





The Event will be organised by the Doha Gymnasiade Organising Committee (DGOC), the Supreme Educational Council and in close collaboration with the Qatar Olympic Committee (QOC) and the International Schools Sport Federation (ISF).

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Invitation from the Minister of Education and Higher Education

Respected Ladies and Gentlemen,

Head of Delegations, Delegation Members, Technical Officials

Daughters and Sons, Young Athletes participating in the Doha Gymnasiade 2009

On the occasion of the issuance of this third Bulletin from the Doha Gymnasiade 2009, it is my pleasure to welcome you to Qatar. We are grateful and appreciative of your acceptance of our invitation to participate in the most important school sport event in the world (International School Games Tournament - Gymnasiade). We are proud of the confidence you have placed in us in organising a sport tournament of international character. We are privileged to take the responsibility of this great and important event and will carry out our responsibilities with honour and commitment.

We in Qatar believe in the significance of school sport and its leading role in establishing the principles of upbringing and the educational concept. Accordingly, we are dealing seriously and sincerely with the challenge to organise an international sport event paving the way for a qualitative shift in school sports nationally and internationally. We assure the athletes participating in the Doha Gymnasiade 2009, an ideal competitive opportunity where the best international performances and standards both technically and administratively, will be matched.

Sport gatherings, at all their levels, are congregations that reflect the civilizations of the countries participating and the progress of their people through the vast energies and creative abilities in which the exceptional sport performance would emerge blended with the true spirit of friendship and fair competition.

Qatar with its historical heritage, progress and engagement in international human development, is looking forward to embracing the world's youth from all the friendly and sister countries participating in this educational event. We are eagerly looking forward to our forthcoming meeting, to celebrate the achievement of this unique sport event, the Doha Gymnasiade 2009 tournament.

Saad Bin Ibrahim Al Mahmoud

Minister of Education and Higher Education

Secretary General of the Supreme Education Council

About the Bulletin

The purpose of the third Bulletin is to ensure that all Heads of Delegation are well informed about all procedures pertaining to the Doha Gymnasiade 2009 Event. This Bulletin has been produced to help the Heads of Delegation orient their teams and provide guidance.

The Bulletin is divided into four sections.

The first section, "General Information", refers to the event key dates, key personnel and the most important contact numbers in case of an emergency.

The second section, "Competition Information" provides the competition format, rules, pre and post competition procedures and training information.

Team Information includes details on several subjects of great importance for Team Leaders, such as accreditation, security, transportation, etc.

The last section of the Bulletin includes forms and other useful information.

The Doha Gymnasiade Organising Committee has made every effort to ensure that the information contained in this Bulletin is correct and up-to-date at the time of publication (December 01, 2009). However, due to the nature of the event, Heads of Delegation are advised to check with the Sport Information Desk regarding any changes to information included in this Bulletin.

Brief about ISF and the Gymnasiade

The International School Sport Federation, ISF, founded 4 June 1972, has been recognised by many national and international school authorities and organisations, and has taken its place among international sport federations.

It is a member of General Association of International Sports Federations (GAIFS) and is recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC). The first ISF world seminar, entitled Inter-School, which was held at Bruges/Belgium in 1980, endeavoured to define ISF philosophy, to show that the objectives of the international School Sport Federation by far exceed organisational and administrative purposes. The major concern and responsibility of the ISF is education in and through sport. The ISF is today a world-wide federation covering five continents.

The ISF restricts its activities to the secondary school-sector. It addresses its activities to pupils from 14 to 17 years. It pursues its goals independently from political, religious or racial considerations. The ISF is the International Federation of official school sport organisations in the different countries or of representative organisations where there is no official one. It organises international competitions in different sporting disciplines and encourages contests between school students. It seeks close collaboration with the school authorities of member countries, with a view to promoting better mutual understanding with the international sporting federations concerned, and with international organisations having similar aims.

First held in 1974 the ISF World Gymnasiade is a multi-sport games organised by the International School Sport Federation for athletes. The 1974 athletics competition was not included as part of the main event held in Wiesbaden (FRG). The event was originally held every 2 years however after 1990 was only held every 4 years.

Venues: 1974 Wiesbaden (GER), 1976 Orléans (FRA), 1978 Izmir (TUR), 1980 Turin (ITA), 1982 Lille (FRA), 1984 Florence (ITA), 1986 Nice (FRA), 1988 Barcelona (ESP), 1990 Bruges (BEL), 1994 Nicosia (CYP), 1998 Shanghai (CHN), 2002 Caen (FRA), 2006 Thessaloniki (GRE)

General Information

Key Dates

Date	Activity
December 05, 2009	Official Training (16:00 – 21:00)
	DRM Meetings (schedule upon arrival)
	Venue Accreditation Centre (08:00 – 13:00 and 16:00 – 21:30)
December 06, 2009	Official Training (08:00 – 13:00 and 16:00 – 21:00)
	DRM Meetings (schedule upon arrival)
	Venue Accreditation Centre (08:00 – 13:00 and 16:00 – 21:30)
December 07, 2009	Official Training (08:00 – 13:00)
	Technical Meeting – Draw (10:00, Venue Press Conference)
	Technical Officials Briefing
	Opening Ceremony (19:00 – Aspire Dome, Indoor Football Pitch)
December 08, 2009	First Day of Competitions
December 10, 2009	Official Training (08:00 – 11:00)
	Cultural Day
December 12, 2009	Last Day of Competitions

Key Contacts

Athletics

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Sport Manager: Mr Yaquob Yousif. Abdulla

Venue Manager: Mr Ali Hassan

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Emergency calls can be made free of charge from any phone.

Competition Information

ISF's General Competition Rules

The following updated extract, from paragraph 7 "Duties of Participating Teams", from the ISFs General Competition Rules will apply:

- 7.1** All participants shall be appointed by the responsible authorities or by the national body responsible for school sport.
- 7.2** Participants must conform to the Rules of Participation.
- 7.3** Participants must be attending schools providing a general education. Participants must provide official proof of their attending the respective school since the beginning of the current academic year and must conform to the age regulations for the competition.
- 7.4** Definition of a school: a school with one head.
- 7.5** In a school team, pupils of foreign nationality may participate on condition they are regularly attending this school.
- 7.6** In a selected team, pupils of foreign nationality may participate on condition they are regularly attending a school in the country they represent.
- 7.7** The following are not entitled to participate:
 - a) Pupils of a vocational school - i.e. young people attending a vocational school in addition to their vocational training;
 - b) School teams from schools giving sports training without any general education;
 - c) Part time sports schools (schools taking pupils from different schools part time for instruction in sports);
 - d) Teams set up in companies, universities or other institutions.

7.8 Checking of participants will be carried out by the Control Commission before the start of the competitions but after the head of delegation has paid the remaining fees. The following documents must be presented to the Control Commission in Latin script:

- a) Collective list of the school team including names and dates of birth on which the management of the school confirms that the pupils have attended the participating school since the start of the school year.

For nationally selected teams, individual documents concerning attendance at a school must be presented;

- b) Individual identity card or individual passport;
- c) 2 recent photos, if they were not handed to the organiser at the time of nominal registration if necessary.

7.9 The passport or identity card will be used to check the age of each participant.

7.10 Each participating delegation must be covered by its own liability and accident insurance.

7.11 For each participant ISF requires a contribution. The amount of this contribution will be fixed by the EC.

7.12 After seeing the above-mentioned documents, the Control Commission shall hand over accreditation cards to the participants.

7.13 Each delegation must be present from the opening ceremony till the closing ceremony

7.14 Each delegation/school team refusing to compete against another delegation or school team will be excluded by the Disciplinary Commission from the ISF event concerned and will have to return home immediately without any reimbursement of monies paid. Additional measures will be decided by the EC.

7.15 In some events, each team or delegation has to supply referees or judges. The number is mentioned in the first bulletin. Teams/delegations failing to bring the referees/judges requested will be penalised by a fine, the amount of which shall be fixed by the ISF Executive Committee. The fine must be paid before the start of the competition; otherwise the team/delegation will not be permitted to enter the competition.

Athletics

The Doha Gymnasiade Athletics competition will be held from December 08 (Tuesday) to December 12 (Sunday) 2009 at the Khalifa Stadium.

Description of the Events

The Gymnasiade Athletics competition comprises of 34 events, 17 for boys and 17 for girls.

Boys	Girls
100m	100m
200m	200m
400m	400m
1,000m	1,000m
3,000m	3,000m
110m Hurdles (91.4cm)	100m Hurdles (76.2cm)
400m Hurdles (84.0cm)	400m Hurdles (76.2cm)
2,000m Steeplechase	2,000m Steeplechase
Medley Relay (100m+200m+300m+400m)	Medley Relay (100m+200m+300m+400m)
High Jump	High Jump
Long Jump	Long Jump
Triple Jump	Triple Jump
Pole Vault	Pole Vault
Shot Put (5kg)	Shot Put (4kg)
Discus Throw (1.5kg)	Discus Throw (1kg)
Javelin Throw (700gr)	Javelin Throw (600gr)
Hammer Throw (5kg)	Hammer Throw (4kg)

All events shall be conducted in accordance with IAAF Rules and Regulations in force during the competition. In the case of disagreement over the interpretation of the Rules, the English text shall prevail.

Any unforeseen cases not covered by the regulations shall be resolved in accordance with the ISF Constitution and Rules, and the Rules of the FIG.

Pre Competition Information

Team Leaders Meeting

The Technical Meeting for the Athletics competition will be held on December 07, 2009 at the Khalifa Stadium, Technical Officials meeting room, at 10:00.

ISF Technical Commission in cooperation with DGOC 2009 Competition Manager shall provide the agenda for the meeting. Attendance by each participating country is mandatory.

A series of outputs (entry lists, data checklist, bib numbers and competition forms) shall be provided to delegations upon arrival and before the Technical Meeting, in order to update the entry lists (spellings and withdrawals) and produce the official start list for the preliminary heats sessions. Please note that only withdrawals and name corrections will be allowed during the Technical Meetings.

The Judges Meeting will be held immediately following the conclusion of the Technical Meeting.

Registration Process

Final changes to the entry list should be accepted during the Registration process (DRM's) and before the Technical Meeting. These may include name changes, late withdrawals, etc.

Venue Orientation

A venue orientation tour will take place upon the arrival of each team at the Khalifa Stadium, where the athlete's areas, call rooms, first aid, changing rooms, mixed zone and press conference areas will be shown.

Venue orientation will take place after the Technical Meeting at 12:00.

Sport Information

Sport Information desks will provide information on the competition, training schedules, results/ start lists, sport technical information and official communications.

Competition Forms

Competition forms will be delivered upon arrival of the teams and from the Sport Information Desk at the Delegation's Accommodation.

