



41st FIG Rhythmic Gymnastics World Championships

20– 24 August 2025 – Rio de Janeiro (BRA)

1. Program of the Competitions

Individual and Group Competitions with:

Qualification and Team Ranking

All-Around Final

Individual Apparatus Finals

Group All-Around Ranking

Groups Finals

Summary of Main aspects of the World Championships:

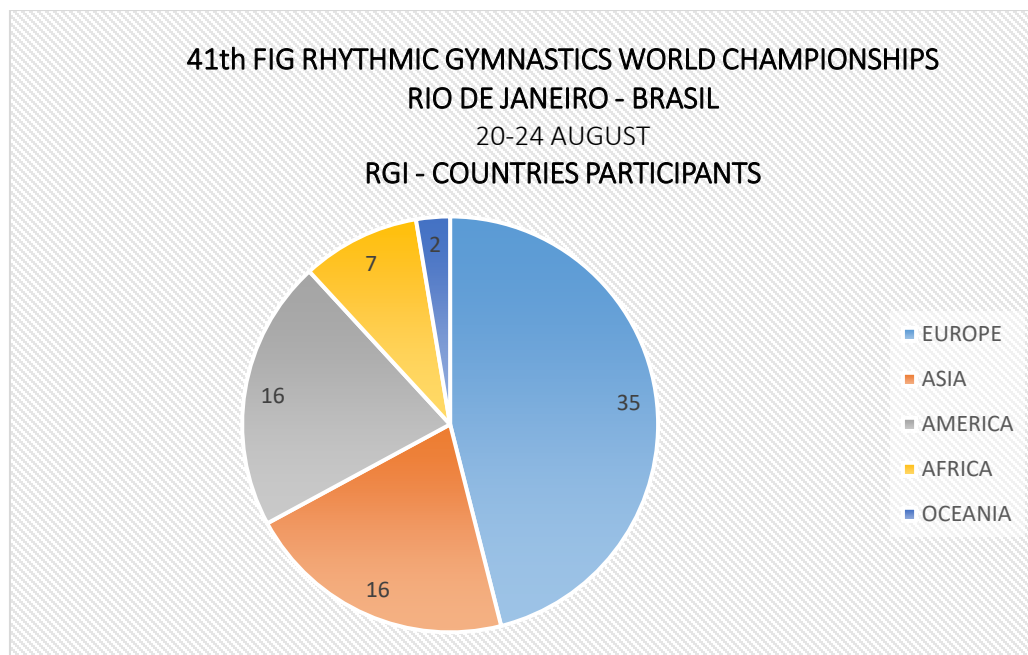
- In the History of RG World championships was held 3 times only in PAGU; Havana Cuba in 1971, New Orleans 2022, Rio De Janeiro Brazil 2025. RIO 2025 is the first edition to be held in South America.
- Hosting the competition in South America increased the participation of PAGU countries and helped in the developing the sports in the south.
- Total of 76 NFs (Total of 303 Gymnasts; 101 RGI and 202 RGG).
- Participated gymnasts showed high level of preparation and variety in the compositions. RGG had shown a huge progress from different continents and countries.
- Public was amazing, cheering for all teams and all gymnasts. They truly love RG and we had never witnessed such a full arena during all days of the events even in Qualifications with big flags just like football cheering.



2. Individual Qualifications

Competition was very high between gymnasts, until the last moment results could not be speculated, which made the arena with its public all motivated for the event.

COP had shown a more balanced exercises between all components and more Artistic components was foreseen in the exercises which could show the beauty of our sport.



All – Around Finals

- 11 countries took part in the All-Around Finals
- TUR 1st time ever to take part in RGI All-Around Finals.
- Medal winners were from Europe (GER, BUL and ITA).

