



1st Junior World Championship 2019 – Moscow (RUS)

“Report”

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1. Program of the Competitions

- Individual and Group Competitions with:
- Qualification and Team Ranking
 - Individual Apparatus Finals
 - Group All-Around Ranking
 - Groups Finals



Competition Format

Individual:

Participated 1-4 gymnasts. Each Federation has the right to choose the number of exercises to be performed by its registered gymnast(s) for a maximum of 4 routines per Federation (1 routine per apparatus).

Group:

Each Group shall present one exercise with 5 Hoops and one exercise with 5 Ribbons.

Ranking

The Team Ranking is established by adding the 4 scores of the Individual Qualification and the 2 scores of the Group Qualification.

Individual

Apparatus Finals.

Group

The All-Around Ranking is established by adding the 2 results of the Qualification. Apparatus Finals.

Medal Events

Team

Individual and Group Ranking (3)

Individual

Apparatus Finals (4x3)

Group

All-Around Ranking (3)

Apparatus Finals (2x3)

Total: 24

Participation

Participation Rights:

All Gymnasts must be 13-15 years old in 2019 (year of the event, i.e. born 2004–2006).

Maximum Size of Delegation

- All National Federations are entitled to participate with:
- 1-4 Individual Gymnasts
- 1 Group of 5 or 6 Gymnasts



2. At the 1st Junior RG World Championships gymnasts from all Continents participated in Individual and Group Programs

Total number of entries by NF (Individuals and Groups) – 61

Total number of gymnasts – 322

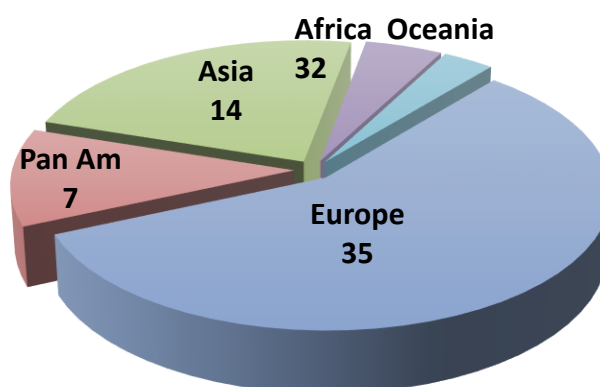
Number of Individual gymnasts – 138 from 61 NFs

Number of Groups – 33

Number of Group gymnasts – 185

Countries by Continent

- Europe: 35
- Asia: 14
- Pan Am: 7
- Africa: 3
- Oceania: 2



The competition ran according to the current Junior rules (Code of Points-Annex).

This event is a unique experience for young gymnasts.

The competitions were very interesting and showed positive progress in development of RG. Participated Junior gymnasts showed high level of preparation and variety in the compositions.

RG TC remarks that the European gymnasts prevail in the Individual Program and Group exercises, although there is progress in preparation of gymnasts from other Continents: Asia, Pan-Am, Africa.

The positive moment was participation of both Oceania countries (AUS, NZL).

The format of the competitions, which included a combination of Individual and Group Programs, aroused great interest among NFs. At the 1st Junior World Championship participated 61 National Federations, the same amount as at the 36th World Championship 2018 in Sofia (BUL).

Also, the format of the 1st Junior World Championship, where participated 1-4 Individual gymnasts and each Federation has the right to choose the number of exercises to be performed by its registered gymnast(s) for a maximum of 4 routines per Federation (1 routine per apparatus), received positive comments from NFs. Participating NFs could plan Team competition tactics based on abilities of their gymnasts.



3. Medal Distribution (Team Ranking)

Nations	Gold	Silver	Bronze
RUS	1		
ITA		1	
ISR			1

4. Individual Apparatus Finals

Gymnasts from 14 countries took part in Apparatus Final Competitions.

Countries by Continent:

- Europe: 10 (AZE, BLR, BUL, EST, ITA, ISR, HUN, ROU, RUS, UKR)
- Asia: 4 (KAZ, KOR, JPN, UZB)

Gymnasts from 5 countries (RUS, ITA, AZE, ISR, ESP) have won medals.