Sport Information Operational hours:	
Competition Venue	December 05 – 12, 2009 (07:30 – 21:00)
Ezdan Hotel and Suites	December 05 – 12, 2009 (07:30 – 21:00)

Technical Officials

The Technical Officials for the competitions are the ISF Technical Commission (Jury of Appeal), ISF Technical Commission President and Technical Officials from the State Of Qatar.

Appointment of Referees

DGOC in collaboration with the ISF is responsible for appointing the judges of the event.

Protests and Appeals

Protests are possible and shall be resolved under IAAF rules.

Protests must be submitted to the Technical Information Centre (TIC) in writing by the Team Leader, with a deposit of 100 USD / 67 EUR (Conversion based on 1 USD = 0.6644 EUR 021209) or its equivalent and within 30 minutes following the conclusion of the respective event.

The Referee shall consider all protests. If he rejects the protest, he must state the reasons for his decision. The Team Leader may appeal the rejection to the Jury of Appeal, whose decision shall be final. The Technical Commission shall consider appeals against decision by the Referee and give recommendations to the Jury of Appeal, whose decision shall be final. If the protest is rejected, the deposit will be forfeited to the Management body of the Competition. If the protest is upheld, the deposit will be returned.

Venue

Khalifa Stadium is a multi-purpose stadium, located 8 km from the Delegations' accommodation site and within the Aspire Zone Sports Complex (www.aspire.qa). The venue originally opened in 1976 and was fully renovated and expanded on the occasion of the 2006 Asian Games.

Khalifa Stadium was home of the Athletics competition during the Asian Games and the host venue for the Opening and Closing Ceremony.

Field-of-play (FOP) / Competition Area:

Surface: Class 1 Conipurmx Konica
 Track: Standard 8 lane 400m track with 10 lanes in the back straight
 Long Jump and Triple Jump: 2 runways, 4 landing areas

Pole Vault:	2 runways, 4 landing areas
High Jump:	2 runways, 2 landing areas
Discus / Hammer Throw:	2 throwing cages
Shot Put:	2 throwing circles
Javelin:	2 runways
Steeplechase:	Water jumps to the inner side of the track

Athletes Changing Rooms: Two available in the warm-up area and in Khalifa Stadium, with showers, toilets and changing areas.

Athletes Lounge: In the warm-up area; open during all sessions with refreshments including bottled water available.

Technical Information Center: Will be located in the main competition stadium. The exact location will be communicate following the orientation tour.

Massage: Available space in the warm-up area.

Athletes Medical: Medical station available at back-of-house and front-of-house during competition and training.

Competition Procedures

Team Arrival

All teams are dropped off at the accredited Athletes entry of the Khalifa Stadium according to the transportation schedule. Teams are welcomed at the venue by an Athletes Service Assistant who will assist them with their venue familiarization at the venue during their first visit.

Athletes and Team Officials must wear their accreditation card to gain access to the venue. Without accreditation, immediate access will not be granted which will cause an inconvenience. Failure to wear and clearly display the accreditation card may negate free movement within the venue and cause unnecessary difficulties for all concerned.

Athletes Reporting Times

Athletes must report to the Call Room according to the following schedule. All times are prior to the actual starting time for the event.

Event	Announcement	First Call /Last Call	Leading to Competition	Arrival To Competition
Track	40 "	35" /20"	15"	10"
Hurdles and Relay	45"	40" /25"	20"	15"
Field	60"	55" /40"	35"	30"
Pole vault	75"	70" /55"	50"	45"

Post Competition Procedures

Leaving the Field Of Play

When the event is finished, all competitors should exit the FOP passing through the Mixed Zone. Collection of accreditations and personal belongings will occur just at the end of the mixed zone.

Mixed Zone

Mixed Zones are restricted areas at the competition venue where athletes are required to pass, situated on the FOP. They provide media with the opportunity to meet athletes for quick and informal interviews on their performance. Doha Gymnasiade Organising Committee Press Operations staff shall manage the media side of the Mixed Zone.

Athletes are not obliged to stop and talk to the media; however they should be aware that there are a few opportunities for the media to meet them, except in the Mixed Zones or at the Press Conference.

Awards Escort

After passing the Mixed Zone, athletes will be met by the FOP Coordinator which will assign an Awards Escort to each of the three medal winners. Awards escorts will stay with the athlete in order to confirm their presence in the victory ceremony marshalling area within the required timeframe.

Victory Ceremonies

First, second and third place winners will receive medals. The Medal Ceremony podium is placed in front of the VIP stands. The recipients of the gold medal are placed on the centre podium. The silver medal recipients are to the right of the gold medalists and the bronze medalists to the left of the gold medalists. Participating athletes are required to wear their Delegation Official Tracksuit and shoes. No athlete is allowed to enter the Field of Play with any prohibited attire or with a national flag.

After the end of the competition, sport attendants will escort the winners to the Medal Ceremony marshalling area where they will be briefed by ceremonies staff. Doping Control for the three first winners will take place after the Medal Ceremony.

Athletes are led to and from the presentation area by Athlete Escorts.

The three first winners will be awarded with a medal and a bouquet of flowers. The medal presentation will start from the third place, then second and finally first. Please note that no anthem or flags raising will occur according to ISF protocol.

Results

During the competition the results will be displayed on the public scoreboard. After verification the results will be distributed in the venue.

If a corrected version of a previously distributed output is produced, it should contain a "CORRECTED" stamp, with the sequence number.

Doping Control

Doping Controls for participating Athletes will be conducted following the IOC Anti-Doping Rules and in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code and the International Standards.

Tests during competition will follow the distribution plan agreed with ISF and DGOC. Urine tests will be conducted. All samples will be analyzed at the WADA-accredited and certified Doping Control Laboratory.

Interviews

Requests for media interviews with athletes or Team Officials will be made through the venue press manager who will contact the relevant Team Official. Interviews can be conducted at Competition Venue, or at the Athletes Accommodation Hotel.

Press Conferences

Accredited media have the opportunity to speak to athletes, coaches and team officials at the media conferences which will be scheduled upon media request and following the Victory Ceremonies.

Press Conferences are held at Competition Venue after each medal event or as warranted by an outstanding performance or at the request of a participating team or the International School Sport Federation.

Results CD-ROM

The Results CD-Rom will be available for collection at the end of the competition with contents regarding the: Entry Lists, Analytical Results, Panel of Judges, etc.

TRAINING

Athletics Training will be held at the Khalifa Stadium warm up and competition stadium along with the Qatar Stadium (walking distance from EZDAN towers).

First Aid will available during the official training period supported by the onsite ambulance service. Training will be OPEN and open to media. Delegations are requested to bring their own training and competition equipment.

Training Schedules

Training schedules will be available upon arrival at the Accommodation and Sporting venues.

Participating Delegations Athletics

AFRICA	
Algeria	Morocco
Libya	
AMERICA	
Brazil	Puerto Rico
ASIA	
P.R. China	Qatar
Chinese Taipei	Saudi Arabia
India	Syria
Kuwait	United Arab Emirates
Oman	Uzbekistan
Palestine	
EUROPE	
Cyprus	Italy
Czech Republic	Luxembourg
Estonia	Russia
Finland	Spain
France	Turkey
Greece	UK England
Hungary	Ukraine
OCEANIA	
Australia	

Swimming

The Doha Gymnasiade Swimming competition will be held from December 08 (Tuesday) to December 12 (Sunday) 2009 at the Hamad Aquatic Centre.

Description of the Events

The Gymnasiade Athletics competition comprises of 34 events, 17 for boys and 17 for girls.

Boys	Girls
Freestyle 50m	Freestyle 50m
Freestyle 100m	Freestyle 100m
Freestyle 200m	Freestyle 200m
Freestyle 400m	Freestyle 400m
Backstroke 50m	Backstroke 50m
Backstroke 100m	Backstroke 100m
Backstroke 200m	Backstroke 200m
Breaststroke 50m	Breaststroke 50m
Breaststroke 100m	Breaststroke 100m
Breaststroke 200m	Breaststroke 200m
Butterfly 50m	Butterfly 50m
Butterfly 100m	Butterfly 100m
Butterfly 200m	Butterfly 200m
Individual Medley 200m	Individual Medley 200m
Individual Medley 400m	Individual Medley 400m
Freestyle Relay 4x100m	Freestyle Relay 4x100m
Medley Relay 4x100m	Medley Relay 4x100m

All events shall be conducted in accordance with FINA Rules & Regulations in force during the competition. In the case of disagreement over the interpretation of the Rules, the English text shall prevail.

Any unforeseen cases not covered by the regulations shall be resolved in accordance with the ISF Constitution and Rules, and the Rules of the FINA.

Progression of Competition

There will be heats in the morning sessions while the A and B Finals will take place in the evening. The 16 fastest swimmers from each event will qualify for the evening Finals, where the first 8 fastest swimmers will compete in the A Final and the rest in the B Final.

In the event of tie for the 16th place in the heats, a swim off is required for advancement to the finals.

Pre Competition Information

Team Leader Meeting

The Technical Meeting for Swimming Competition will be held on December 07, 2009 at the Hamad Aquatic Centre, Press Conference room, at 10:00.

ISF Technical Commission in cooperation with DGOC 2009 Competition Manager shall provide the agenda for the meeting. Attendance by each participating country is mandatory.

A series of outputs (entry lists and data checklist) shall be provided to delegations upon arrival and before the Technical Meeting, in order to update the entry lists (spelling and withdrawals) and produce the official start list for the preliminary heats sessions. Please note that only withdrawals and name corrections will be allowed during the Technical Meetings.

The Judges Meeting will be held immediately following the conclusion of the Technical Meeting.

Registration Process

Final changes to the entry list should be accepted during the Registration process (DRM's) and before the Technical Meeting. These may include name changes, late withdrawals, etc.

Venue Familiarisation

A venue familiarisation tour will take place upon the arrival of each team at the Hamad Aquatic Center, where the athlete's areas, call rooms, first aid, changing rooms, mixed zone and press conference areas will be shown.

Sport Information

Sport Information Desks are located within the Delegations' Accommodation Hotel and the Competition Venues.

Sport Information Operational hours:	
Competition Venue	December 05 – 12, 2009 (07:30 – 21:00)
Ezdan Hotel and Suites	December 05 – 12, 2009 (07:30 – 21:00)

Sport Information desks will provide information on the competition, training schedules, results / start lists, sport technical information and official communications.

Competition Forms

Competition Forms (Relay and Withdrawal forms) will be available from the Sport Information Desk at the Hamad Aquatic Center. Teams are reminded that names of swimmers competing in relay events both in heats and finals, must be submitted to the Swimming Protest room no later than one (1) hour before the start of the session in which the relay is taking place.

Relay cards must list the swimmers names in the order they are to participate. In medley relays, the swimmers names and their stroke must be listed. The composition of a relay teams may change between heats and finals (Rule SW 10.12).

Competition Rules

The competition will be held in accordance with the rules of the Fédération Internationale de Natation (FINA) Handbook in force at the time of the Doha Gymnasiade event.