Team Competition

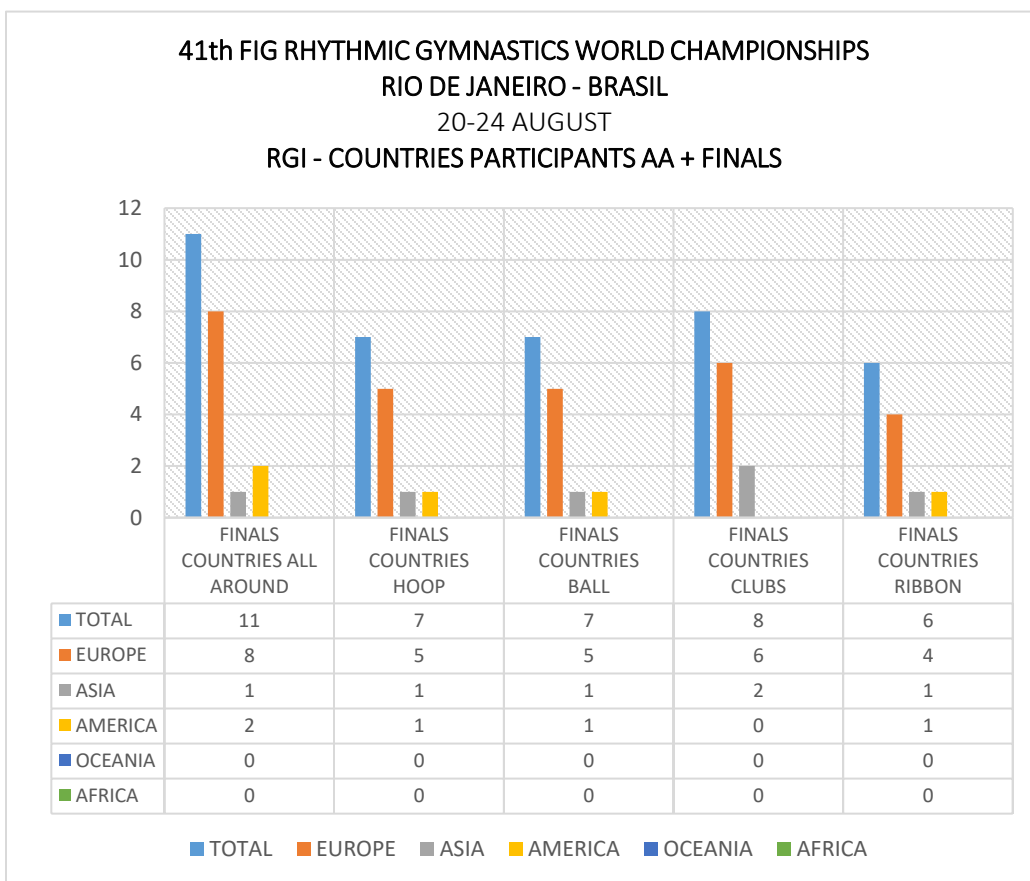
- 20 NFs Participated with RGI and RGG
- Medal winners were from Europe (GER, BUL and UKR).

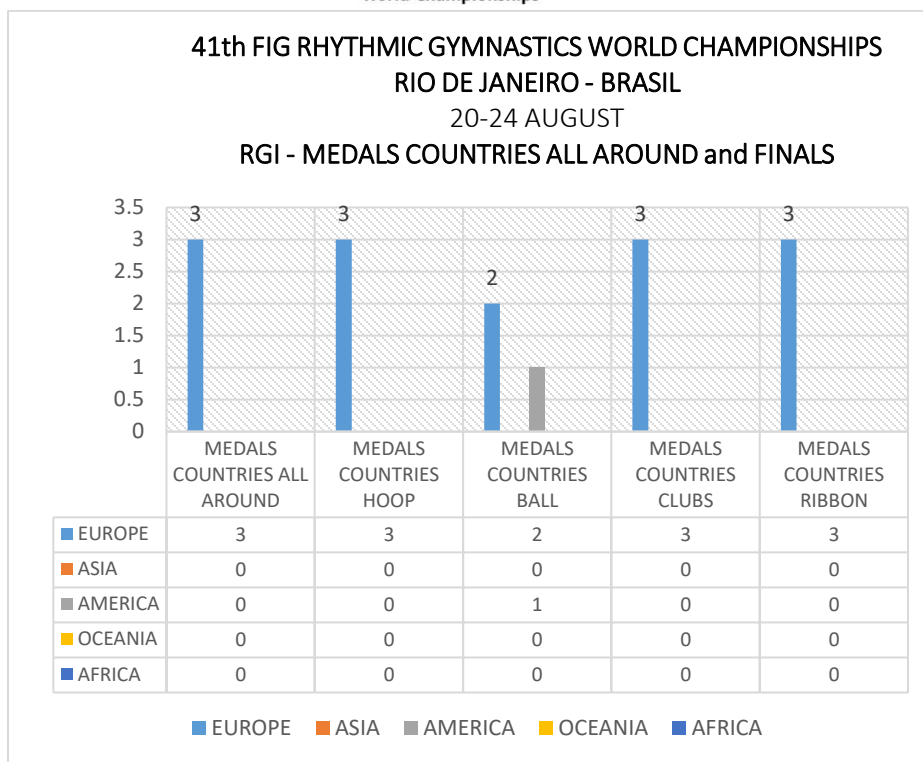


Apparatus Finals

Exercises of gymnasts in Qualifications and Finals were dynamic and spectacular due the wider range of variety of different gymnasts from 11 different countries / continents, it made very interesting to see different styles of gymnasts and their unique capabilities. A debut of different countries in finals like TUR for the first time ever in apparatus finals, rising new stars from POL, ROU, CHN and GER.

