



**3<sup>rd</sup> FIG Artistic Gymnastics Junior World Championships  
Manila, PHI**

**Men's Artistic Gymnastics Technical Committee Report**

**Executive Summary**

1. The LOC and the Philippines Gymnastics Federation, led by President Cynthia Carrion, deserve special recognition and thanks for delivering a unique and exceptional championships that will long be remembered by all those in attendance.
2. The LOC made a special presentation to 6 National Federations who were competing in the Men's competition for the first time, this was well received by ESA, HKG, MON, PLE, SLO, TTO.
3. Congratulations to the Taishan team and the FIG Apparatus Commissioner, Jakob Raab, for the delivery of an excellent set up in the Competition and Training Venues. They worked tirelessly with the LOC to set up the venue under tighter than normal timescales. Challenges regarding lighting and temperature levels were resolved efficiently and effectively.
4. Our thanks go to Christophe Pittet and his team for their professional and flexible approach to set up. Judging accuracy was impacted by the limitations of the current IRCOS camera set up. The limit on frames per second capture means the actual landing position for zero vaults can be missed. The 4K cameras can capture greater quality but requires change within the FIG. (Page 5)
5. In Qualification 61 National Federations participated compared to 54 in 2023, an increase of 7. A total of 132 gymnasts competed compared to 122 in 2023, an increase of 10. AGU had an additional 7 NFs compete compared to 2023.
6. The qualification subdivisions ran to time and without any major problems. The format of qualification, which includes the team final, led to a lack of atmosphere within the arena. In 2027 we propose to seed the final subdivision with the top 11 teams plus host. (See page 4)
7. The Apparatus Finals produced a high level of performance with 9 NFs winning medals. Our current rule requiring gymnasts to compete on all apparatus in order to qualify for finals means specialists are forced to compete low level exercises which are out of place at this level. We propose to remove this requirement for 2027. (See page 4)
8. The new Inquiry process has been well received by coaches. As we progress the use of IRCOS and JSS in managing block scores should we be signalling to coaches, through the inquiry screen, that an exercise has been checked and that inquiry would not affect the score.
9. The number of judges in attendance left us unable to fill all required positions - 46 E judges and 3 Reserves. We enlisted the support of a WAG judge to act as the one reserve during the competition. We need to be able to mitigate this situation by potentially enlisting additional judges from the host National Federation, as we do for Olympic Games.
10. A gymnast who stepped on a safety pin during his vault run up, fell and was allowed to repeat his Vault. Other problems with Bib numbers leads to further calls for the removal. (Page 11)



## Local Organising Committee

**The LOC and the Philippines Gymnastics Federation, led by President Cynthia Carrion, deserve special recognition and thanks for delivering a unique and exceptional championships.**

The Federation stepped forward to host this event when no other candidates applied. Thanks to the exceptional leadership of Cynthia Carrion—whose ability to find solutions to every potential challenge was remarkable—these Junior Championships were delivered as a truly special event.

The event fostered a unique and positive environment in which gymnasts, coaches, volunteers, and the public interacted throughout the venue. All delegations were able to adapt to and make full use of the unique competition and training facilities. Additionally, the location of the hotels—each within a 10-minute walk of the venue—and the exceptional catering contributed to a positive experience for all involved.

## Venue and Apparatus

Congratulations to the Taishan team and the FIG Apparatus Commissioner, Jakob Raab, for the delivery of an excellent set up in Competition Venue. A lower podium (60cm) together with judges seated around the podium maximised the space.

The LOC should be congratulated for delivering an excellent temporary facility which housed both training and warmup areas. This temporary tent structure had full air-conditioning and lighting.





Training Hall timings – teams welcomed the structure of allotted training times however some felt a timed apparatus training was not required. Others though, did comment that this timing was welcomed, as it ensured that apparatus like the Horizontal Bar, with only one available, was free when they came around.

The LOC, in conjunction with Taishan and Swiss Timing, did an exceptional job in preparing the venue with the minimum of available time due to other events being held just prior. This situation was not ideal and a fallout from not completing a contract on time.

Due to the nature of the venue all teams worked positively and collaboratively to resolve challenges that the venue presented. Lighting levels were inconsistent across the apparatus (Vault 800 Lux and Floor 2000 Lux), these were resolved during podium training. The competition venue temperature was initially too cold 20.7° and needed 24 hours to reach a consistent level.

Some of the arena lighting failed during the podium training, including the large LED screen, LED banner, with the sound system failing also. Podium training continued since the gymnasts had sufficient light to train safely.