Technical Officials

The Technical Officials for the competitions are the ISF Technical Commission (Jury of Appeal), ISF Technical Commission President and Technical Officials from the State Of Qatar.

Appointment of Referees

DGOC in collaboration with the ISF is responsible for appointing the judges of the event.

Protests and Appeals

Protests are possible and shall be resolved under FINA rules.

Protests must be submitted to the Referee in writing by the Team Leader, with a deposit of 100 USD / 65 EUR (Conversion based on 1 USD = 0.6644 EUR 021209) or its equivalent and within 30 minutes following the conclusion of the respective competition.

The Referee shall consider all protests. If he rejects the protest, he must state the reasons for his decision. The Team Leader may appeal the rejection to the Jury of Appeal, whose decision

shall be final. The Technical Commission shall consider appeals against decision by the Referee and give recommendations to the Jury of Appeal, whose decision shall be final. If the protest is rejected, the deposit will be forfeited to the Management body of the Competition. If the protest is upheld, the deposit will be returned.

Venue

Hamad Aquatic Centre is a world class indoor facility that intends to provide unique competition conditions for all the participating athletes. It is located at a distance of 8km from the athletes' accommodation site and within the Aspire Zone Sports Complex of Doha (www.aspirezone.qa).

Field-of-play (FOP) : A 10-lane, 50m, 3m-deep pool all across, the eight centre lanes to be used for the competition. The start for the events, except the 50m events, is in the area between the swimming and the diving pools.

Water Temperature: In accordance with FINA rules.

Warm-up: Competition pool is available for warm-up two hours before the start of competition. Only competing swimmers are allowed to use the pool during the warm-up period.

Cooling Down: Located at the warm-up / training pool. Lane number one will used only for cooling down of medallists.

Athletes Changing Rooms: Available with showers, toilets and changing areas.

Athletes Preparation / Relaxation Area: Adjacent to the Call Room and competition pools.

Athletes Lounge: Near the Athletes Entrance and close to the Sports Information Desk. Operational on competition and training days providing hot and cold beverages, bottled water, fruits and biscuits.

Team Seating Area: Provided within the Field of Play.

Athlete's Medical: Medical facilities are available in the warm up and competition area.

Competition Procedures

Team Arrival

All teams are dropped off at the accredited Athletes entry of the Hamad Aquatic Centre according to transportation schedule. Teams are welcomed at the venue by an Athletes Service Assistant who will assist them with their venue familiarisation to the venue during their first visit.

Athletes and Team Officials must wear their accreditation card to gain access to the venue. Without accreditation, immediate access will not be granted which will cause an inconvenience. Failure to wear and clearly display the accreditation card may negate free movement within the venue and cause unnecessary difficulties for all concerned.

Warm - up

Prior to competition pools will be available for warm up. Before the final session only swimmers competing in the particular session should use the main pool. Other swimmers may use the warm up pool only.

Please note that swimmers will request to exit the pool 30 minutes prior to the start of the event.

Marshalling of Swimmers

All swimmers, approximately 15 minutes before starting of each event, will gather inside the Call Room, which is located behind the FOP swimmers seating area. From there, upon the verbal signal of the FOP Call Room assistant, will march on to the Field of Play escorted by Field of Play Assistants.

For heats there will be a non-stop marching parade. For all finals, there will be a marching parade followed by an individual swimmer presentation in front of the spectator's seats.

Equipment Baskets

After swimmers have been accompanied to the FOP, they will find equipment baskets designated to each lane. Swimmers are expected to place their clothing and equipment inside prior to their race. The baskets will be removed from the FOP and will be placed next to the Mixed Zone in order for swimmers to collect clothes and equipment as they exit from the Mixed Zone.

Post Competition Procedures

Leaving the Field Of Play

When the event is finished, all competitors should exit the FOP passing through the Mixed Zone.

Mixed Zone

Mixed Zones are restricted areas at the competition venue where swimmers are required to pass, situated on the FOP. They provide media with the opportunity to meet swimmers for quick and informal interviews on their performance. Doha Gymnasiade Organising Committee Press Operations staff shall manage the media side of the Mixed Zone.

Swimmers are not obliged to stop and talk to the media; however they should be aware that there are a few opportunities for the media to meet them, except in the Mixed Zones or at the Press Conference.

Awards Escort

After passing the Mixed Zone, swimmers will be met by the FOP Coordinator which will assign an Awards Escort to each of the three medal winners. Awards escorts will stay with the swimmer in order to confirm their presence in the victory ceremony marshalling area within the required timeframe.

Victory Ceremonies

First, second and third place winners will receive medals. The Medal Ceremony podium is placed in front of the VIP stands. The recipients of the gold medal are placed on the centre podium. The silver medal recipients are to the right of the gold medallists and the bronze medallists to the left of the gold medallists. Participating swimmers are required to wear their Delegation Official Tracksuit and shoes. No swimmer is allowed to enter the Field of Play with any prohibited attire or with a national flag.

After the end of the competition, sport attendants will escort the winners to the Medal Ceremony marshalling area where they will be briefed by ceremonies staff. Doping Control for the three first winners will take place after the Medal Ceremony.

Swimmers are led to and from the presentation area by Athlete Escorts.

The three first winners will be awarded with a medal and a bouquet of flowers. The medal presentation will start from the third place, then second and finally first. Please note that no anthem or flags raising will occur according to ISF protocol.

Results

During the competition the results will be displayed on the public scoreboard. After verification the results will be distributed in the venue.

If a corrected version of a previously distributed output is produced, it should contain a "CORRECTED" stamp, with the sequence number.

Doping Control

Doping Controls for participating swimmers will be conducted following the IOC Anti-Doping Rules and in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code and the International Standards.

Tests during competition will follow the distribution plan agreed with ISF and DGOC. Urine tests will be conducted. All samples will be analysed at the WADA-accredited and certified Doping Control Laboratory.

Interviews

Requests for media interviews with swimmers or Team Officials will be made through the venue press manager who will contact the relevant Team Official. Interviews can be conducted at Competition Venue, or the Athletes Accommodation Hotel.

Press Conferences

Accredited media have the opportunity to speak to athletes, coaches and team officials at media conferences which will be scheduled upon media request and following the Victory Ceremonies.

Press Conferences are held at Competition Venue after each medal event or as warranted by an outstanding performance or at the request of a participating team or the International School Sport Federation.

Following the victory parade, medallists will be escorted to the Press Conference room to participate in the post-event Press Conference.

Results CD-ROM

The Results CD-Rom will be available for collection at the end of the competition with contents regarding the: Entry Lists, Analytical Results, Panel of Judges, etc.

TRAINING

Swim Training will be held at the Hamad Aquatic Centre warm up and competition pools.

First Aid will be available during the official training period supported by the onsite ambulance service. Training will be OPEN and open to media.

Delegations are requested to bring their own training and competition equipment.

Training Schedules

Training schedules will be available upon arrival at the Accommodation and Sporting venues.

Participating Delegations Swimming

AFRICA	
Algeria	Tunisia
Morocco	
AMERICA	
Brazil	Puerto Rico
ASIA	
P.R. China	Palestine
Chinese Taipei	Qatar
India	Saudi Arabia
Kuwait	Syria
Oman	
EUROPE	
Cyprus	Poland
Finland	Russia
France	Spain
Greece	Turkey
Hungary	UK England
Italy	Ukraine
OCEANIA	
Australia	

Gymnastics

The Doha Gymnasiade Gymnastics competition (Artistic and Rythmic) will be held from December 08 (Tuesday) to December 12 (Sunday) 2009 at the Aspire Dome.

Description of the Events

The Gymnasiade Gymnastics competition comprises of 21 events, 08 for boys and 13 for girls.

Boys	Girls
Artistic Team	Artistic Team
Artistic Individual All-Around	Artistic Individual All-Around
Artistic Floor	Artistic Vault
Artistic Pommel Horse	Artistic Uneven Bars
Artistic Rings	Artistic Balance Beam
Artistic Vault	Artistic Floor
Artistic Parallel Bars	Rhythmic Team
Artistic Horizontal Bar	Rhythmic Individual All-Around
	Rhythmic Rope
	Rhythmic Hoop
	Rhythmic Ball
	Rhythmic Clubs
	Group All-Around

All events shall be conducted in accordance with FIG Rules and Regulations in force during the competition (Juniors code of point will be applied). In the case of disagreement over the interpretation of the Rules, the French text shall prevail.

Any unforeseen cases not covered by the regulations shall be resolved in accordance with the ISF Constitution and Rules, and the Rules of the FIG.

The Doha Gymnasiade Artistic Gymnastics competition will be held from December 08 (Tuesday) to December 12 (Sunday) 2009 at the Aspire Dome.

Gymnastics - Artistic

This competition will be organised by a rotation of groups. A group comprises either a team of three to five gymnasts entered by a Delegation. No more than four gymnasts from a team shall compete on any single piece of apparatus and the four highest scores will be taken into account for the team total.

This competition will serve as Team Final and as qualification for the remaining competitions. Scores for qualification do not carry over to the All Around and/or Individual Finals.

For boys, the competition consists of optional exercises on six apparatus. For girls, the competition consists of optional exercises on four apparatus. Only gymnasts who perform on all the apparatus are eligible to qualify for Competition II (All-Around Finals).

To qualify for the vault finals, two vaults are necessary. The qualifying score is based on the average of the two scores. For the all-around and team final, only the first vault will count.

All-Around Finals

The competition consists of six optional exercises for men and four optional exercises for women.

Twenty-four gymnasts from qualification will take part in this competition (with a maximum of two per participating delegation).

In case of a tie at any place, the qualification will be based on the greater number of highest final apparatus scores obtained in qualification (the total of 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 highest apparatus finals scores for boys, and the total of 3, 2, 1 highest apparatus finals scores for girls). If there is still a tie, all the gymnasts not excluded by the foregoing process will participate in Competition II.

The results of Competition II determine the Individual All-Around Champion. In case of a tie at any place, the tie is not broken.

Apparatus Finals

This competition comprises finals on each piece of apparatus to determine the winner.

On each apparatus, the eight gymnasts (with a maximum of two per ISF member country) who have obtained the highest total scores on such apparatus, in the course of Individual All Around Qualification, perform an exercise (which on vault means two vaults) on the apparatus in question.

Pre Competition Information

Draw

There is a draw procedure for Artistic Gymnastics.

Orientation Meeting

The Orientation Meeting for Artistic Gymnastics Competition will be held on December 07, 2009 at the Aspire Indoor Hall, in the auditorium at the first floor at 11:00.

ISF Technical Commission in cooperation with DGOC 2009 Competition Manager shall provide the agenda for the meeting. Attendance by each participating country is mandatory.