USA winning their first time ever World Champion medal by their rising star Rin Keys and ROU winning a medal after 33 years by Amilia Lica surpassing their previous bronze medal in 1992 by obtaining a silver medal.



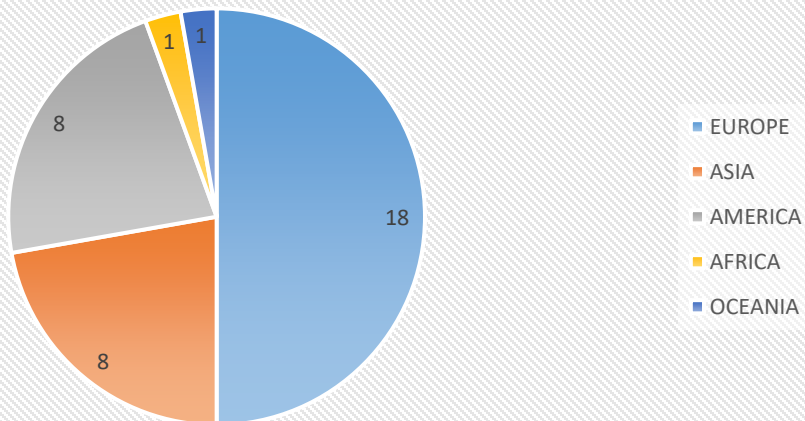


3. Group Competitions

a. All-Around competition and qualifications for Finals.

- 36 countries participated in Group competitions from 5 Continents.
- Increased interest of NFs for competitions among Groups and Team ranking. Many countries are investing in RGG now and showed a big progress in their level. Competition was very intense for OG qualifications.
- JPN won its first time ever All-Around Group title, while BRA won its first time ever Silver Medal in World Champions, having ESP keeping its level on the podium since 2022 and 2023 with consistency and elegance.

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b. Group Finals

Groups from 10 countries took part in Final competitions.

- HUN was back in finals in 3+2 after a long wait over 20 years.
- 5 countries had won medals in RGG (CHN, JPN, ESP, UKR and BRA).

The level of the performance of all participating Groups was very high for the World Championships and very competitive.



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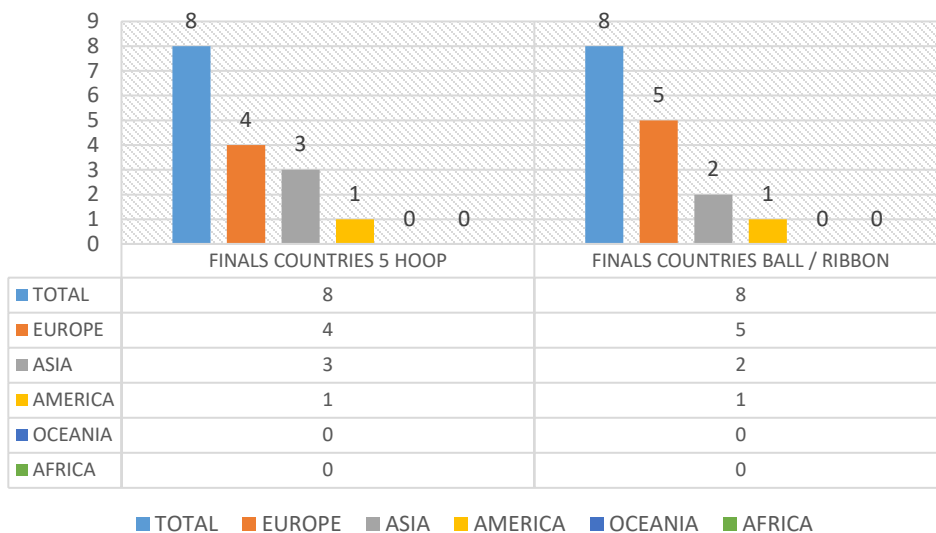
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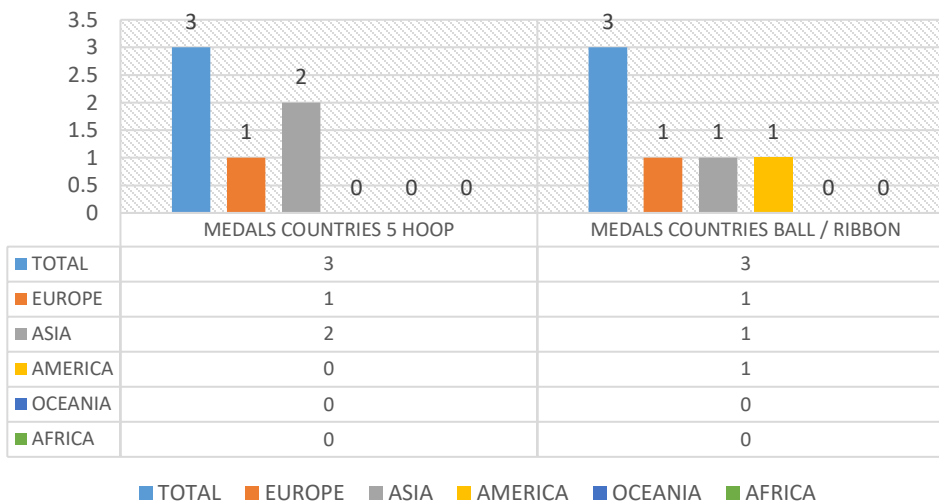