98,5 % of finalists in the Individual Program were from Europe and all the medals were won by European gymnasts.

TC remarks that the current CoP increases stability in Difficulty Evaluation, provides reasonable balance between Difficulty and Execution components in the Final score.

Competition exercises of Junior gymnasts were dynamic and spectacular due to a wider range of elements to be used, original connection movements, high level of the apparatus handling, better choice of various musical themes, interpretations and images through motion.

All this is sure made the competitions entertaining. In the future it is necessary to pay more attention to the Artistic component. Also, it is necessary to pay attention to Base Technique of elements with Clubs and Ribbons.

However, it should be noted that exercises with Rope were with lack of variety, with poor visible technique of apparatus handling. The exercises were not interesting for spectators and TV. This fact confirms the correctness of the RG Reform Project group decision to eliminate Rope from Hand Apparatus Program.

Rope is necessary to keep for physical preparation of RG gymnasts and for Urban sports.

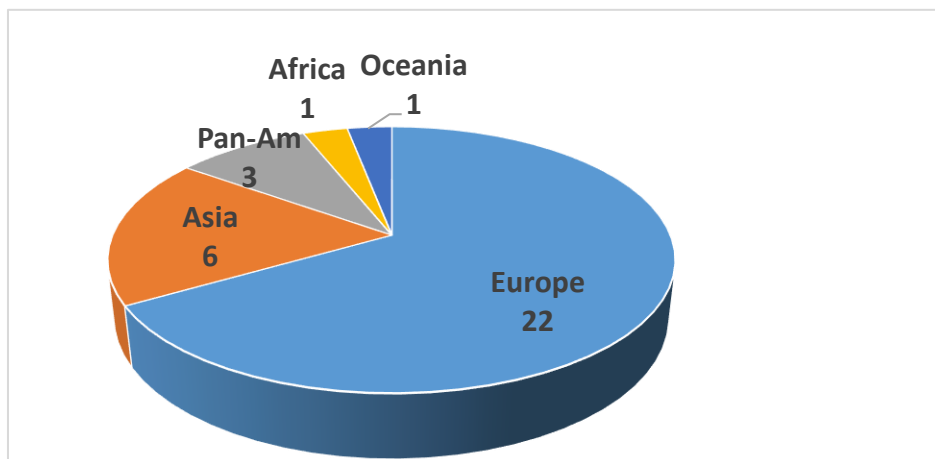
5. Group Competitions

All-Around ranking

33 countries participated in Group competitions.

Countries by Continent

- Europe: 22
- Pan-Am: 3
- Asia: 6
- Africa: 1
- Oceania: 1





RG TC notes that all 5 Continents took part in the Junior World Championship in Group Program but

100% of the Groups in the Finals came from Europe.

It is obvious that European countries have professional system of Group gymnasts training.

Groups RUS, ITA, BLR have won medals in All-Around Competitions.

Group Finals

Groups from 10 countries took part in Final competitions.

Gymnasts from 4 countries (BLR, ITA, ISR, RUS) have won medals.

Note: The level of performance of all Groups was enough high.

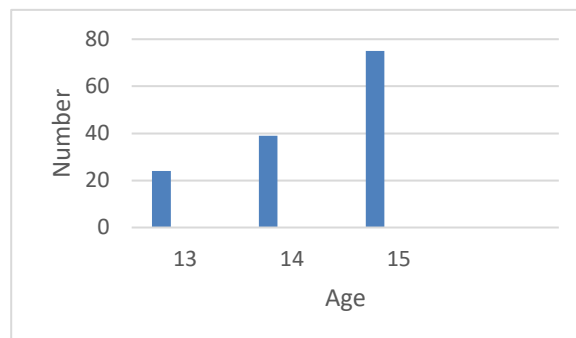
Competition Program for Junior Groups – two exercises with different apparatus, but identical for all 5 gymnasts were dynamic and spectacular, also this Program is in accordance with the capabilities of Juniors and contribute to their technical improvement.

This Program received positive comments from participating NFs.