A series of outputs (entry lists and data checklist) shall be provided to delegations upon arrival and before the Orientation Meeting, in order to update the entry lists (spelling and withdrawals) and produce the official start list for the preliminary – heats sessions. Please note that only withdraws and name corrections will be allowed during the Orientation Meetings.

The Judges Meeting will be held following the below schedule:

- Men's Artistic Gymnastics: on December 7, 2009 at 08:30 in the judges meeting room in Aspire dome (first floor)
- Women's Artistic Gymnastics: on December 7, 2009 at 09:30 in the judges meeting room in Aspire dome (first floor)

Podium Training

Attendance at podium training is mandatory for the ITOs (judges) and the gymnasts.

Equipment Control

The Technical Delegates of each discipline will conduct the inspection of the equipment at the following times:

Boy's Artistic Gymnastics (MAG)	December 07, 2009 at 12:30
Girl's Artistic Gymnastics (WAG)	December 07, 2009 at 12:30

Also, right before each athlete's performance, the usual apparatus control will be carried out by a designated person.

Competition Forms

Each delegation will have to submit all competition forms upon arrival. Forms are available and are to be submitted at the Sports Information Desk at the ASPIRE Indoor Hall. Deadlines are written upon each form.

Music

Each Delegation will have to submit its own music, which should only be in CD form (two copies). For the purpose of training in the designated areas, delegations should have a separate copy of the CD.

All Team Leaders / Coaches should declare and warrant that the material media (CD) provided to DGOC 2009 containing the music themes which shall accompany all the performances in the Doha Gymnasiade event have been lawfully obtained, recorded and produced and all required licenses for the use, including the technical works necessary for the proper presentation of these material media and music themes, have been lawfully obtained.

Insurance

Article 12.10, section I, ed. 2005, of the FIG Technical Regulations foresees that all participating ISF member countries are responsible for having the necessary insurance coverage for all participants against illness and accidents.

A copy of the insurance policy and cover note will be requested at the time of accreditation (TBC). Accreditation passes will not be issued unless the evidence of insurance cover for all members can be provided. ISF member countries who do not have the appropriate insurance, must take out the insurance cover provided by DGOC. Information regarding this insurance cover will be available at accreditation.

Registration Process

Final changes to the entry list should be accepted during the Registration process (DRM's) and before the Technical Meeting. These may include name changes, late withdrawals, etc.

Venue Familiarisation

A venue familiarization tour will take place upon the arrival of each team at the Aspire Dome where the athlete's areas, call rooms, first aid, changing rooms, mixed zone and press conference areas will be shown.

Sport Information

Sport Information Desks are located within the Delegations' Accommodation Hotel and the Competition Venues.

Sport Information Operational hours:	
Competition Venue	December 05 – 12, 2009 (07:30 – 21:00)
Ezdan Hotel and Suites	December 05 – 12, 2009 (07:30 – 21:00)

Sport Information desks will provide information on the competition, training schedules, results/ start lists, sport technical information and official communications.

Technical Officials

All Technical Officials need to be FIG brevet holders. Each judge will be required to bring and submit their Judges' Log Book and be present at the roll call.

All Technical Officials are required to be present at the meetings mentioned in the Technical Officials Guide.

The Technical Officials for the competitions are the ISF Technical Commission (Jury of Appeal), ISF Technical Commission President and Technical Officials from the State Of Qatar.

Competition Rules

Appointment of Referees

DGOC in collaboration with the ISF is responsible for appointing the judges of the event.

Withdrawal

An accepted competitor cannot withdraw except for reasons of sickness or injury. A request to withdraw must be supported by an official physician's certificate. All decisions must be approved by the Chair of Judges' panel and Technical Delegate.

Protests and Appeals

Protests will be dealt with in accordance with FIG Rules.

Inquiries (Technical Regulations, 2006 Edition, reg. 8.4)

Inquiries for the difficulty of scores are allowed, provided that they are made verbally and immediately after the publication of the score, or at the very latest before the end of the exercise of the following gymnast or group. Late inquiries will be rejected. A Federation is not allowed to complain against a gymnast from another Federation.

Inquiries for all other marks (Execution and Artistic) are not allowed.

The inquiry must be confirmed in writing (see Appendix) within a few minutes and requires an agreement payment of:

USD 300 / EUR 200 for the first complaint

USD 500 / EUR 333 for the second complaint

USD 1 000/ EUR 665 for the third complaint

Should the inquiry prove correct and be accepted, this sum will be reimbursed. Otherwise, the sum will be transferred to the ISF Solidarity Fund.

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

The detailed procedure will be laid down in all the Code of Points.

In the days following a competition, a global video analysis will be carried out by the respective TCs, and in case the mistakes are established, the guilty judges will be punished accordingly.

Venue

Aspire Dome will be the competition and training venue for all the Gymnastics Competitions.

Field Of Play (FOP): The competition is conducted on a gymnastics podium (height 100cm). The podium supports all the gymnastics competition apparatus and is supplied by Janssen and Fritsen (JF). The podium and apparatus conform to the requisite standards of the FIG Apparatus Norms and modifications approved by FIG.

The FOP has one entrance in the centre for both athletes and technical officials.

Warm-up: Warm-up also takes place at ASPIRE Indoor Hall, in one hall adjacent to the FOP. This Hall is equipped with a complete set of apparatus identical to those to be used in the competition; i.e. placed on a gymnastics podium.

Climate Control: The competition venue is climate controlled with the range 18-22° C.

Massage Facilities: There are two massage beds inside the Training/Warm up Hall.

Athletes' Change Rooms: There are 3 female change rooms and 3 male change rooms for gymnasts and coaches. They are fully equipped with showers, benches, toilets, hangers, lockers and change areas.

Sports Information Desk (SID): The SID is located just outside the Training/Warm up Hall. It is operational one hour before training and competition until half an hour after the Medal Ceremony or last training schedule.

Athletes and Team Officials Lounge : A lounge for athletes and Team Officials is available at the Aspire Complex. It is open during all competition sessions and has refreshments available, including bottled water. It is operational one hour before training and competition until half an hour after the Medal Ceremony or last training schedule.

Team Seating Area: Provided within the Field of Play.

Athletes' Medical: Medical facilities are available in the warm up and competition area.

Pre Competition Procedures

Team Arrival

All teams are dropped off at the accredited Athletes entry of the Aspire Dome according to transportation schedule. Teams are welcomed at the venue by an Athletes service Assistant who will assist them with their venue familiarization to the venue during their first visit.

Gymnasts and Team Officials must wear their accreditation card to gain access to the venue. Without accreditation, immediate access will not be granted which will cause an inconvenience. Failure to wear and clearly display the accreditation card may negate free movement within the venue and cause unnecessary difficulties for all concerned.

Warm - up

Pre-Competition training / warm- up commences approximately two hours prior to the Team Final, Qualifications and Individual All-Around competition (in the Training / Warm up Hall) and 1hour and 30minutes prior to Apparatus Finals competition (on the FOP).

Team, Individual All-Around and All-Around Finals

The warm-up just before groups' performance in each apparatus will take place inside the FOP. Each athlete is entitled to a 30 second warm-up per apparatus (50 seconds for Uneven Bars and Parallel Bars including the preparation of the bars).

Entering the Field of Play

For the Team Final, Qualifications and Individual All-Around Finals competitions, the gymnasts leave the Training/Warm-up Hall ten minutes before the start of competition and are accompanied by members of the sports crew (marshals) to the marshalling area (entrance of FOP) for the groups march-in onto the FOP.

The second roll call will be conducted at the marshalling area five minutes prior to the start of competition. The gymnasts have to stay and may not leave within these five minutes. The competitors are required to follow the instructions of the competition staff.

For the Team and Individual All-Around Qualification (first competition day), the gymnasts will march into the FOP, step up to their correspondent podium and be presented to the public by country. They will step down from the podium and go to their designated seats.

For the Apparatus Finals, the gymnasts leave the FOP 30 minutes before the start of Competition and are escorted to the Training / Warm-up Hall in order to commence the warm-up procedure.

During Competition Procedures

Once the groups arrive at the FOP, the escort leads each gymnast to a designated point to await the "green" Swiss Timing signal. On the previous gymnast's red signal, the gymnast is announced and moves up on the podium, except in the case of uneven bars, pommel horse and parallel bars; the preparing of the apparatus is allowed to all competitors while waiting for the previous athlete's score.

Information During Competition

Swiss Timing provides the official scoring equipment for the Doha Gymnasiade Gymnastics Competition. The Swiss Timing equipment will be used for the data management of the start lists, scores, and results.

Video Recording

Two exercises on each apparatus will be recorded on digital video cameras.

Post Competition Procedures

Non-medalist gymnasts will be escorted through the Mixed Zone directly after the end of competition.

Medalist gymnasts will be escorted directly after the end of competition to the Victory Ceremony Marshalling Area, and immediately after the victory ceremony, through the Mixed Zone.

Gymnasts may be required to give post-competition interviews within the mixed zone following either qualification rounds or finals.

All gymnasts must collect their accreditation cards from the Warm-up Coordinator.

Leaving the Field Of Play

When the event is finished, all competitors should exit the FOP passing through the Mixed Zone.

Mixed Zone

Mixed Zones are restricted areas at the competition venue where gymnasts are required to pass, situated on the FOP. They provide media with the opportunity to meet gymnasts for quick and informal interviews on their performance. Doha Gymnasiade Organising Committee Press Operations staff shall manage the media side of the Mixed Zone.

Gymnasts are not obliged to stop and talk to the media; however they should be aware that there are a few opportunities for the media to meet them, except in the Mixed Zones or at the Press Conference.

Victory Ceremonies

First, second and third place winners will receive medals. The Medal Ceremony podium is placed in front of the VIP stands. The recipients of the gold medal are placed on the centre podium. The silver medal recipients are to the right of the gold medallists and the bronze medallists to the left of the gold medallists. Participating gymnasts are required to wear their Delegation Official Tracksuit and shoes. No gymnast is allowed to enter the Field of Play with any prohibited attire or with a national flag.

After the end of the competition, sport attendants will escort the winners to the Medal Ceremony marshalling area where they will be briefed by ceremonies staff. Doping Control for the three first winners will take place after the Medal Ceremony.

Gymnasts are led to and from the presentation area by Athlete Escorts.

The three first winners will be awarded with a medal and a bouquet of flowers. The medal presentation will start from the third place, then second and finally first. Please note that no anthem or flags raising will occur according to ISF protocol.

Results

During the competition the results will be displayed on the public scoreboard. After verification the results will be distributed in the venue.

If a corrected version of a previously distributed output is produced, it should contain a "CORRECTED" stamp, with the sequence number.

Doping Control

Doping Controls for participating gymnasts will be conducted following the IOC Anti-Doping Rules and in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code and the International Standards.

Tests during competition will follow the distribution plan agreed with ISF and DGOC. Urine tests will be conducted. All samples will be analysed at the WADA-accredited and certified Doping Control Laboratory.