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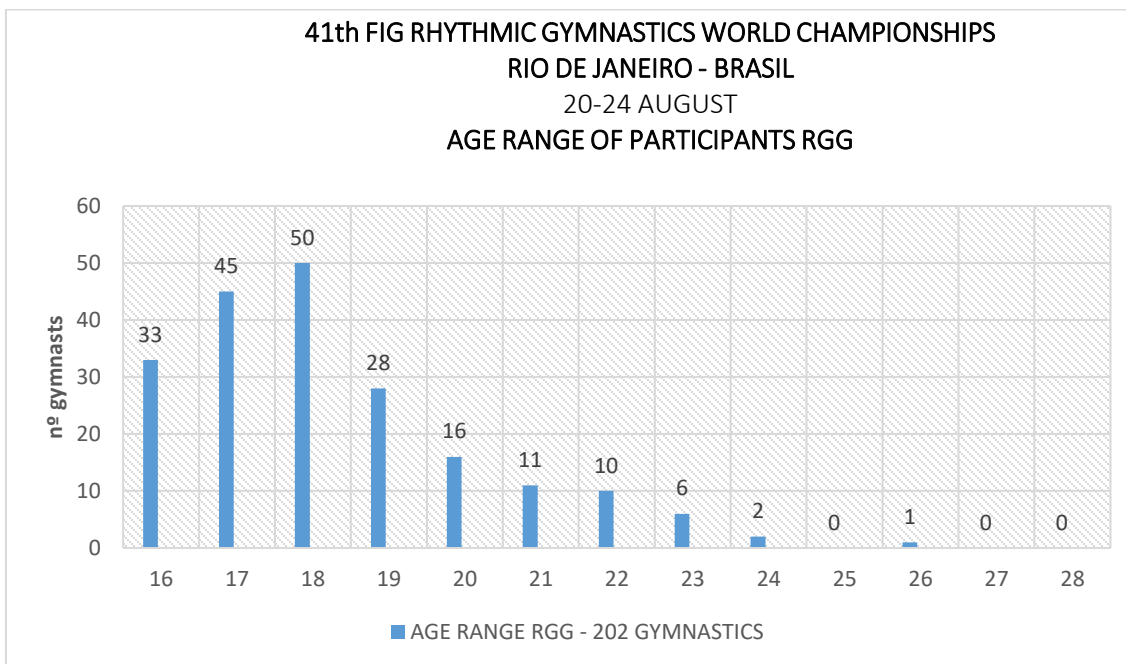
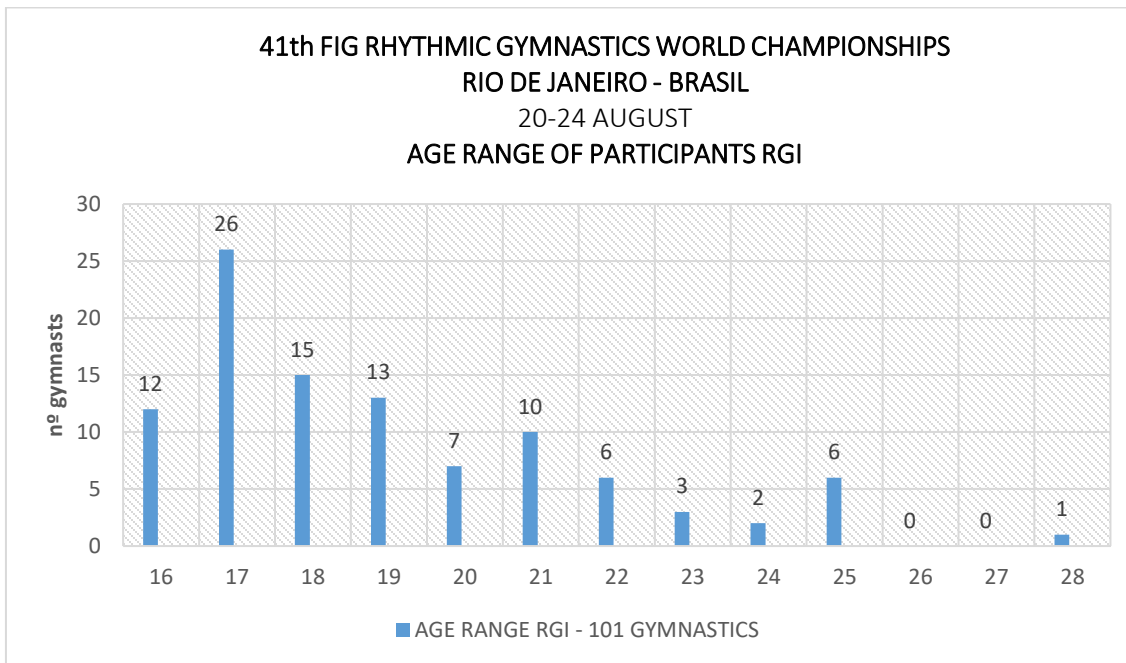