6. Age of the gymnasts

Registered Individual Gymnasts: 138 Ages of Registered Individual Gymnasts

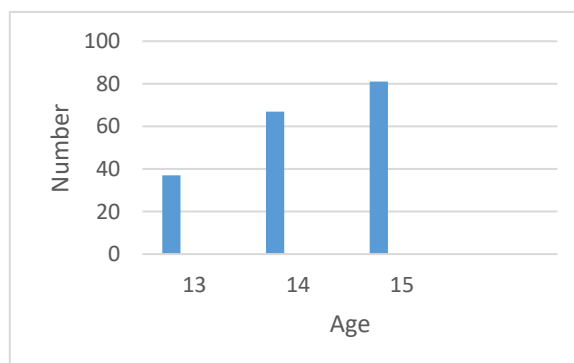
Age	Birth Year	Number	%
13	2006	24	17
14	2005	39	28
15	2004	75	55



It is absolutely logical that gymnasts of 15 years old prevail in the competitions of the Individual Program. These gymnasts have sufficient technical preparation for World Championship and are able to perform with Artistic expression.

Registered Group Gymnasts: 185 Ages of Registered Group Gymnasts

Age	Birth Year	Number	%
13	2006	37	20
14	2005	67	36
15	2004	81	44

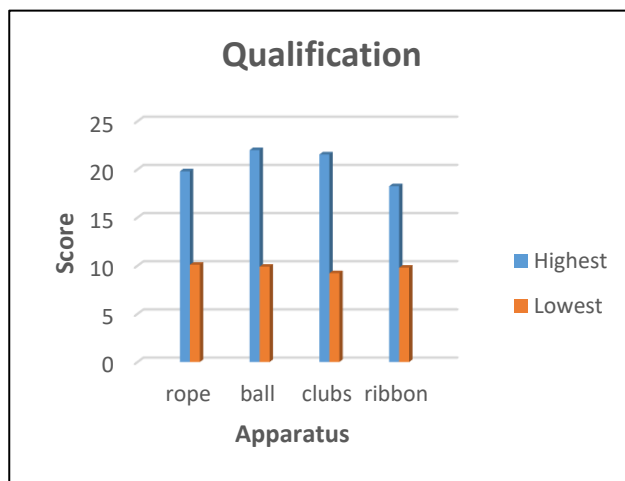




The most common age was 14-15, with 148 gymnasts (80% of overall). This can be explained by the fact that not all NFs may have sufficient number of equally prepared gymnasts (which are necessary for Groups) of the same age. For the next Junior World Championships TC recommends to have age requirements for gymnasts the same as now.

7. Level of Performance Individual gymnasts

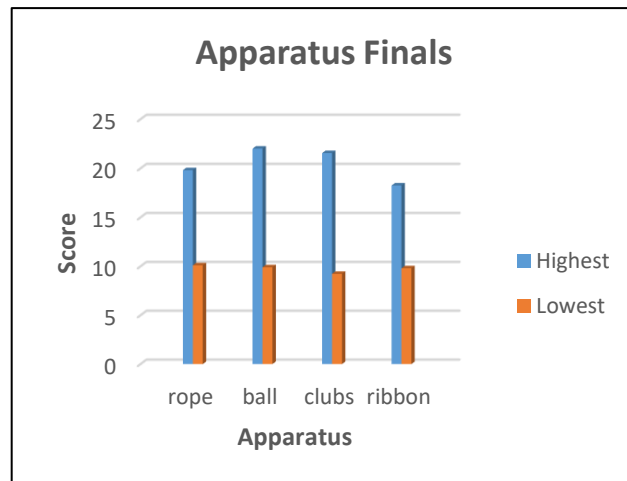
Competition	Apparatus	Score	
		Highest	Lowest
Qualification Competition with Team Ranking	Rope	19.800	10.100
	Ball	22.000	9.900
	Clubs	21.550	9.225
	Ribbon	18.250	9.800



During the Team Event there was a significant difference in performance skills of gymnasts from different countries.

The highest score was in the exercise with Ball; the lowest – with Ribbon.

