

## FIG FLASH

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### FIG TOP NEWS

#### Artistic: Age of Gymnasts

##### INVESTIGATION IN PROGRESS

**BEIJING (CHN), August 23, 2008:** Executive Committee members of the International Gymnastics Federation (FIG) held an extraordinary meeting to discuss the age of Chinese female gymnasts. Further to the communications released regarding the age of gymnasts who competed in Beijing, the FIG continues to gather information and will make a report to the IOC in due time.

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### OLYMPIC GYMNASTICS BEIJING 2008 REVIEW



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Eugenia Kanaeva (RUS)  
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#### Rhythmic Gymnastics

The **Rhythmic Gymnastics Group Final** was a beautiful conclusion to a very strong competition, which saw Russia winning its third Olympic Gold medal (35.550) and China breaking into the club of the medal winning nations with the Silver (35.225). The leaders in the Qualification round, Belarus, had to settle for the Bronze (34.900).

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18 year old Russian Evgenia Kanaeva took the seventh **Individual** Olympic title in **Rhythmic Gymnastics** in Beijing, thus succeeding her famous predecessor Alina Kabaeva, champion in Athens 2004. Inna Zhukova (BLR) won the Silver medal and the audience helped Anna Bessonova (UKR), the current world champion to claim the Bronze.

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Chunlong Lu (CHN)  
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Podium Women's Trampoline  
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#### Trampoline Gymnastics

In an exciting and tactical competition, Lu Chunlong (CHN) secured the **Men's Trampoline Final** with a score of 41.00. Jason Burnett (CAN) was placed second in front of Dong Dong (CHN) who took home the Bronze medal.

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He Wenna (CHN) produced the highest, most stylish, and very difficult routine to win the **Women's Trampoline Final**. Karen Cockburn (CAN) became the first and only competitor to have taken medals in all three Olympic events in Trampoline: Bronze in Sydney 2000, Silver in Athens 2004, and Silver in Beijing 2008. Fourth in Sydney in 2000 and disappointed in Athens where she failed to reach the Final, Elena Khilko (UZB) finally celebrated an Olympic Bronze.

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Zou Kai (CHN)  
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Leszek Blanik (POL)  
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## Artistic Gymnastics - Apparatus Finals Men

### Men's Floor

Zou Kai wins third Gold for China. Gold: Zou Kai (CHN) - 16.050, Silver: Gervasio Deferr (ESP) - 15.775, Bronze: Anton Goltsutskov (RUS) - 15.725.

### Men's Pommel Horse

Expected Champion and two new faces on the Olympic Rostrum. Gold: Xiao Qin (CHN) - 15.675, Silver: Filip Ude (CRO) - 15.725, Bronze: Lois Smith (GBR) - 15.725.

### Men's Rings

Gold: Chen Yibing (CHN) - 16.600, Silver: Yang Wei (CHN) - 16.425, Bronze: Oleksandre Vorobev (UKR) - 16.325.

### Men's Vault

Gold: Leszek Blanik (POL) Current World and European Champion 16.537 Handspring double front pike - 16.600 Double Tsukahara pike - 16.475 Silver: Thomas Bouhail (FRA) 16.537 Double Tsukahara - 16.575 "Dragulescu" - 16.500 Bronze: Anton Goltsutskov (RUS) 2007 European Champion 16.475; 2006 World Cup Final Silver medallist - Double Tsukahara - 15.500 "Dragulescu" - 16.450.

### Men's Parallel Bars

Gold: Li Xiaopeng (CHN) 16.450 - Silver: Yoo Won Chul (KOR) 16.250 - Bronze: Anton Fokin (UZB) 16.200. LI Xiaopeng (CHN), 2000 Olympic Champion on Parallel Bars is back!

### Men's High Bar

Gold: Zou Kai (CHN) 16.200 - Silver: Jonathan Horton (USA) 16.175 - Bronze: Fabian Hambuechen (GER) 15.875. To this point, China had never claimed the Olympic title on High Bar. A first!

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Hong Un Jong (PRK)  
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Shawn Johnson (USA)  
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## Artistic Gymnastics - Apparatus Finals Women

### Women's Vault

First Olympic medals for PRK; first Individual Olympic prize for Chussovotina. Gold: Hong Un Jong (PRK) - 15.650, Silver: Oksana Chussovotina (GER) - 15.575, Bronze: Cheng Fei (CHN) - 15.562.

### Women's Floor

Izbasa keeps Romanian traditions alive. Gold: Sandra Izbasa (ROU) 15.650, Silver: Shawn Johnson (USA) 15.500, Bronze: Nastia Liukin (USA) 15.425.

### Women's Uneven Bars

Tie-break brings Gold to He Kexin. Gold: He Kexin (CHN) 16.725, Silver: Nastia Liukin (USA) 16.725, Bronze: Yang Yang (CHN) 16.650.

### Women's Beam

Gold: Shawn Johnson (USA) 16.225, Silver: Nastia Liukin (USA) 16.026, Bronze: Cheng Fei (CHN) 15.950. Throughout all 4 competitions, the top two Americans Johnson and Liukin showed incredible stability and steadiness on the one apparatus that can test balance to the limit, and in this final they were in a class all their own.