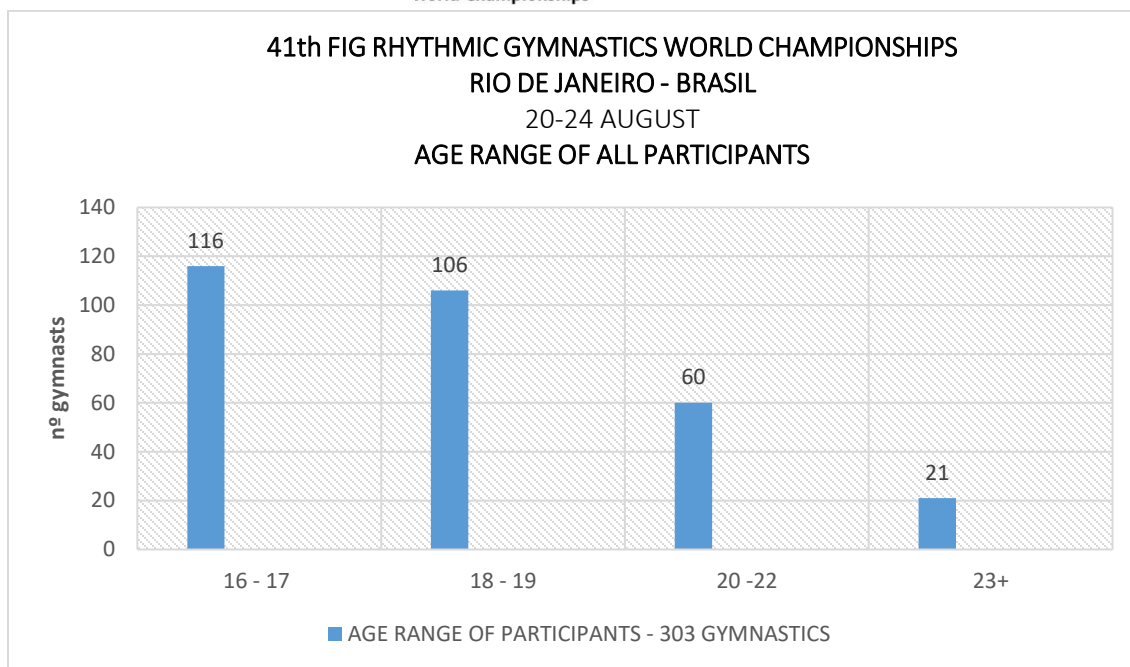
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4. Average age competing at the event:



- At the start of the cycle, we could see that the age of gymnasts had increased and that the Code of Points helped them to show their possibilities.