Interviews

Requests for media interviews with gymnasts or Team Officials will be made through the venue press manager who will contact the relevant Team Official. Interviews can be conducted at Competition Venue, or the Athletes Accommodation Hotel.

Press Conferences

Accredited media have the opportunity to speak to gymnasts, coaches and team officials at media conferences which will be scheduled upon media request and following the Victory Ceremonies.

Press Conferences are held at Competition Venue after each medal event or as warranted by an outstanding performance or at the request of a participating team or the International School Sport Federation.

Following the victory parade, medalists will be escorted to the Press Conference room to participate in the post-event Press Conference.

Results CD-ROM

The Results CD-Rom will be available for collection at the end of the competition with contents regarding the: Entry Lists, Analytical Results, Panel of Judges, etc.

TRAINING

Training takes place at Aspire Indoor Hall, in one hall adjacent to the FOP. This Hall is equipped with a complete two sets of Rhythmic floors identical to those used in the competition.

First Aid will available during the official training period supported by the onsite ambulance service. Training will be OPEN and open to media. Delegations are requested to bring their own training and competition equipment.

Training Schedules

The Training Schedule has been determined by Competition Management after the completion of the Competition Draw and provided to each participating Delegation.

The Training Schedule has been formatted on a rotational basis, providing equal training opportunities for all teams.

An updated version of the Training Schedule specifying Gymnasts' names and Teams will be provided at the Sports Information Desk (SID) at the Athletes' Village or at the Sports Information Desk at the Competition Venue after the qualifying rounds.

Podium Training Schedule

Attendance at podium training is mandatory for the ITOs (judges) and the gymnasts. Teams are kindly requested to check their apparatus prior to the start of Podium Training according to scheduled times.

Training Site Equipment

The apparatus will be Janssen and Fritsen, same brand as the Competition Venue

Participating Delegations – Gymnastics Artistic

AFRICA	
Morocco	Tunisia
AMERICA	
Brazil	
ASIA	
P.R. China	Qatar
Chinese Taipei	Saudi Arabia
India	Syria
Kuwait	Uzbekistan
EUROPE	
Belgium (French Community)	Hungary
Belgium (German Speaking Community)	Italy
Belgium (Flanders)	Luxembourg
Cyprus	Russia
Denmark	Spain
Finland	Turkey
France	UK England
Germany	UK Wales
Greece	Ukraine

Gymnastics - Rhythmic

Team Final and Individual All-Around Qualification

A team may consist of three or four gymnasts and each gymnast may, subject to compliance with the following requirement, perform one to four exercises (maximum).

The competition program comprises exercises using the following apparatus as prescribed: rope, ball, clubs, and hoop. Each team must perform three exercises on each apparatus, by different gymnasts, making a total of 12 exercises.

The team classification is made by adding the 10 best scores registered by the gymnasts of the team.

Individual All-Around Finals

The 24 best gymnasts from qualification participate in two groups based on the results of Team Final and Individual All-Around Qualification competition, taking into account a maximum limit of two gymnasts per participating delegation.

The program consists of four exercises with the prescribed apparatus and the classification is made by adding the four scores obtained with the four apparatus. No consideration is taken of the results of Team Final and Individual All-Around Qualification competition.

Pre Competition Information

Draw

There is no draw procedure for Rhythmic Gymnastics.

Orientation Meeting

The Orientation Meeting for the Gymnastics Rhythmic Competition will be held on December 07, 2009 at the Aspire Indoor Hall, in the auditorium at the first floor at 11.00.

ISF Technical Committee in cooperation with DGOC 2009 Competition Manager shall provide the agenda for the meeting. Attendance by each participating country is mandatory.

A series of outputs (entry lists and data checklist) shall be provided to delegations upon arrival and before the Operation Meeting, in order to update the entry lists (spelling and withdrawals) and produce the official start list for the preliminary heats sessions. Please note that only withdrawals and name corrections will be allowed during the Orientation Meetings.

The Judges Meeting will be held in the judges meeting room near the RG training and warm-up hall on December 07, 2009 at 09:00.

Podium Training

Attendance at podium training is mandatory for the ITO's (judges) and the gymnasts.

Equipment Control

The Technical Delegates of each discipline will conduct the inspection of the equipment at the following times:

Rhythmic Gymnastics

December 07, 2009 at 12:30

Also, right before each gymnast's performance, the usual apparatus control will be carried out by a designated person.

Competition Forms

Each delegation will have to submit all competition forms upon arrival. Forms are available and are to be submitted at the Sports Information Desk at the Aspire Indoor Hall. Deadlines are written upon each form.

Music

All the exercises have to be performed in their entirety with musical accompaniment but very short, and voluntary, stops motivated by the composition are permitted.

The music can be played with one instrument or more, used simultaneously or alternatively. Vocal accompaniment is authorised on the condition that the voice is used as an instrument (without words).

Details of the manner in which the music can be played, the basic principles for musical accompaniment, and penalties for non-conformity, are contained in the Code. All composers must be acknowledged to satisfy the laws of Copyright.

Each Delegation will have to submit its own music, which should only be in CD form (two copies). For the purpose of training in the designated areas, delegations should have a separate copy of the CD.

All Team Leaders/Coaches should declare and warrant that the material media (CD) provided to DGOC 2009 containing the music themes which shall accompany all the performances in the Doha Gymnasiade event have been lawfully obtained, recorded and produced and all

required licenses for the use, including the technical works necessary for the proper presentation of these material media and music themes, have been lawfully obtained.

Insurance

Article 12.10, section I, ed. 2005, of the FIG Technical Regulations foresees that all participating ISF member countries are responsible for having the necessary insurance coverage for all participants against illness and accidents.

A copy of the insurance policy and cover note will be requested at the time of accreditation. Accreditation passes will not be issued unless the evidence of insurance cover for all members can be provided. A delegation who do not have the appropriate insurance, must take out the insurance cover provided by DGOC. Information regarding this insurance cover will be available at accreditation.

Registration Process

Final changes to the entry list should be accepted during the Registration process (DRM's) and before the Technical Meeting. These may include name changes, late withdrawals, etc.

Venue Familiarisation

A venue familiarisation tour will take place upon the arrival of each team at the Aspire Indoor Hall where the athlete's areas, call rooms, first aid, changing rooms, mixed zone and press conference areas will be shown.

Sport Information

Sport Information Desks are located within the Delegations' Accommodation Hotel and the Competition Venues.

Sport Information Operational hours:	
Competition Venue	December 05 – 12, 2009 (07:30 – 21:00)
Ezdan Hotel and Suites	December 05 – 12, 2009 (07:30 – 21:00)

Sport Information desks will provide information on the competition, training schedules, results/ start lists, sport technical information and official communications.

Technical Officials

The Technical Officials for the competitions are the ISF Technical Commission (Jury of Appeal), ISF Technical Commission President and Technical Officials from the State Of Qatar. All Technical Officials need to be FIG brevet holders. Each judge will be required to bring and submit their Judges' Log Book and be present at the roll call.

All Technical Officials are required to be present at the meetings mentioned in the Technical Officials Guide.

Competition Rules

The Rhythmic Gymnastics Competition is held in accordance with the FIG Rules and Regulations in force (Juniors Code of Point will apply). In the case of disagreement over the interpretation of the Rules, the French text shall prevail.

Any unforeseen cases not covered by the regulations shall be resolved in accordance with the ISF Constitution and Rules, and the Rules of the FIG.

Appointment of Referees

DGOC in collaboration with the ISF is responsible for appointing the judges of the event.

Withdrawal

An accepted competitor cannot withdraw except for reasons of sickness or injury. A request to withdraw must be supported by an official physician's certificate. All decisions must be approved by the Chair of Judges' panel and Technical Delegate.

Protests and Appeals

Protests will not be acknowledged, in accordance with FIG Code of Points.

Inquiries (Technical Regulations, 2006 Edition, Reg. 8.4) (TBC)

Inquiries for the difficulty of scores are allowed, provided that they are made verbally and immediately after the publication of the score, or at the very latest before the end of the exercise of the following gymnast or group.

Late inquiries will be rejected. A Federation is not allowed to complain against a gymnast from another Federation.

Inquiries for all other marks (Execution, Artistic and Synchronised) are not allowed.

The inquiry must be confirmed in writing within a few minutes and requires an agreement payment of:

USD 300 / EUR 200 for the first complaint

USD 500 / EUR 333 for the second complaint

USD 1 000 / EUR 665 for the third complaint

(Conversion based on 1 USD = 0.6644 EUR 021209)

Should the inquiry prove correct and be accepted, this sum will be reimbursed. Otherwise, the sum will be transferred to the ISF Solidarity Fund.

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, all-around competitions the team competition (final)
- Before the score of the following gymnast or group is shown for the finals

The detailed procedure will be laid down in every Code of Points.

In the days following a competition, a global video analysis will be carried out by the respective TC's, and in case the mistakes are established, the guilty judges will be punished accordingly.

Venue

Aspire Dome will be the competition and training venue for all the Gymnastics Competition.

Field Of Play (FOP) :The competition is conducted on a rhythmic gymnastics floor, according to FIG Apparatus Norms. The brand of the rhythmic floor is Janssen and Fritsen (JF). The Field of Play has one entrance in the centre for both, athletes and technical officials.

Warm-up: Warm-up takes place at Aspire Indoor Hall, in one hall opposite to the FOP. This Hall is equipped with one Rhythmic floor identical to those used in the .

Climate Control :The competition venue is climate controlled with the range 18-22° C.

Massage Facilities: There are two massage beds inside the Training/Warm up Hall.

Athletes' Change Rooms :There are 3 female change rooms for gymnasts and coaches. They are fully equipped with showers, benches, toilets, hangers, lockers and change areas.

Sports Information Desk (SID) :The SID is located just outside the Training/Warm up Hall. It is operational one hour before training and competition until half an hour after the Medal Ceremony or last training schedule.

Athletes and Team Officials Lounge: A lounge for athletes and Team Officials is available at the Aspire Complex. It is open during all competition sessions and has refreshments

available, including bottled water. It is operational one hour before training and competition until half an hour after the Medal Ceremony or last training schedule.

Team Seating Area: Provided within the Field of Play.

Athletes' Medical: Medical facilities are available in the warm up and competition area.

Pre Competition Procedures

Team Arrival

All teams are dropped off at the accredited Athletes entry of the Aspire Indoor Hall according to transportation schedule. Teams are welcomed at the venue by an Athletes Service Assistant who will assist them with their venue familiarization to the venue during their first visit.

Gymnasts and Team Officials must wear their accreditation card to gain access to the venue. Without accreditation, immediate access will not be granted which will cause an inconvenience. Failure to wear and clearly display the accreditation card may negate free movement within the venue and cause unnecessary difficulties for all concerned.