Competition	Apparatus	Score	
		Highest	Lowest
Apparatus Finals	Rope	20.600	14.750
	Ball	21.525	17.450
	Clubs	20.750	16.050
	Ribbon	17.650	14.450



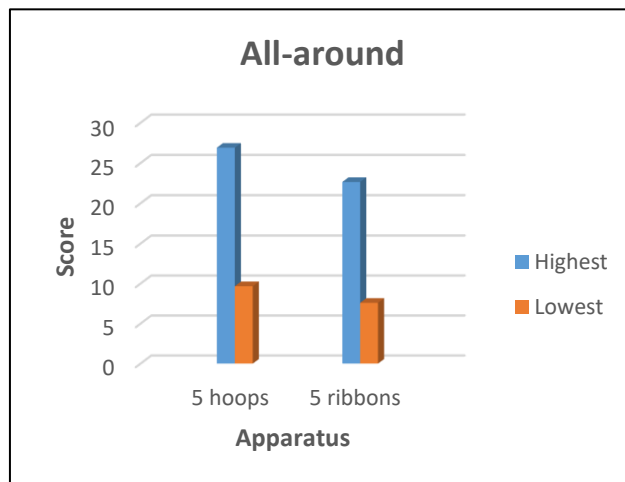
During the Apparatus Finals there was difference in performance skills of gymnasts from different countries. Lower scores were as a result of the loss of the apparatus.

More difficult apparatus for Juniors – Ribbon.

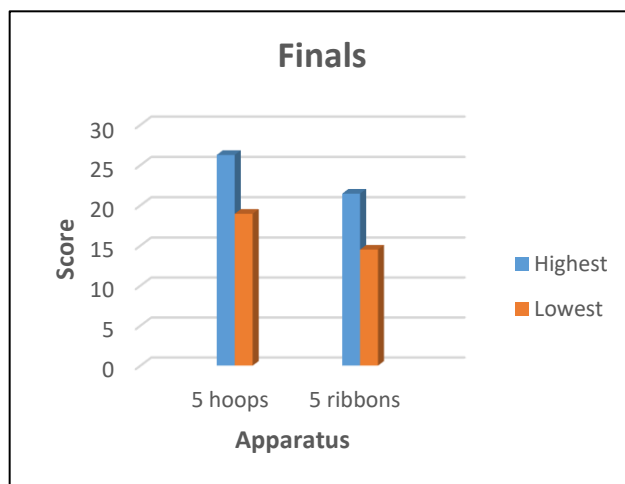


Group exercises

Competition	Apparatus	Score	
		Highest	Lowest
All-Around Competition with Team Ranking	5 Hoops	26.900	9.675
	5 Ribbons	22.650	7.600



Competition	Apparatus	Score	
		Highest	Lowest
Finals	5 Hoops	26.250	18.950
	5 Ribbons	21.450	14.500



Groups from 33 countries, participating in the 1st Junior RG World Championship, showed different levels of composition with different levels of performance skills. Both exercises were attractive.

The highest score was registered in the exercise with 5 Hoops. Exercises with 5 Ribbons were more difficult for Juniors, the Groups made many mistakes in these exercises (lowest level of score was in the exercise with 5 Ribbons).



8. Judging Activities

Individual competitions

Total 55 Judges

All registered Individual judges took part in judging during the Junior World Championship.

Judges Distribution by Continents

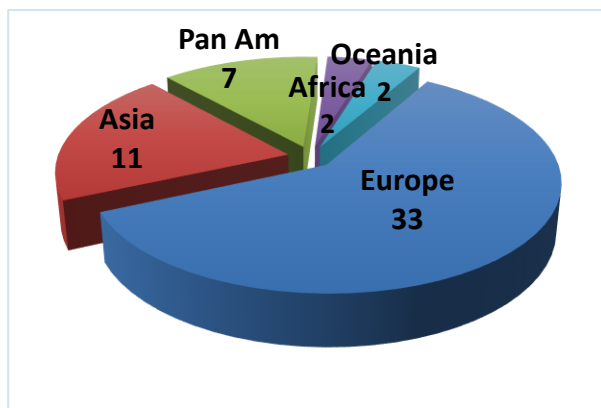
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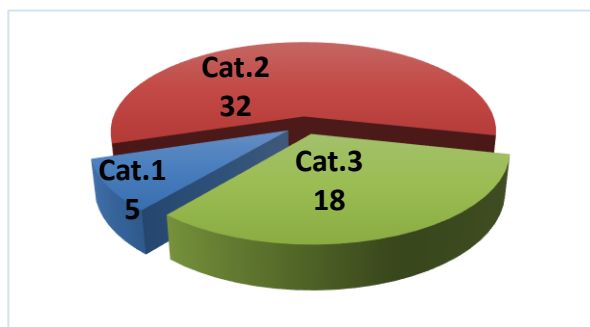