5. Medal Distribution

EUROPE	ASIA	AMÉRICA
BUL	CHN	BRA – Historicirical Medals 1st time
ESP	JPN - Historical Medal 1st Time Group All Around	USA – Historical Medal 1st time
GER		
ITA		
ROU – Historical Silver Medal		
UKR		

6. Judging Activities

- All registered RGI and RGG judges took part in judging during World Championship except JPN RGG judge she wasn't drawn in qualifications and can't take part in finals as she is not neutral for Japan team taking part.
- All draws were done according to TR by TC member responsible for Judges Mrs. Maria Petrova supported by Mrs. Isabell Sawade supervised by Vice Presidents of FIG and Jury of Appeal Mr. Ali Al-Hitmi and Mr. Vasily Titov and RG Sports Manager Mrs. Sylvie Martinet.



Judge's Oath was presented by Mrs. Robyn Muller (RSA) during RGI judges briefing and opening ceremony.



Judges' Review Session (Instruction)

Before WCH:

- On 2nd August all instructions (power points materials) for RGI and RGG were posted on STS for judges to have enough time to study and send their questions and for coaches to review as well.
- Online Judges Instructions was conducted on 9th August with practical exercises and answering questions received, it gave the judges the education and practice with TC.
- This gave ample time for judges to prepare, also they did not take holidays from their work to arrive early with the delegation and for coaches to correct if needed



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exercises with their judges. It also saved for NF money for RGG judges not to arrive early with RGI.

- We had allowed NFs to register an extra judge for online instructions in case an emergency happens until accreditation, they would still get to have a judge allowed to take part which many judges joined even if they didn't take part.
- A Demo video was shown prepared by Swiss Timing during online Judges Instructions for Artistry and Execution Live scoring for judges to be familiar with the system to be used.

During WCH briefings:

- All questions received from Judges were answered.
- Every day before the start of the competitions, there were judges' briefings where the most common mistakes that created blocks from all panels were communicated to judges and brief feedback from Judges Evaluation Programme was given to judges.
- I would like to thank all judges for their hard work and professionalism as it was very intense competition with a lot of pressure and long working hours but they had showed competence and fairness.





7. Assessment of the Judging

RG TC paid special attention that RG COP be applied consistently in all panels and all gymnasts fairly.

The judging at RG World Championships 2025 was very good and judges did their best to judge fairly and accurately. Judges showed competence and objectivity. New countries emerged on the podium.

The rules for blocking of scores outside the tolerated difference between judges and SJ were applied. Scores outside tolerance were reviewed according to the regulations.

According to JEP analysis, all judges were doing well and excellent judges should receive a thank you letter.

Competition was run smoothly and with excellent management from LOC, Competition was Perfectly on TIME, we never finished on time before or even was ready earlier than TV , but a delay in RGG All Around competition that comes back to the incident that occurred with Swiss Timing error in the artistry (collective work) calculation bug error.

RIO 2025:

Total 19 Inquiry	9 RGI	10 RGG
Total 219 Blocks (Without RGG Qualifications)	210 RGI	9 RGG (without qualifications yet)

Valencia 2023:

Total 67 Inquiry	43 RGI	24 RGG
Total 392 Blocks	322 RGI	70 RGG

8. Swiss Timing

Swiss Timing founded in 1972 and part of the Swatch Group, it is a Global leader in sports timing and Scoring. The company has supported events such as Olympic Games and World Championships, ensuring accuracy, transparency, and fairness in results.

Swiss Timing had been trusted by FIG for several years for setting the standard of precision and reliability in the evaluation of competitions.



A step into the future, is to work without a paper and pen, many service providers are already working on that in gymnastics and many other sports. It's the future of every sport to go live scoring eliminating human mistakes. However, with any new system introduced errors are to be identified / occur and are to be well corrected for not happening again.

During Junior WCH, Swiss Timing had developed Artistry tablet judging for the judges to work live (partially without forms), it worked perfectly well without any NF negative feedback and judges gave positive feedback and asked for further enhancement / development.