A Team Official is advised to stop at the Sports Information Desk on the way to the Training Field to collect the most up-to-date competition information and any other information that may be required.

Warm - up

Pre-Competition training / warm- up commences approximately two hours prior to the Team Final, Qualifications and Individual All-Around competition (in the Training / Warm up Hall) and 1hour and 30minutes prior to Apparatus Finals competition (on the FOP).

Apparatus control is executed according to FIG rules, before the start of each Competition.

Teams are kindly requested to check their apparatus prior the start of Podium Training according to scheduled times.

Entering the Field of Play

Prior to the competition (first day only), escorts lead the gymnasts to the Field of Play (FOP) where they will be introduced to the audience prior to their competition and then escorted from the FOP to the warm-up area, except for the first competing gymnast, who will be led to a designated point to await for the "green" Swiss timing signal.

For the rest of the gymnasts, the escort leads each one of them according to starting order on to the FOP, where they are introduced to the audience prior to competition and lead to a designated point to wait for the “green” Swiss Timing signal. On the red signal, the gymnast is announced.

During Competition Procedures

Following competition warm-up, gymnasts are directed to the gymnasts marshalling area, located on the corridor near the entrance to the FOP.

A marshal assembles each gymnast in the marshalling area three minutes prior to performance.

The escort leads the gymnast on to the FOP, where they are introduced to the audience prior to competition and lead to a designated point to await the “green” Swiss Timing signal. On the red signal, the gymnast is announced.

On the green signal, the gymnast moves up on the competition floor and commences the routine.

At the completion of the routine, a marshal escorts the gymnast to the “Kiss and Cry” area to await her score.

Athletes are then escorted from the FOP back to the Warm-up Hall.

Information During Competition

Swiss Timing provides the official scoring equipment for the ISF Gymnasiade Gymnastics competition. The Swiss Timing equipment will be used for the data management of the start lists, scores, and results.

Video Recording

Two exercises of each apparatus will be recorded on digital video cameras.

Post Competition Procedures

Leaving the Field of Play

After the completion of their performances (last program), gymnasts are escorted from the “Kiss and Cry” area to the designated seats on the FOP in order to attend the rest of the competition.

On Finals days, all gymnasts are escorted from the athletes seating area to different areas according to the following: medallists are taken to the gymnasts marshalling area in order to prepare for the medal ceremony; non-medallist gymnasts are escorted through the Mixed Zone to exit the FOP and are requested to cooperate and to speak with press or broadcasters. Medallists will be in competition attire for the victory ceremony.

Immediately after completion of the victory ceremony, medallists will be conducted through the Mixed Zone.

All gymnasts must collect their accreditation cards from the Warm-up Coordinator.

Gymnasts identified for doping control will be escorted by a doping control escort to the doping control waiting area.

Mixed Zone

Mixed Zones are restricted areas at the competition venue where gymnasts are required to pass, situated on the FOP. They provide media with the opportunity to meet gymnasts for quick and informal interviews on their performance. Doha Gymnasiade Organising Committee Press Operations staff shall manage the media side of the Mixed Zone.

Gymnasts are not obliged to stop and talk to the media; however they should be aware that there are a few opportunities for the media to meet them, except in the Mixed Zones or at the Press Conference.

Victory Ceremonies

First, second and third place winners will receive medals. The Medal Ceremony podium is placed in front of the VIP stands. The recipients of the gold medal are placed on the centre podium. The silver medal recipients are to the right of the gold medallists and the bronze medallists to the left of the gold medallists. Participating athletes are required to wear their Delegation Official Tracksuit and shoes. No athlete is allowed to enter the Field of Play with any prohibited attire or with a national flag.

After the end of the competition, sport attendants will escort the winners to the Medal Ceremony marshalling area where they will be briefed by ceremonies staff. Doping Control for the three first winners will take place after the Medal Ceremony.

Gymnasts are led to and from the presentation area by Athlete Escorts.

The three first winners will be awarded with a medal and a bouquet of flowers. The medal presentation will start from the third place, then second and finally first. Please note that no anthem or flags raising will occur according to ISF protocol.

Results

During the competition the results will be displayed on the public scoreboard. After verification the results will be distributed in the venue.

If a corrected version of a previously distributed output is produced, it should contain a "CORRECTED" stamp, with the sequence number.

Doping Control

Doping Controls for participating gymnasts will be conducted following the IOC Anti-Doping Rules and in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code and the International Standards.

Tests during competition will follow the distribution plan agreed with ISF and DGOC. Urine tests will be conducted. All samples will be analysed at the WADA-accredited and certified Doping Control Laboratory.

Interviews

Requests for media interviews with gymnast or Team Officials will be made through the venue press manager who will contact the relevant Team Official. Interviews can be conducted at Competition Venue, or the Athletes Accommodation Hotel.

Press Conferences

Accredited media have the opportunity to speak to gymnasts, coaches and team officials at media conferences which will be scheduled upon media request and following the Victory Ceremonies.

Press Conferences are held at Competition Venue after each medal event or as warranted by an outstanding performance or at the request of a participating team or the International School Sport Federation.

Results CD-ROM

The Results CD-Rom will be available for collection at the end of the competition with contents regarding the: Entry Lists, Analytical Results, Panel of Judges, etc.

TRAINING

Training takes place at ASPIRE Indoor Hall, in one hall adjacent to the FOP. This Hall is equipped with a complete two sets of Rhythmic floors identical to those used in the competition.

First Aid will be available during the official training period supported by the onsite ambulance service. Training will be OPEN and open to media.

Training Schedules

The Training Schedule has been determined by Competition Management after the completion of the Competition Draw and provided to each participating ISF member country.

The Training Schedule has been formatted on a rotational basis, providing equal training opportunities for all teams. An updated version of the Training Schedule specifying Gymnasts' names and Teams will be provided at the Sports Information Desk (SID) at the Competition Venue after the qualifying rounds.

Podium Training Schedule

Attendance at podium training is mandatory for the ITOs (judges) and the gymnasts. Teams are kindly requested to check their apparatus prior to the start of Podium Training according to scheduled times.

Training Site Equipment

The floors will be Janssen and Fritsen, same brand as the Competition Venue.

Participating Delegations – Rhythmic Gymnastics

AMERICA	
Brazil	
ASIA	
India	Syria
Qatar	Uzbekistan
EUROPE	
Cyprus	Spain
France	Turkey
Hungary	UK England
Italy	UK Wales
Russia	Ukraine

Delegation Information

Preparation for Arrival

At this point most Entry Visas are either completed or in their final stages. Please see process to access Visas prior to travel. Please note that the issuance of a Visa is not a guarantee for the participation in the competition. The general rules of eligibility still apply as earlier communicated.

Entry Visa Processing

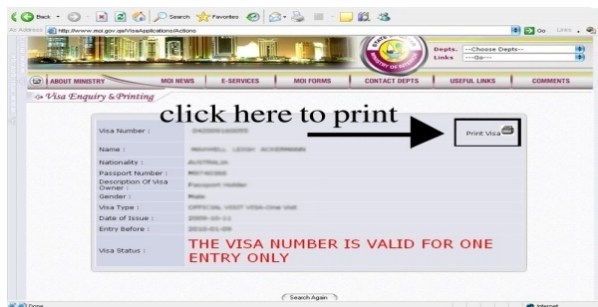
Please follow the below indicated steps for accessing and printing the Entry Visas for Qatar prior to your departure. Remember to present the printout together with your passport at the document control desk during Check In at the departure airport.



Step 1: Go to the website of the Ministry of Interior, Qatar on: www.moi.gov.qa. Click on the top left button for ENGLISH.



Step 2: See "Visa Enquiry and Printing" function. Insert ALL NUMBERS of the provided Visa Number (including "0" in the beginning!) as well as the Nationality indicated on your Passport:



Step 3: Print Visa and keep it with your Passport for the Check-in!

Arrival Information

An Airport Hospitality Desk will be available at the airport for all arriving Delegations in order to facilitate the arrival and clearance procedures. DGOC representatives will be present to welcome and assist the Delegations at the airport and escort them to the arranged onward transportation services to the Delegation Registration Centre.

Transportation

A comprehensive transport system for athletes, team officials and technical officials will be available exclusively for the Gymnasiade 2009 Doha competition.

All delegations will be transported in a fleet of approximately 60 coach or minicoach buses, all with contracted drivers. All these vehicles and drivers are provided through the National Transport Company of Qatar, Mowasalat, whose drivers will be appropriately trained.

Services will include for all Delegates:

- Arrival service from Doha International Airport to the official accommodation sites,
- Scheduled shuttle bus service from official accommodation sites to the competition & training venues
- Dedicated service for the Opening and Closing Ceremonies
- Dedicated service for the Cultural Day
- Dedicated service to all official functions and/or meetings
- Departure service from the official Accommodation sites to Doha International Airport

Transportation services for delegations accommodated in hotels other than the official ones can be provided only if the expenses are covered by the respective delegation.

Transport required outside the operational dates will be at the cost of each delegation.

Airport to Accommodation Service

The arrival and departure of all delegations and eligible ISF members including the Athletes and Officials will be handled through the close coordination between various sections of the Transport and Airport Services programmes.

The Airport-to-Accommodation Bus Service will connect the Doha International Airport Terminal to Ezdan Towers, and vice versa.

This operation will take place from 3rd December to 15th December 2009 and operate as required according to arrival and departure times.

Accommodation to Venues Shuttle (Aspire Zone Shuttles)

A scheduled shuttle transport service will be provided to accredited delegates involved in Gymnasiade 2009.

The Service will begin on the 5th December and continue until the 12th December.

The frequency of Shuttles will be based on training and competition schedules.

Additional vehicles will be assigned to serve all venues, as the passenger demand increases.

Pick up and drop off points will be clearly signposted at each venue.

The shuttle schedule and route will be available upon arrival.

Public Transport

Qatar Transport Company, Mowasalat, also operates the local public transport network in Qatar.

Schedule and service information will be available upon arrival at the Ezdan Hotel and Suites.

Taxis

Mowasalat is also responsible for the provision of taxi services in Doha – a service known as Karwa. These services are regulated by a highly trained workforce. Karwa cars will be available from Ezdan Towers. The use of the Taxi service will be at the expense of the Delegations.

Karwa cars can be booked by telephone by calling locally on: 458-8888.

Accommodation

In accordance to the International School Sport Federation rules, Gymnasiade 2009 Doha Organising Committee will accommodate all participants of the 14th Gymnasiade event in 2, 3 and 4 stars hotels during their stay in Doha, Qatar. Three meals will be provided to all participants at their accommodation sites.

Accommodation for athletes may be in 3 or 4 bedded rooms. Assistant head of delegation, coaches and judges will be accommodated in twin bedded rooms. Only the head of delegation is eligible for a single room. Any other requests should be addressed directly to the Organising Committee and will be considered accordingly.

