland kit. All orders must be submitted 8 weeks prior.

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