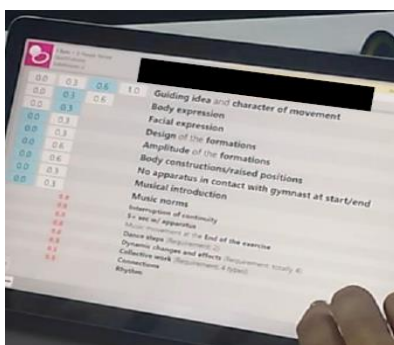
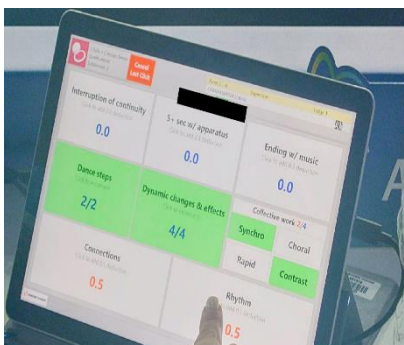
Prior to SR WCH Swiss Timing has presented Execution Live Scoring during TC Presidents meeting and modifications of Artistry. They system worked well.

Judges had a practice session prior to RGI and RGG events to practice A and E. They confirmed everything was going well and they system was user friendly.

Execution Live Scoring:



Artistry Live Scoring:





- RGI competition went without any issues and all judges complemented the new system used, as with the long hours of judging they didn't need to make mathematical calculations and simply just gave the deductions and the system made the automatic calculation.
- In RGG Qualifications and All -Around event during the break between Group A and B, I was informed by the Artistry judges that they have been informing Swiss Timing from the beginning of Group A that something in the calculation of the scores is wrong, however, Swiss timing did not inform me or Sylvie about a potential error and kept running the scores the whole duration.
- After checking with the judges closely what was the problem, it was understood that the collective work is seen deducted on the screen 1 (picture 1 above) but not calculated from the final score.
- Luckily, Swiss Timing had all the data logs of the judges, competition had stopped for 50 minutes to re-check all scores of Group A and republish the correct results.
- President Watanabe had ordered for an investigation by a third company to review the scores, as Swiss Timing had made 2 human errors while re-entering the data manually.

9. Venue and Apparatus Control

Venue:

- LOC had made a huge effort and increased the bar of organization. They had put the gymnasts in the center of organization and made all the possibilities for them to be comfortable in the same venue.
- The venue looked spectacular representing the historical monuments of RIO, the tunnel representing Sugar Loaf Mountain for gymnasts' entrance lighting up with the country's flag, while the kiss and cry representing Copacabana.



- We need to have specs for air-condition air flow as it was very hot in the arena. We need to study other sports and make updates to our rules as it's simply impossible to breath in the arena without ventilation due to the ribbons and humidity.

Apparatus Control:

- The presence of Apparatus Commissioners Mr. Jakoob Raab was very important and the RG TC would like to thank him for his cooperation and availability to help always and applying the rules strictly with all teams.
- On the day of the podium training, the check of all hand apparatuses 30% random check (Individuals and Groups) was carried out according to FIG Rules.
- All finalists RGI and RGG had their hand apparatus checked as well.
- Daily inspection of all Halls, carpets and reserve apparatus was done by TC member Mrs. Gyozal Muminova and Mr. Jakoob Raab.

Podium Training:

- well-organized and took place according to the Work Plan with a strict control on timing as mentioned in the work plan. Thanks to LOC who had arranged training schedules well in advance and were published with the work plan.
- Special thanks to the LOC group of specialists who carried out the organization of training and competitions and competition Management Ms. Eloisa Heimbecher Competition and Training Manager and Ms. Candida Aragao Event Venue manager.



10. Acoustic and Sound

- It had been handled with a lot of dedication and professionalism. It's the first time we had received zero complaints from any NF about music and echo in the arena.

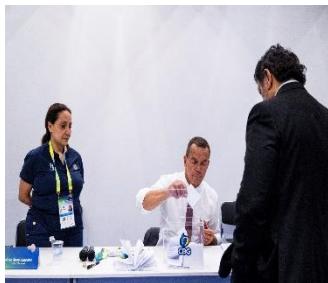
11. Accommodation and Transportation

- FIG Family and Judges were accommodated in a very good hotel.
- TC meetings were very convenient, as TC had the possibility to meet in a meeting room in the hotel or in the arena. It was very comfortable conditions.
- A wide variety of hotel categories were offered for delegations which was very convenient.
- Lunch was served in competition arena for FIG Family and working Judges. Dinner was served at the hotel except for Qualification's days dinner was served in the arena for working judges and TC. Meals were very good. Always snacks, tea and coffee were available all the time.

12. Other Activities before / during WCH

Athlete elections:

- Held during the world champions with the elections of new representative Ms. Neviana Vladinova. Votes were opened under FIG Sec. General Mr. Nicolas Buompane control, with attendance of President of Jury of Appeal Mr. Ali Al Hitmi and President of RG TC Mrs. Noha Abou Shabana. Counting of Votes was controlled by Mrs. Eunice Lebre.



