



Competition Format and Rules

Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Competition Format

The rhythmic gymnastics program at the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games is women only and consists of a team event, individual all-around, and apparatus finals.

Gymnasts will compete with hoop, ball, clubs and ribbon.

The competition phases are qualification incorporating the team final, individual all-around, and apparatus finals.

Sports Rules and Procedures

Rules for Commonwealth Games competition:

All gymnasts compete as part of a team or as individuals, and the results are used to:

- Determine the final rankings for the team event using the top 10 routines
- Qualify gymnasts for the individual all-around and apparatus finals

No scores are carried over from the qualifications to the individual all-around and apparatus finals.

Team final:

Three gymnasts from the same CGA will constitute a team. Each competing team's score is calculated by adding the best 10 scores from the three competing athletes.

Each gymnast may perform a maximum of four routines and not more than one with each apparatus for a maximum of 12 routines per team. CGAs may enter individuals (i.e. less than three athletes) into the qualification competition in order for those athletes to qualify for the individual all-around and apparatus finals.

Individual all-around final:

Top 16 gymnasts from the team final and individual qualification phase (maximum two per CGA) proceed to the individual all-around final.

While a maximum of two gymnasts can qualify per CGA, up to four gymnasts may be selected to act as reserves in case of default by any of the qualifiers.

Reserves:

Reserves may warm-up in accordance with the schedule until the competition starts and the first individual gymnast performs. After this point, reserves will no longer be able to compete. The gymnasts qualified for individual all-around final may be replaced by their CGA with one of their other gymnasts at their discretion, provided the nominated replacement has obtained a superior result compared to the listed first reserve. The replacement gymnast will fill the position in the draw of the replaced athlete.

The gymnasts perform again on all apparatus and those with the highest combined scores are awarded the medals in the individual all-around event.

A random draw determines the working order of the competition.



Apparatus finals:

The eight highest-ranked gymnasts on each apparatus from the team finals and individual qualification competition will qualify for the individual apparatus finals.

A maximum of two athletes can qualify per CGA, with four gymnasts selected to act as reserves in case of default by any of the qualifiers. Qualified gymnasts may be replaced by their CGA with one of their other gymnasts at their discretion, provided that the nominated replacement has obtained a superior result compared to the listed first reserve. The replacement gymnast will fill the position in the draw of the replaced gymnast.

Each apparatus final is treated as a separate competition, with medals awarded for each event. The gymnasts perform again on each apparatus and those with the highest scores are awarded the individual medals for each apparatus.

A random draw determines the working order of the competition.

Jury composition:

A panel of 12 judges will preside over each routine in the qualifications, all-around finals and apparatus finals

6 x execution, 4 x difficulty, 2 x reference

- The difficulty panel calculates the 'D' score, based on the routine content
- The execution panel is responsible for the 'E' score, determined by the routine execution

The Reference Judges' System has been introduced to establish an automatic correction system in case of any problems with E scores and D scores. The 'RE' scores are calculated by averaging the scores of the Reference Judges. If the gap between the E score and the RE score exceeds the predefined permitted tolerances, the E score will be replaced by the average of the RE score and the E score. Otherwise, the E score will remain unchanged. However, if the gap between the scores of the Reference Judges exceeds the predefined permitted tolerances, the RE score will not be taken into account, and the E score will remain unchanged.

Distribution and calculation of scores:

$D + E - \text{Penalties} = F$

D: 7.900

E: 8.100

Final score: $7.900 + 8.100 = 16.000$ pts

Tiebreak rules and procedures:

The FIG tiebreaking rules are presented in the FIG Technical Regulations and define how to determine which gymnast or group should prevail in case of equality of points. In rhythmic gymnastics, the main principles are the following:

Individual all-around qualification:

In case of a tie at any place, this will be broken by the following criteria:

1. The greater number of the two highest final apparatus scores obtained in qualification (i.e. add the total of the two highest final apparatus scores)
2. The highest sum of the E-scores on three best apparatus - if there is still a tie, add the highest sum of the E-scores on two best apparatus



3. The highest sum of the D-scores on three best apparatus – if there is still a tie, add the highest sum of the D-scores on two best apparatus
4. If there is still a tie, it will not be broken

Individual all-around final:

In case of a tie at any place, ties will be broken by the following criteria:

1. The gymnast with the highest E-score (four apparatus) prevails
2. The gymnast with the lowest ET (execution technical) deductions (four apparatus) prevails
3. The gymnast with the highest total D-score (four apparatus) prevails
4. If there is still a tie, it will not be broken

Qualification for the apparatus finals:

In case of a tie at any place, ties will be broken by the following criteria:

1. The gymnast with the highest E-score prevails
2. The gymnast with the lowest ET (execution technical) deductions prevails
3. The gymnast with highest D-score prevails
4. If there is still a tie, the tie will not be broken

Team finals:

In case of a tie at any place, the ranking will be determined by the following criteria:

1. By adding the 10 best scores registered by the gymnasts of the team
2. By adding the nine best scores registered by the gymnasts of the team
3. If there is still a tie, the tie will not be broken

Penalties/disqualification rules:

Scoring penalties are incurred for major mistakes or misconduct, such as loss and retrieval of apparatus, leaving the floor area, using non-standard apparatus, broken apparatus, contact of the apparatus with the ceiling, communication by the coach or group members during the exercise, etc.

There is a stringent dress code for outfits regarding the cut and fit of the leotard. A gymnast can be penalised for inadvertently revealing a bra strap, for example, or if their outfit is decorated in anything other than an abstract design.

Penalties range from 0.10 – 1.00 per occurrence.

Protests (inquiries)/appeals:

Inquiries for the difficulty score are allowed, provided they are made verbally, immediately after the publication of the score or, at the very latest, before the score of the following gymnast is shown. For the last gymnast of a rotation, this limit is one minute after the score is shown on the scoreboard. The person designated to receive the verbal inquiry has to note the time of receiving it and this starts the procedure. Only the accredited coaches next to the competition area are entitled to submit an inquiry. An area close to the podium where the coach of the competing gymnast can observe the exercise must be designated.

Late verbal inquiries will be rejected. A CGA is not allowed to complain against a gymnast from another CGA. Inquiries for all other scores are not allowed.



The inquiry must be confirmed as soon as possible in writing, but within four minutes at the latest after the verbal inquiry and requires an agreement of payment of:

- US\$300 for the first complaint
- US\$500 for the second complaint
- US\$1000 for the third complaint

Should the inquiry not be confirmed in writing within four minutes, the procedure becomes obsolete.

Every inquiry must be examined by the Superior Jury and a final decision (which may not be appealed) must be taken at the very latest:

- At the end of the rotation (or group) for the qualifying competitions, the all-around competitions and the team competition (final)
- Before the score of the following gymnast is shown for the finals (apparatus finals)

In the day following a competition, a global video analysis is carried out by the respective Technical Committee (TC) (or their representatives), and in case mistakes are established, the responsible judges will be disciplined accordingly.