Feedback from teams regarding gymnast safety suggested that additional soft matting should be available for Juniors to use during competition. This was discussed at the Presidents Round table and agreed as a positive step from a safety perspective.

## Podium Training

This was well coordinated and ran to time. There were a number of queries from NFs regarding the consistency of time available for each gymnast. A team of three gymnasts had 11 minutes per apparatus with two teams in a group, a total of 22 minutes. In a mixed group they were able to take the full 22 minutes, so where a mixed group had 2 or 3 athletes they were getting longer on podium. **Action - Discuss splitting mixed groups with a timed warmup aligned to the teams.**

## The Competition Programme

The event management team - led by Competition Director, Serge Van Poelvoorde, Competition Manager, Anna Carreon and Event Manager, Rowena Eusuya - should be congratulated. Under unique conditions they coordinated both staff and volunteers superbly well, and kept the competition running to time.

## Qualification

The qualification subdivisions ran to time and without any major problems. The format of random draw for what was also the Team final led to a lack of atmosphere within the arena. The eventual winners (China) went to their last apparatus in Subdivision 2, just 0.1 behind current leaders Japan, who competed in Subdivision 1.

No one in the arena, including the announcer or the scoreboard, were able to describe this situation. This was a missed opportunity to create an atmosphere for our athletes, spectators and television viewers.



### Proposal for 2027.

Following consultation with coach's and judges during the event **we propose for 2027 Junior Worlds to move to a seeded draw for the top 11 teams and host NF to compete in the last subdivision.** The seeding will be taken from these championships in Manila. This will allow the event to create the tension and drama that normally surrounds MAG team finals and gives us an improved product to sell to TV.

### All Around Final

As with Jakarta, the All-Around final was run under the '6 groups of 4 gymnasts' format. The competition was completed successfully in 1 hour and 57 minutes. This was a similar time to Jakarta, **a reduction in time of 51 minutes on the All-Around final in Antwerp.**

As the competition progressed it was clear the potential winner was the highest scorer from qualification. We discussed with the television coordinator how we can ensure this gymnast, who was last up on High Bar, was the last competitor thus potentially creating a dramatic ending to the event. For some reason this didn't happen and the gymnast competed before the last PBar gymnast and was left waiting for some time for every score to be released before his was. **Action - discuss how feasible it would be to add a pause before final rotation to reorder the final apparatus starting order so leader would go last.**

### Apparatus Finals

The Apparatus Finals saw an exceptionally high level of gymnastics, with more gymnasts performing complex exercises than in the last Junior Championships in Antalya. The finals ran efficiently and to time, albeit one apparatus at a time, which did leave empty time in the arena. **Action – Discuss pros and cons of MAG and WAG finals running at same time, i.e. Pommels and Vault alternating.**

Analysis of NF Participation in Qualification and Apparatus Finals shows that at this age gymnasts are specialising in their apparatus choice. Our current rules require all gymnasts to perform across all six apparatus in order for them to qualify for an Apparatus Final. This rule leads to gymnasts performing exercises not conducive to a World Championships. The table below shows the lowest D score from athletes being forced to perform, potentially unsafe exercises, in order fulfil this outdated rule.

D Score	Floor	Pommel	Rings	Vault	PBars	HBar
Highest	5.9	5.5	5.0	5.2	5.5	5.6
Lowest	1.7	0.4	0.8	1.2	1.1	0.6

### Proposal for 2027

**To remove the requirement for gymnasts to compete across all six apparatus in order to qualify for an apparatus final.**



## Swiss Timing

Our thanks go to Christophe Pittet and his experienced team for their professional and flexible approach to set up. Timelines were tight and it required good coordination to ensure the best conditions were in place for both gymnasts and judges.

The podium sizes, together with the judges seating positions around the podium, meant some of the scoring screens positions were not ideal. Thank you to Taishan, who were able to provide additional small podiums to relocate the screens to ensure judging positions were optimum.

During the competition the D panel had a number of tight decisions to make regarding recognition, specifically 2 Vaults that were potentially zero. Currently the IRCOS system has a limited frames per second capacity meaning it was impossible to accurately determine a zero vault.

In discussion with Swiss Timing the current camera has the 4K capacity to deliver greater frames per second however there is an internal FIG capacity issue that would need to be changed. **Action – to liaise with FIG colleagues to determine what's required and enable the change in time for the 2026 World Championships in Rotterdam.**

## Judging Activities

### D Judges

The D Judges were drawn from the list of Category 1 judges.