While the Organising Committee subsidises board and lodging for all eligible participants during the official period of the Games, delegations that arrive to Doha prior to the official arriving date of 6th December 2009, will be charged full-board in EUR per person, per day for the extra accommodation and meals. Similarly, delegations that stay after breakfast on December 13th, 2009 will be charged at the same rate.

As an exception, if the distance between Doha and the capital of a participating country exceeds 5000 kilometres, the delegation may extend its stay by arriving one day earlier or leaving one day later for a daily fee of 42.00 EUR per night (Jet-lag day). Any arrivals prior to or later than the official dates will be fully invoiced to the members according to market rates. Teams interested in arriving before or staying after the official Doha Gymnasiade period, shall inform the Organising Committee as early as possible. The distance between the capitals will be measured using as official reference the <http://www.mapcrow.info/> web site.

The Organising Committee cannot guarantee the availability of accommodation outside the official period of the Gymnasiade 2009 nor for persons who are not part of the official delegation. The Organiser however will be pleased to supply information about alternative accommodation in the vicinity which could be used for guests and/or accompanying travellers.

DGOC is glad to confirm that EZDAN Hotel and Suites will be the official Athletes Hotel. You may find more information about the accommodation on www.ezdanhotels.com. The following table provides the accommodation prices per person /per day (full board):

Arrival/ Departure date:	Early Arrivals (before 5 Dec 2009)	Early Arrivals (5 Dec 2009)	Official Arrival Date (6 Dec 2009)	Official Departure Date (13 Dec 2009)	Late Departure (14 Dec 2009)	Late Departure (later than 15 Dec 2009)
A Price per person / per day	EUR 110.00	EUR 85.00 ("Jet Lag day" rule applies)	EUR 42.00		EUR 110.00 ("Jet Lag day" rule applies)	EUR 110.00

As per Agreement with ISF, DGOC will only charge the delegations arriving on the official arrival day and leaving on the official departure day the amount of 42.00 Euros/person/day.

There will be an organised Checking In and Checking Out procedure performed by the Ezdan Hotel and Suites. The Delegations are accountable for any potential breakages and have to settle all accounts not covered by the DGOC in connection with checking out of the accommodation.

The rooms have fixed Internet access but the delegates need to bring with them their own network cable (Cat 6 cable). If not available these can be acquired locally for a cost of approx QR14.00 – 16.00.

Accommodation for Athletes Family and Friends

EZDAN Hotel and Suites will provide special accommodation rates to the Doha Gymnasiade 2009 athletes' families and friends following a separate agreement with the DGOC. The agreed accommodation rates are presented below:

Room Type	Per night
Single*	EUR 110.00 including buffet breakfast
Twin	EUR 146.00 including buffet breakfast
Third Person	EUR 55.00 including buffet breakfast (only in Junior or Imperial suite)

*Based on availability.

The above prices are based on a conversion rate of EUR 1 = QR 5.5 (12/11 2009) and will be subject to currency fluctuations.

Please note that booking of accommodation for athlete families and friends has to be provided directly through Ezdan Hotel and Suites, reservation@ezdanhotels.com and resv.supervisor@ezdanhotels.com. For any specific queries please onctact Mr Sherif Alitriby (Front Office Manager), on email sheriff.alitriby@ezdanhotels.com or phone: +974 496 91 11.

Cancellation Policy

Cancellation policies applied for the accommodation bookings will be as below table. The deadline for cancellation free of charge was **Thursday 2nd of November 2009**. Please note that for any later cancellation, the following fees apply and will be payable by the participating Delegation:

Notification of Cancellation	Cancellation Fee
35 days before arrival	50% of the total bill
25 days before arrival	100 % of the total bill

Notification of Cancellation Fee 35 days before arrival 50% of the total bill 25 days before arrival 100 % of the total bill

Registration Process

The Delegation Registration Meeting (DRM) will take place in the DRM Centre, which is located at the Ezdan Towers and Suites, from the date of arrival to the evening of the 6th of December, 2009. Meetings will be scheduled as needed. Cases such as late arrivals, delayed arrivals, etc will be accommodated accordingly. The Meetings will take place on the dates that will be provided in the Schedule, as well as the notice board upon the arrival.

Process

The Country Head of Delegation or his or her authorised delegate will represent respective participating delegation; while the DGOC's relevant functional area representatives will be present.

The format of the DRM will be as follows:

- The participating delegation schedules a DRM with the DGOC.
- The Head of Delegation or the authorised delegate arrives at the DRM Centre via Doha Gymnasiade transportation or by private vehicle. Upon arrival the Head of Delegation or the authorised delegate is taken to the DRM Centre reception where a DGOC representative would escort them to a meeting room. DGOC reviews the Sport Entries forms and verifies that all athletes submitted are eligible to participate. After all Entry forms have been reviewed and agreed upon with the Head of Delegation or the authorised delegate, he or she will be asked to show their agreement by signing the Sport Entries Confirmation Report produced by DGOC.
- The Delegation size will then be calculated on the basis of the maximum quota. The result of this calculation will be the maximum number of Athletes, Coaches, Judges and others to be accredited for the delegation. The Head of Delegation or the authorised delegate will be asked to sign and approve the calculation.
- Following this, DGOC will review with the Head of Delegation or the authorised delegate the list of people eligible to receive Accreditation and will confirm their status, access and

other entitlements. The Head of Delegation or the authorised delegate will be asked to sign each page of the Accreditation printout form to indicate agreement.

- DGOC will allocate accommodation to the delegation based on the total number of eligible participants decided by the ISF.
- Other outstanding issues may also be addressed with the participating delegation such as finance pending issues and verification of the delegation arrivals and departures. In the Meeting the delegates will be provided with additional tourist information.

Finally, only if the above procedures are completed, participating delegation members will be validated/accredited and eligible to access the accommodation and sports venues. Do bring a copy of your original Sport Entry Forms previously sent to DGOC for your own reference.

Documents required at the DRM:

- Original Sports Entry Form by name.
- All individual passports or identity cards which will be used by the Control Commission to check the age of each participant.
- A letter signed by their Principal/Head Teacher stating that the participating athlete is a student in full time education registered in his/her school since the beginning of the current academic year. The letter should also state the date of birth of the Athlete. The letter has to be translated into English, French, or German.

DGOC advises the Head of Delegation or the authorised delegates to arrive at least 24 hours in advance of their delegation in order to complete the DRM.

Following on from the Delegation Registration Meeting the Delegation goes through the Accreditation Process.

Maximum Number per delegation

According to the International School Sport Federation rules, the maximum delegation size is 143.

Delegation Synthesis	SW			AT			GA			GR	Total per function
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Girls	
Athletes			24	34	34	72	5	5	10	10	116
Coaches			3			8	1	1	2	2	15
Judges							2	2	4	2	6
Head of Delegation	<i>1 Head of Delegation</i>										1
Assistant Head of Delegation	<i>1 if competing in 2 sports, 2 if competing in 3 sports</i>										2
Doctor	<i>1 doctor if min 60 persons</i>										1
Physiotherapist/Masseur	<i>1 if min 60 persons, 2 if max size of delegation</i>										2
											143

Each delegation may add a maximum of 2 additional adults (not counted in the overall number of the delegation) which function must be clearly specified :

Assistant Head of Delegation	} 2
Doctor	
Physiotherapist/Masseur	
Security Personnel	
Interpreter	
Journalist	
Ministerial Representative	

OPENING AND CLOSING CEREMONY

The Opening Ceremony will take place on December 7th at 19.00. Further information will be provided upon arrival.

HEALTH SERVICES

Health services will be provided for all competitors and officials participating at the Gymnasiade 2009 Doha Competition from the first day of the official training until the last day of the competition. Health Services will be available on a 24-hour basis.

A first aid team dedicated to each sport will be located to every competition and training venue for the whole duration of the event. An ambulance service will be available outside all sports and accommodation venues.

During Games time any participant who may require more specialised medical care will be transported to a Hospital, where free emergency medical treatment will be provided.

Further details on the Medical care services will be provided upon arrival to Doha.

ACCESS CONTROL AND ACCREDITATION

Eligibility for Accreditation

As already specified in the Accreditation Forms the Delegations can include Athletes, Coaches, Judges and other supporting staff.

Also eligible for accreditation are the ISF Executive Committee, Technical Commission Members, Organising Committee Members and staff, National Sport Organisation and Observers from the next Gymnasiade Organising Committee.

Accreditation Centre

Ezdan Towers and Suites will be the main Accreditation Centre. The Centre will be in operation from the 3rd until the 11th of December between 8.00 and 22.00 hrs.

Photos of Athletes

All delegations are required, in advance to the DGOC, to attach with the official accreditation document a photo of every participating athlete. There will be a facility for taking photos at the Accreditation Centre for Athletes who have not submitted this in advance.

Lost or damaged Accreditation Cards

Accredited Parties who lose or damage their Accreditation Cards should come to the Main Accreditation Centre for a replacement. In the case of the Accreditation Card being lost at venues, accredited parties should go to the Sports Information Desk where an emergency Day Pass will be supplied – however they should return to the main centre at Ezdan Towers and Suites to receive a new permanent pass.

Table of Categories and Zone Access Rights

The venue will be zoned in blue, red and white areas and accreditation holders will have specific privileges based on their accreditation cards, as per attached table.

Zones	Access rights
Blue	Field of Play, Athlete Preparation Areas, Sport Operational Areas, Venue Operational Areas (Back of House), General Circulation Areas (Front of House)
Red	Venue Operational Areas (Back of House), General Circulation Areas (Front of House)
White	General Circulation Areas (Front of House)
1	FOP Access
4	Press and Broadcast Areas
5	Doha Gymnasiade Hospitality Areas and VIP Lounge

FINANCIAL ISSUES AND INSURANCE

All financial transactions have to be completed and finalised for the Athlete to be able to participate in the competition. Payments should be made before arrival in Euros. It is recommended to bring proof of transfer of the Fees to the DRM meeting. If the payment is not done prior to the arrival of the Delegation, Fees can as a final option be paid as part of the DRM meeting. Please note that only cash will be accepted and the only currency is Euros.

Bank details for the payment of fees is below:

Account Name :	GYMNZEAD DOHA 2009
Bank Name :	Qatar National Bank / Al-Islamic Branch Doha-Qatar
Account Nbr in EUR :	0787-015394-006
Swift Code :	QNBAQAQA

OPERATIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES

The DGOC will provide for each Delegation a dedicated Assistant that will be available for all daily enquiries, of no sporting nature, that may arise during the Delegations stay in the country.

SECURITY

Security is provided by the Organising Committee at all sports and accommodation venues.

CULTURAL DAY

As part of the exciting visit to Qatar, all athletes will be visiting two of the most unique locations that can be visited in Qatar. The visit will start with the museum of Sheik Faisal and later on the athletes will proceed to the camel racing arena. The cultural day is a true and unique opportunity to experience Qatari Culture.