Judges Distribution by Categories

Cat.1 -5 judges (100% Europe)

Cat.2 - 32 judges (66% Europe; 15% Pan-Am; 13% Asia, 3% Africa,3% Oceania)

Cat.3 - 18 judges (39% Europe; 11% Pan-Am; 39% Asia, 5,5% Africa,5,5% Oceania)



Note: Junior World Championship showed that we have enough judges with high Brevet: Categories – I and II for Individual competitions

Group competitions

Total 30 Judges

All registered Group judges took part in judging during the Junior World Championship.

Judges Distribution by Continents

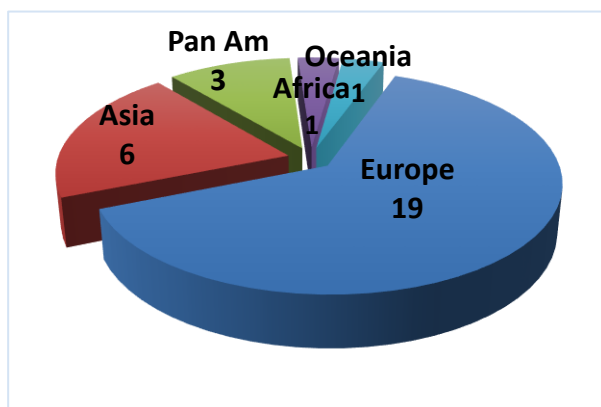
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Oceania:1



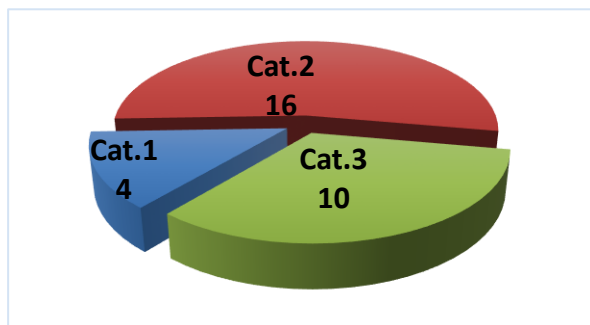


Judges Distribution by Categories

Cat.1 -4 judges (100% Europe)

Cat.2 - 16 judges (75% Europe; 12,5% Pan-Am; 12,5% Asia)

Cat.3 - 10 judges (30% Europe; 10% Pan-Am; 40% Asia, 10% Africa, 10% Oceania)



Note: Junior World Championship showed that we have enough judges Cat. I and Cat. II for Group competitions
Judges from Europe and Asia have better qualification in Individual and Group Programs

Executive Committee approved 7 best judges, as members of Superior Jury and 4 Reference

judges, according to Category, experience, exams results.

RG TC thanks judges invited as part of the Superior Jury and Reference judges for their hard work and concentration over a long competition.

Judges' Review Session (Instruction) and Judges' Draw

The RG TC members presented new format of PPTs where reviewed Difficulty (Body and Apparatus) together with Execution Technical Penalties through many video. Special attention was paid to the most difficult points of COP concerning Juniors.

Also, special attention and special PPTs with many video examples were presented to remind judges Artistic components of Execution.

The Individual and Group Judges' Instructions took place in the presence of the FIG Technical Coordinator Steve Butcher, who emphasized the importance of the judges' precision and objectivity at this World Championships.

For judges' education it was very useful publishing before the Junior World Championships the updated version of "Newsletter 1" (Questions from judges concerning COP & RG TC Answers) with a focus on requirements for Junior exercises, especially with a video link for Rope.

Also, all materials from the RG Reform Project meetings, which were led by FIG President Morinari Watanabe, were very useful during presentation of correct evaluation of Artistic component in Junior exercises.