Amongst the 12 judges drawn from NED, GER, LAT, EGY, TPE, ESP, GBR, GEO, AZE, GEO, ROU, ITA, **there were 7 first time D judges at a World Championships.**

Our thanks go to the D judges for their diligence and accuracy in completing their work and special recognition to those new D judges on their excellent work during the event.

### E Judges

In total 46 National Federations were represented by 46 judges.

All E judges were able to judge at least one phase of the Championships.

In attendance were 2 Category 1, 25 Category 2, 17 Category 3 and 2 Category 4 judges.

From within the 46 judges present there were 19 judges attending their first World Championships. It was an honour to welcome into the judging community former Olympic Ring Champion Arthur Zanetti, Brazil.

E Judges accuracy – based on the JEP analysis average accuracy score through qualification was 1.13, this was slightly lower than the Jakarta accuracy of 0.90.

To fulfil the required judging positions we needed 46 judges in active positions and 3 reserves. The numbers in attendance meant we had to enlist the support of a WAG judge to act as the one reserve during the competition. **Action - To mitigate this situation by potentially enlisting additional judges from host National Federation.**



## Judges Instruction

The judge's instruction for D and E judges was delivered separately.

Each apparatus Supervisor prepared presentations focusing on the key themes as well as 4 practise exercises for both D and E judges. The TC deployed Mentimeter for the E jury practice which helps ensure focus and a level of competition within the room, which was well received by the judges.

The preparation for these presentations is a lengthy process starting in September.

They provide valuable education material that is made available to MAG community to educational purposes. All presentations were available on the STS platform within 7 days.

## Appendix

### 1. Participation in Qualification

A total of 61 National Federations participated compared to 54 in 2023, an increase of 7.

A total of 132 gymnasts competed compared to 122 in 2023, an increase of 10.

Continental Unions	National Federations	%	NFs 2023	Gymnasts In 2025	%	Gymnasts In 2023
EG	28	45.8	29	65	49.3	65
AGU	17	27.9	10	33	25	29
PAGU	12	19.7	11	24	18.2	21
UAG	2	3.3	2	4	3	6
OGU	2	3.3	2	6	4.5	5
	61	100	54	132	100	122

### 2. Team Results from Qualification.

Ranking of Team compared to 2023.

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>
2025	CHN	JPN	USA	FRA	GBR	ITA	BEL	NED
2023	JPN	CHN	ITA	ARM	FRA	USA	GBR	GER

### 3. Participation in All Around Final.







7 NFs participated with 2 gymnasts in final - JPN, CHN, USA, GBR, ITA, FRA, NED.

Other NFs represented AIN 2, PHI, POL, COL, BEL, UKR, HUN, ESP, BRA, SGP.



Continental Unions	All-Around Final 2025	%	All-Around Final 2023	%
EG	14	58.3	14	58.3
AGU	6	25	4	16.7
PAGU	4	16.7	4	16.7
UAG	0	0	2	8.3
OGU	0	0	0	0
Total	24		24	

## Congratulations to the All-Around medal winners

Rank	Bib	Name	NOC Code													Total
				Score	Rk	Score	Rk	Score	Rk	Score	Rk	Score	Rk	Score	Rk	
1	101	DUKHNO Arsenii	AIN	D 5.900 14.500 (1)		E 8.600		D 5.200 13.866 (1)		E 8.666		D 4.100 12.666 (9)		E 8.566		82.031
2	183	OJIMA Nao	JPN	D 5.100 13.500 (7)		E 8.400		D 5.000 13.533 (3)		E 8.533		D 4.700 13.200 (3)		E 8.500		81.799
3	131	YANG Lanbin	CHN	D 5.200 13.700 (3)		E 8.600 -0.1		D 4.200 13.200 (5)		E 9.000		D 3.600 12.800 (5)		E 9.100		81.099

## 4. Participation in Apparatus Finals

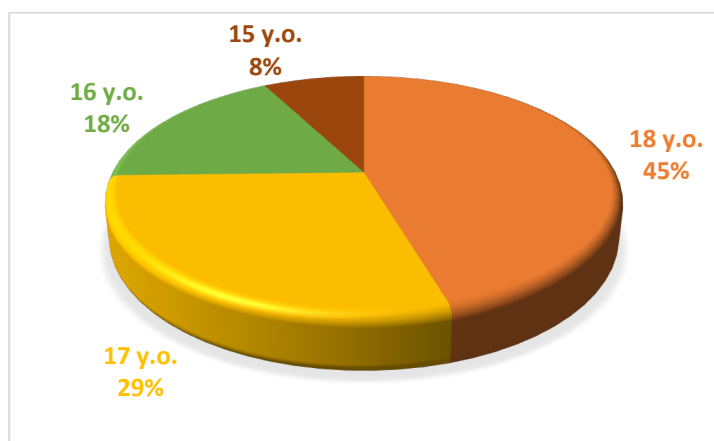
In total 9 NFs won medals during the Apparatus Finals.  
This compares to 10 NFs who won medals in 2023.