Shahania Farm and Museum

Qataris are extremely interested in collecting all kinds of artifacts relating to history, arts and culture. As a result, collectors in the State of Qatar have obtained some unique collections. This interest in collecting has been highly influenced by Qataris extreme pride of their part in Islamic history and culture impacting strongly the social behaviour of Qatari society.

The museum is owned and managed by Sheikh Faisal Bin Qassim Al-Thani, biggest private antiques and arts collectors in the country. He inherited the treasure trough of antiquities from his father Sheikh Qassim Bin Faisal Al-Thani.

He started collecting antiques in 1960's when he traveled to many countries worldwide to find the most unique coins, books, manuscripts, ceramics, antique cars and many other objects related to different centuries and cultures.

The private collection is located in a building on his private farm at Sahaniya road, in a building that hosts more than 3 000 pieces of high historical value.

In September 2002, the museum became a member of International Council of Museums (ICOM) - UNISCO. The museum includes extensive artifact, weapons, Bedouin jewelry, classic zars and some traditional Arabian animals.

Camel Racing

Camel racing in Qatar is the most popular sport among all other sports in Qatar. Camel racing started in 1972 with only 300 participants and races were held to increase the enthusiasm and awareness about the sport.

The Camel Race Committee is responsible for events and occurrences of camel racing in Qatar. The traditional sport showcases the beautiful heritage and culture of Qatar.

With each passing race the number of participants of camel racing in Qatar multiplies. The sport attracts a large number of participants and spectators where the spectators comprise not only of locals but also tourists from various parts of the world.

APPENDIX

Entry Report by number

Code	Delegation	TOTAL ATHLETES	TOTAL NON ATHLETES	TOTAL DELEGATION
ALG	Algeria	13	5	28
AUS	Australia	24	8	32
BFL	Belgium - Flanders	5	2	7
BFC	Belgium - French Com.	5	3	8
BGC	Belgium - German Com.	4	3	7
BRA	Brazil	77	22	99
CHN	People's Republic of China	36	39	75
CYP	Cyprus	66	19	85
CZE	Czech Republic	6	2	8
DEN	Denmark	10	6	16
ESP	Spain	69	18	87
EST	Estonia	10	5	15
FIN	Finland	26	11	37
FRA	France	70	22	92
GBE	Great Britain – England	49	19	68
GBW	Great Britain – Wales	7	6	13
GER	Germany	5	3	8
GRE	Greece	62	17	79
HUN	Hungary	19	11	30
IND	India	39	15	54
ITA	Italy	61	27	88
KAZ	Kazakhstan	4	5	9
KSA	Saudi Arabia	37	16	53
KUW	Kuwait	14	8	22
LBA	Libya	26	12	38
LUX	Luxembourg	9	5	14
MAR	Morocco	30	13	43
OMA	Oman	26	5	31
PLE	Palestine	9	5	14
POL	Poland	20	4	24
PUR	Puerto Rico	13	11	24
OAT	Qatar	35	33	68
RUS	Russian Federation	72	25	97
SYR	Syria	12	10	22
TPE	Chinese Taipei	39	14	53
TUN	Tunisia	10	12	22
TUR	Turkey	34	17	51
UAE	United Arab Emirates	13	8	21
UKR	Ukraine	62	22	84
UZB	Uzbekistan	6	8	14
Total		1249	508	1757

Doping Form



اللجنة القطرية
 لمكافحة المنشطات
 Qatar Anti Doping
 Commission

Therapeutic Use Exemptions TUE

Please complete all sections **in capital letters or typing**

1. Athlete Information

Surname:	Given Names:
Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/>	Date of Birth (d/m/y):
Address:	
City:	Country: Postcode:
Tel.: E-mail:	
<i>(with international code)</i>	
Sport: Discipline/Position:	
International or National Sport Organization:	
If athlete with disability, indicate disability:	

2. Medical information

<p>Diagnosis with sufficient medical information (see note 1):</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>If a permitted medication can be used to treat the medical condition, provide clinical justification for the requested use of the prohibited medication</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>
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Participating Delegations

AFRICA	
Algeria	Morocco
Libya	Tunisia
AMERICA	
Brazil	Puerto Rico
ASIA	
P.R. China	Qatar
Chinese Taipei	Saudi Arabia
India	Syria
Kuwait	Kazakhstan
Oman	United Arab Emirates
Palestine	Uzbekistan
EUROPE	
Belgium (French Community)	Hungary
Belgium (German Speaking Community)	Italy
Belgium (Flanders)	Luxembourg
Cyprus	Poland
Czech Republic	Russia
Denmark	Spain
Estonia	Turkey
Finland	UK England
France	UK Wales
Germany	Ukraine
Greece	
OCEANIA	
Australia	

Discovering Qatar

The City

Doha is the major commercial centre of the country and is one of the fastest growing economies in the world. It has responded to the challenges of the 21st century by developing its infrastructure and fine-tuning its services to meet the needs of business and leisure visitors, firmly establishing itself as a regional hub for business, tourism, education and sport. Moreover, it has done so by keeping its unique culture and traditions intact.

Situated on the bank of the Arabian Gulf, Doha, the Capital city of Qatar is one of the choicest destinations to visit and live. Teeming with activity, Doha for long has been known as one of the most 'eventful' pearl fishing villages in the South East Arabia of the Persian Gulf.

The changing face of Doha over the years has quickly earned the city a global reputation for excellence in hosting major events. Many international bodies choose Doha for events, conferences and seminars.

Sport is as much as a part of the country's culture and heritage as its reputation for heartfelt generosity and hospitality. Qatar's prime ambition is to establish itself as the premier sporting nation of the Middle East.

Doha renovated a number of sports stadiums and constructed new ones; most notably Aspire Dome, Khalifa Stadium, Hamad Aquatic Centre and Aspire Tower. ASPIRE Zone is a 240 hectare property that houses international standard sport stadium, medical facilities, education services and sport academy, mosque, sports club, retail areas and parklands. Located approximately 8km from Doha's Central Business District, the complex was designed for the 2006 Asian Games. ASPIRE is also an academy for sports excellence, to discover and develop sports talents, transforming athletes in world-renowned champions. The future elite of sports benefits from the latest knowledge and technologies with state-of-the-art facilities, and renowned specialists in a dedicated Health Center.

In developing these elite facilities, Doha's mission is to create a sports culture by integrating sport into the lives of the people of Qatar and to achieve international excellence in sports performance.

Weather in Doha Qatar : Doha has an archetypal tropic climate and weather. Characteristic of this tropic weather are hot summers stretching from May through October. These summers are dry & breezy. Relatively Doha has a fairly comfortable winter with a slight chilliness. Rains are occasional in winter with the region experiencing a high degree of humidity. The best time for visit would be between November and March. A good number of woollens is recommended to be carried along!

Things to See and Do

Doha's Corniche: The Corniche is probably the most attractive part of Doha, and is certainly the most popular. In this article we explore the Corniche from the Sheraton hotel, also known as the Pyramid of the Gulf, at one end to Ras Al Hamma at the other end.

Shopping in Doha: Qatar has a huge range of shopping choices to choose from. You can browse through the shops in one of the modern air-conditioned malls, or observe shoppers while gliding a canal in Villagio. Alternatively, you can brave the sun and nose around the stalls in the traditional Souq Waqif, or hunt for bargains or for more specialised goods in the colourful Indian style souqs and markets. That still leaves the Omani souq for all sorts of herbs, dried fish and spices, and the wholesale market for fresh fish and veg - and even camels! Find all of the above and more in the shopping section of our website.

Desert Safari: Making a trip to the inland sea, located in the middle of the desert, could be a fabulous way of spending the day. Sand dunes that are 60meters in height could be found along the way. Most air-conditioned vehicles are geared with necessary safety equipments to take one through an exciting, safe, tour to the mysterious desert. While traveling on the sand dunes, one gets to catch a view of the desert, and on listening closely one could hear the sands shift, while descending down the slopes

The Zoo: Located 20kms from Doha on Salwa Road, it has a wide range of collection of reptiles, animals and birds and the mini amusement park for kids. The zoo remains open from 3pm to 7pm and will be closed on Saturdays.

Museum of Islamic Art: The Museum of Islamic Art is dedicated to reflecting the full vitality, complexity and diversity of the arts of the Islamic world. It is a world-class collecting institution, which preserves, studies and exhibits masterpieces spanning three continents and 13 centuries. As a centre for information, research and creativity, the Museum aims to reach a wide global audience and serve as a hub for dialogue and cultural exchange.

Souk Waqif: Located behind the Corniche, off Grand Hamed St, Souq Waqif is a showpiece of traditional architecture, handicrafts and folk art, and was once a weekend trading area for the Bedouin. Meaning "standing market" in Arabic, the Souq evokes the feeling of ancient Arabic heritage and community. Beginning in 2004, the Souq was renovated according to traditional Qatari architectural techniques, using authentic materials. The only traditional souq to remain in the Gulf, it's now a charming labyrinth of narrow streets where visitors can bargain and purchase an amazingly diverse range of products including spices, dried fruit, nuts, perfumes, local honey, clothing, oud, incense, pots, tools and garden equipment, as well as Bedouin weaving, gypsum handicrafts, model dhows, wooden brass-studded bridal chests, pictures of 'old Doha', and paintings by Qatari artists.

Camel Racing: Camel racing in Qatar are held on Al Shahaniyah racetrack which has 6, 8 and 10-km race categories. The auditorium features a large terrace, a veterinary clinic and many other facilities for camels.

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Fast Facts about Qatar

Full Name : State of Qatar

Capital City : Doha

Time Zone : GMT/UTC +3

Languages : Arabic is the official language, but English is also widely acknowledged. Urdu is also spoken.

Currency : Qatari Riyal (QR) Check [Riyal currency converter](#)

Etiquette and Customs: A tourist visiting Qatar, should be completely aware of the Muslim customs, religious laws. Women are expected to dress modestly. It should be noted that while it is acceptable to sit cross legged, showing the sole of the foot, or pointing it at a person would be considered as an insult here. In business and social gatherings, one gets to sip the traditional Qatari coffee, served in tiny cups without handles, which is a welcome ritual for guests, and is served in order of seniority. Two cups are polite, however it is suggested not to limit to one or exceed three cups.

Hotels: Qatar is well-served by world class hotels. There are plenty of three or four star hotels. Advance booking is strongly recommended. All hotel rates are subject to fifteen percent service charge.

Driving: On arrival at Qatar, a tourist or a traveler can drive in the country if he holds a valid driving license for seven days (including the day of arrival). People intending to remain in Qatar for more than six months will have to apply for a Qatari driving license or a temporary Qatari driving license. In case the visitor is a foreigner, and have already done an accident, he will be deported back to home country, instead of a fine, as in other countries. Hence, opting for a taxi would be best, rather than risk oneself with driving at a new place.