Medical round table:

- Led by Dr. Jay Binder. Many countries had shown interest. It was attended by President of Brazilian NF Mr. Henrique Motta and Myself.



- A lot of interesting topics were discussed and points raised by medical teams to Dr. Jay Binder and TC president which will be addressed to adjust our rules for the health and safety of the gymnasts.
- Power point presentation had been shared with all NFs and attendees of the medical roundtable.

Continental Union TC Presidents meeting:



- 20 Mins presentation was shared from each continental union President or representative sharing with TC their way continental unions addressing



safeguarding of the athletes, various obstacles / problems in each continental union.

- Brain Storming and Sharing of experience from different continental unions, was very beneficial.

13. Special Awards:

- **New Stage Award;** was given to new countries who participated for the 1st time ever in SR WCH: Aruba, Costa Rica, Cote D'Ivoire, Paraguay, Peru, Syrian Arab republic and Tunisia.



- **Oldest Gymnast:** won by Canadian Gymnast **Carmel Kallemaa** for participating at



the age of 28 years old.

- **Fan's Favourite:** won by Chinese gymnast **Wang Zilu** and Chinese Group. Unfortunately, Chinese Group didn't come to receive their awards for Fan's Favourite.



- Will to win Award: won by UKR RGI gymnast Taisiia Onofriichuk and Chinese Group.



14. Various

Incidents

- Gymnast ranked 5th from UZB IKROMOVA Takhmina was not in AA award ceremony, a report from Team medical doctor was presented for gymnast was not feeling well and could not be present during awards ceremony.
- The RG TC is entirely grateful to Mr. Oliver Strebel - Head of Marketing and Television and the media team for professional cooperation and always showing our beautiful Sport at its best and being on TOP of things from the office, however we need to have a look at our rules as LOC had prepared to broadcast Qualifications and on the day of qualifications at 8 am they were denied from our



TV and Media representative. LOC was really upset as it was never mentioned in any of the preparations meeting that it was not allowed and it restricted their coverage, however also FIG didn't cover.

- No communication between our FIG staff, media / TV representative with Swiss Timing and TV for graphics published on the screen for Special Awards and therefore, it was not clear for public what are the awards given for.

Proposals

- Review our media and TV production rules for LOC and FIG benefit.
- Review to the current format is mandatory. The competition is very long for everyone, judges, coaches, staff, LOC and as we care for health of athletes we must also care for the health of everyone working in the event. Long Qualifications is very boring although it increased number of participating countries and very good for gymnasts but not normal for judging from 9 am to 11 pm.
- Review of number of reserve gymnasts for Team and Group gymnasts for accreditation rules based on medical round table.

Others:

- Ambassador it was Group gymnast Ms. Deborah Medrado from Rio 2016 which had different roles during the event and was very symbolic for the Brazilian public.
- Merchandise was available, Suri was SOLD OUT in 20 minutes.



15. Conclusion

RG TC congratulates all participating gymnasts and coaches for the very successful 41st RG World Championship 2025 in Brazil (RIO).

RG TC is grateful for attention, constant support and feedback of the FIG President Mr. Morinari Watanabe who was there with TC in every moment needed from the beginning until the end of the competition.

RG TC would like to thank Jury of Appeal Mr. Ali Al-Hitmi and Mr. Vassily Titov for their work and efforts during WCH for being together in every moment.

RG TC would like to thank Secretary General Mr. Nicolas Buompane for his efforts during the world championships.

RG TC is entirely grateful to the FIG Sports Manager RG Sylvie Martinet and FIG Sports Manager Eunice Lebre for their daily monitoring and assistance before and during the event.

RG TC thanks President of Brazil Federation Henrique Motto and President of LOC Mr. Ricardo Resende for their great support for RG hosting 2025 RG World Championships which is the biggest in history in number of countries participating and everything had been made with dedication and perfection.

A special thanks to Marcia Aversani as she had dedicated all the knowledge and experience in making this event such a success, looking in every detail and showing our discipline in the best way.

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. Specially Mr. Marcio Schwartz Event Director for consistent professionalism before and during WCH.

I personally thank EC colleagues for their constant support before and during the event as each colleague had given an added value to my experience and guidance to the sport and special thanks to Ehab Amin, Kenia Herrera and Naomi Valenzo for attending the world championships.

I warmly thank all RG TC members for their cooperation and teamwork during the World Championship without any rest during the whole duration of the event.



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FIG RG TC President

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Noha Abou Shabana'.

Noha Abou Shabana

24/09/2025