National Federation	App Finals in 2023	App Finals in 2025	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total v 2023
CHN	5	7	2		2	4 (3)
JPN	5	8		1	1	2 (4)
ITA	4	4		2		2 (5)
GBR	3	3		1	1	2 (0)
AIN 2	0	4	1			1 (0)
COL	3	3	2			2 (4)
USA	1	5	1	1		2 (0)
PHI	0	3			2	2 (0)
FRA	3	5		1		1 (0)
UKR	0	2				0 (0)
POL	0	1				0 (0)
KAZ	1	1				0 (0)
LTU	0	1				0 (0)



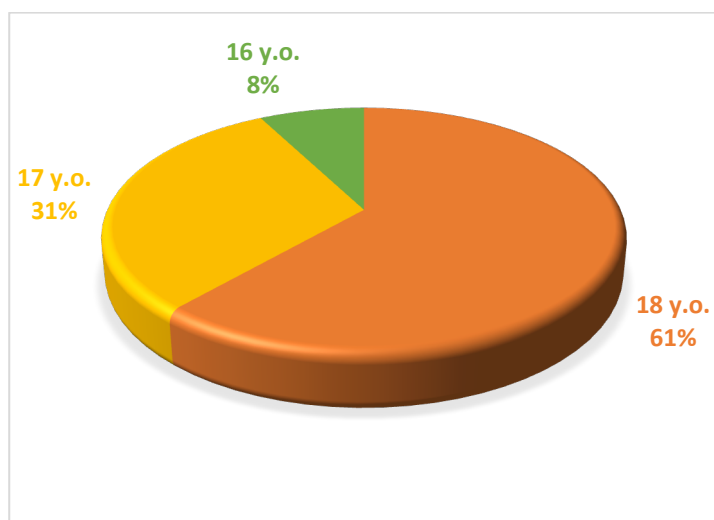
## 5. Age of Gymnasts

Total 132 gymnasts competed in qualifications, 122 in Antalya 2023.



18-year-old, born 2007: 59 boys ↑  
(55)  
17-year-old, born 2008: 38 boys ↓  
(41)  
16-year-old, born 2009: 23 boys ↑  
(20)  
15-year-old, born 2010: 10 boys ↑  
(6)

Total of 13 gymnasts won medals in the All-around & Apparatus finals compared to 14 in 2023.



18-year-old, born 2007: 8 boys ↑  
(7)  
17-year-old, born 2008: 4 boys ↓  
(5)  
16-year-old, born 2009: 1 boy ↓  
(2)

## 5. Apparatus Analysis from Qualification

D Score	Floor	Pommel	Rings	Vault	PBars	HBar
Highest	5.9	5.5	5.0	5.2	5.5	5.6
Lowest	1.7	0.4	0.8	1.2	1.1	0.6
Av/Med	4.4	3.9	<4.0	4.4	3.8	<4.0



Qualification Score	Floor	Pommel	Rings	Vault	PBars	HBar
Highest	14.5	14.1	13.933	14.333	14.1	14.466
8th	13.5	13.4	12.933	14.066	13.566	13.700
Lowest	6.7	1.833	3.633	10.133	5.00	2.833
Apparatus Final Score						
1st	13.833	13.533	13.866	14.333	13.866	14.533
3rd	13.733	12.700	13.466	13.95	13.600	14.00
8th	11.533	11.533	12.133	113.40	11.200	12.066

E Score	Floor	Pommel	Rings	Vault	PBars	HBar
>=9.0	1	1	8	52	11	6
>=8.5	11	12	39	63	42	49
>=8.0	26	15	44	10	27	28
>=7.5	41	26	19	18	26	17
>=7.0	17	16	7	0	9	10
<7.0	22	39	12	0	11	16

## Inquiries

A total of 20 inquiries were made with 5 accepted.

The D panel were directed to follow Article 7.4.6, 'the D-Jury is to make decisions based on gymnastics sense and to decide in the interests of the sport of gymnastics.' In case of any doubt relating to element recognition the element should not be given, allowing coach to inquire. This didn't lead to an increase in inquiries.