Following the recommendations of FIG President, RG TC organized 8 hours Judges Instructions for Individual Competitions and 4 hours - for Groups due to the necessity to clarify in details all points of COP and to answer the questions judges submitted.

The both Judges Instructions (Individual and Group) were good organized.



I thank all TC members for preparation of all materials for Judges Instructions.
Also thanks LOC IT members, responsible for the conference room, for good cooperation during Judges` Instructions.

Every day before the start of the competitions there were judges` briefings where the most typical misunderstandings of some points of COP from the previous day were clarified; also there were discussions and answers to questions of judges.

Judges` Draw for RGI D-judges and RGG D-judges, also for ETR was organized before the Judges Instructions.

Judges` Draw for E-judges, Time/Line-judges was organized before each phase of the Competitions.

Judges` Draw for Finals was organized before Finals; only neutral judges took part in this Draw.

The Judges` Draw procedures were well prepared and carried-out efficiently.
The TC thanks FIG RG Sports Manager Sylvie Martinet for her cooperation and professional support during Judges` Draw.

According to the current FIG Rules at Judges` Draw the priority was given to the highest Categories Judges.

The FIG EC members Ron Galimore, Jesus Carballo Martinez and FIG Technical Coordinator Steve Butcher presented at the all Judges` Draws.

Assessment of the Judging

In general, the judging at the Junior RG World Championships Moscow 2019 was satisfactory.

Majority of judges showed competence and objectivity.

The judge from MGL Erdenezaya Baatarjav received verbal warning for judging Execution Group exercises and was replaced with Reserve judge.

The rules for blocking of scores outside the tolerated difference between judges and SJ was applied.

Scores outside tolerance were reviewed according to the regulations.

Unfortunately, there were many blocked scores, what requires detailed study and discussions.

Inquiries

Individual competitions – 10 inquiries (8 accepted, 2 rejected)

Group competitions - 10 inquiries (3 accepted, 7 rejected)

Post competition review was carried out according to the regulations with the FIG Technical Coordinator Steve Butcher.



9. Longines-IRCOS scoring & video system

On behalf of the RG TC, I extend my heartfelt thanks to the IRCOS and the Longines teams for their friendly attitude and professional collaboration.

10. Venue and Apparatus Control

- ❖ **Venue:** RG TC checked training and competition halls.
RG TC would like to thank Mr. Daniel Fesser (Apparatus Commissioner) for cooperation.

- ❖ **Apparatus Control:** was held professionally and accurately during training and competitions according to FIG Rules under Mr. Daniel Fesser control. RG TC supported this control.

- ❖ **Training schedule:** RG TC thanks Sports Events Manager, Eunice Lebre for her collaboration in preparing the training schedule.

- ❖ **Podium Training:** was very well organized and took place on Timetable.

11. Conclusion

- RG TC congratulates all participating gymnasts and coaches for the successful the 1st Junior RG World Championship 2019 in Moscow (RUS).

- RG TC thanks Competition Commission: Ron Galimore, Jesus Carballo Martinez, Naomi Valenzo Aoki for support to prepare Format of the competitions.

- On behalf of the RG TC, I extend my sincere appreciation to President of Russian Rhythmic Gymnastics Federation Mrs. Irina Viner-Usmanova for the great job, which ensured the success of the Championships.

- Thanks to all local staff and volunteers for their hospitality and their dedication to a very successful event. Everyone fulfilled their responsibilities in a friendly manner and were ready to assist when needed.

- The RG TC is grateful for attention, constant support and feedback of the FIG President Mr. Morinari Watanabe, FIG Secretary General Mr. Nicolas Buompane, FIG Technical Coordinator Mr. Steve Butcher.

- The RG TC is entirely grateful to the FIG staff members for their constant professional support: Ms. Sylvie Martinet – Sports Manager RG, Ms. Eunice Lebre – Sports Manager as well as Mr. Oliver Strebel - Communication and Marketing Director and the media team.

- Also RG TC thanks the RG Athlete Representative Liubou Charkashyna for her active and continuous feedback with the athletes during the competition and team work before and during the Championship.



- I warmly thank the RG TC members for their conscientious cooperation and team work during the World championship.

Respectfully submitted,



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