**Action – Discuss if we should be signalling to coaches, through the inquiry screen, that a video or JSS review has been done on the score released. They are paying a fee on an inquiry that has already been reviewed.**

Inquiries	Qualification	All Around	Apparatus	Inquiries	Accepted
Floor	2	2	0	4	1
Pommels	1	1	0	2	0
Rings	1	1	0	2	0
Vault	0	0	0	0	0
PBar	5	3	0	8	3
HBar	2	2	0	4	1
Total	11	9	0	20	5



## Stick Bonus

Across the three competitions stick bonus was awarded 108 times. Reviews were requested 19 times with 9 being accepted. The D panel were instructed to not award bonus if there was a marginal doubt. Most of these reviews related to the gymnast having a slight imbalance and requiring them to lift their heels in order to maintain balance.

Bonus reviews were dealt with quickly by Superior Jury Team to a point where they were completed before the announcer spoke about the review. **We agreed that these reviews would not be announced unless a score was changed.**

**A comprehensive video has been sent to all NFs giving further education regarding the awarding of stick, with examples and explanation of when bonus is rewarded.**

	Qualification	All Around	Apparatus	Reviews	Accepted
Floor	26	3	0	2	1
Rings	27	7	1	4	2
Vault	3	3	1	2	0
PBars	10	3	0	6	3
HBar	16	5	3	5	3
Total	82	21	5	19	9

## Floor

Elements in combination – gymnasts showed 89 combined elements for 0.1 bonus (2023 59 times), the most popular being back salto 2.5 twist + straight front salto (36 times), followed by front full twist + double tuck front (18 times). There were 6 combinations of 0.2 value performed.

Floor saw the highest D score of the entire competition of 5.9 - Arsenii Dukhno AIN2. There were 15 elements not recognised – II.14, from splits press to inverted cross. From 128 gymnasts 85 continue to use the One Leg Balance to fulfil the requirement. There were 40 falls across qualification (128 gymnasts) compared to 31 in 2023 (119 gymnasts).

## Pommel Horse

Across the three competitions there were 50 falls from the apparatus. The apparatus final witnessed 7 falls with the eventual winner also falling. There were 19 elements not recognised, 14 of which were from Element Group 4 (Dismounts).

## Rings

There were 13 elements not recognised

5 gymnasts performed triple salto tucked.

Upgrades were awarded 17 x Yamawaki and 21 x Jonasson to longswing.



## **Vault**

The Vault table leather developed a 3cm hole during the 3rd subdivision - it seemed that during unpacking, a knife had been used to cut the packaging but this scarred the leather which, under use, failed and made a hole.

During the competition Bib pins kept coming off the leotard. One vault warm-up session was paused whilst pins were located on the landing area before the session could continue. A gymnast failed his Vault and complained he stood on a safety pin, he was allowed to compete his Vault again.

**Action – To remove the use of Bib numbers from gymnasts.**

## **PBars**

There were 22 falls across the 3 competitions.

Three gymnasts performed the G dismount, Double tuck back salto with full turn.

In total 34 elements were not recognised during the competition. The Tippelt 9 times, and Healey to Support 3 times.

## **HBar**

There were 20 elements not recognised, II.16 x 5 (Straight Tkatchev), II.89 x 3 (Kovacs) Connections bonus awarded just 5 x 0.1 and 1 x 0.2.

Triple salto tucked was performed 11 times.

There were 32 falls with 5 gymnasts falling twice.

## **Our Appreciation**

Our sincere appreciation goes to FIG President Morinari Watanabe for his vision and leadership in ensuring the successful staging of these Championships. We also extend our heartfelt thanks to FIG Secretary General Nicolas Buompane, Ali Al Hitmi and Srayuth Patanasak, President and Member of the MAG Jury of Appeal respectively, for their continued support and invaluable guidance.

To my TC Colleagues, as we worked together at second first World Championships, it was a genuine pleasure, as we grow and develop as a team, to deliver another excellent Championships.

Finally, I cannot express enough my gratitude and deepest thanks to Alijaz Pegan, who completed his final duty as the MTC Athlete Representative. An amazing person who has been a tremendous supporter of the TC, in our work, and in developing the discipline. He has challenged our thinking and approach in a constructive and supportive way. He is an amazing athlete, an innovator, an advocate for gymnasts and I know he will continue to be a big influence in our sport in the future.

**Andrew Tombs**

**President - Men's Technical Committee**