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Podium Women's All-Around  
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## Artistic Gymnastics – All-Around

Nastia Liukin (USA) brought the audience to its feet after her final and decisive performance on Floor, which won her the 2008 Olympic **Women's All-Around** title with a score of 63.325. Current World Champion Shawn Johnson, also from the USA, took the Silver medal (62.725) after a no less convincing final performance, outstripping Chinese Yang Yinin and leaving her with the Bronze (62.650).

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Podium Men's All-Around  
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Yang Wei (CHN), the All-Around Silver medallist from Sydney 2000 and 2006/2007 World Champion won the Olympic **Men's All-Around** title in another spectacular final boasting a 94.575 pts score. The 19 year old Japanese Olympic debutant Kohei Uchimura won the Silver medal (91.975), a gymnast of outstanding talent with strong character. Benoît Caranobe (FRA), the 28 year old twice Olympian of France took the Bronze (91.925) after qualifying in 9th place.

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## Artistic Gymnastics – Team Finals

China's **Women's Team** took its first Olympic title ever in a face-to-face dramatic last round, putting together a team total of 188.900. As in Athens 2004, the USA won the Silver medals (186.525) with the defending Olympic Champions from Romania taking home the Bronze (181.525) after a fierce battle with Russia, fourth (180.625).

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In a very tight **Men's Team Final**, China (HUANG Xu, CHEN Yibing, LI Xiaopeng, XIAO Qin, YANG Wei, ZOU Kai) claimed its second Olympic title (after Sydney 2000) with a Team total of 286.125, just 7.250 ahead of 2004 Athens Olympic Champion Japan (278.875), who earned a Silver, and the USA, who won the Bronze (278.850).

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## OLYMPIC GYMNASTICS BEIJING 2008 RESULTS

The results of all Gymnastics competitions at the Olympic Games in Beijing 2008 can be found on-line at:

[Men's Artistic Gymnastics](#)

[Women's Artistic Gymnastics](#)

[Trampoline Gymnastics](#)

[Rhythmic Gymnastics](#)

## **IOC President Jacques Rogge Predicts Positive Legacy from Games Praises Venues, Organisation and High Level of Competition**

*BEIJING, August 24, 2008 (IOC):* The Beijing Games raised the bar for the Olympic Movement and brought positive changes to China that are likely to continue well into the future, Jacques Rogge, the President of the International Olympic Committee, said Sunday.

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## **120th IOC Session Concludes in Beijing**

*BEIJING, August 24, 2008 (IOC):* On the last day of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games, the 120th IOC Session concluded today with the following decisions:

### **New IOC Members**

The Session elected four new IOC members: Moon Dae-Sung, Alexander Popov, Claudia Bokel and Yumilka Ruiz-Luaces. These are new members of the Athletes' Commission, to which they have been elected by their peers during the Beijing Games.

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## **Record Women's Participation**

*August 18, 2008 (IOC):* With more than 42 percent female athletes, Beijing sets a new record for female participation in Olympic Games. Out of 11,196 total athletes, there are 4,746 women currently giving their best across various Olympic sports. Women's participation in the Olympic Games has grown increasingly, particularly within the last two decades.

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## **FIG Executive Committee Official News**

*BEIJING, August 17 - 19, 2008:* Parallel to the Games of the XXIXth Olympiad in Beijing 2008, the FIG Executive convened on three occasions under the presidency of Prof. Bruno Grandi. The members present unanimously agreed as to the impeccable organisation of the Games, quality installations, a warm reception and an incredible job on the part of both organisers and volunteers.

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## **Gymnast Tests Positive**

*BEIJING, August 15, 2008:* The International Gymnastics Federation (FIG) has taken note of sanctions issued against Vietnamese gymnast Ngan Thuong Do Thi, tested positive for furosemide. The FIG condemns doping practise in sports and has steadily increased preventive efforts and actions through information, education and, when necessary, sanctions, to foster a doping free sport.

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Pierrick Charilas  
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## Aerobic Gymnastics in Mourning Pierrick Charilas Tragically Killed

*Lausanne (SUI), August 25, 2008:* One of the many victims of the crash Wednesday of a Spanair passenger jet in Madrid was a former gymnastics champion. At the age of 30, Pierrick Charilas perished yesterday with his nearly four year old son. A sports educator, he made his home in Lognes, in the Seine-et-Marne area, and specialised in aerobic gymnastics.

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## Millions of Gymnasts Have Long Awaited This Day A Competition for All!

*BEIJING (CHN), August 22, 2008:* The FIG is organising a run of competitions open to men and women of all ages for the first time in its long history; the event falls under the Gym for Life Challenge. Much more than a revolution, the "Challenge" is a fabulous illustration of the Federation's progressive mindset and its intention to expand the discipline that has underpinned all FIG activity since 1881.

The 2009 first Challenge will be held in Dornbirn (AUT) in July at the venue that housed the 2007 World Gymnaestrada.

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### UPCOMING FIG EVENTS



9th Trampoline Gymnastics  
World Cup Final

Togliatti

RUS

September 19 – 20, 2008



7th Rhythmic Gymnastics  
World Cup Final

Benidorm

ESP

October 3 – 5, 2008



[21st Acrobatic Gymnastics  
World Championships](#)

Glasgow

GBR

October 10 – 12, 2008



77th FIG Congress

Helsinki

FIN

October 17 – 19, 2008



[8th World Games 2009  
Test Events](#)

Kaohsiung

TPE

October 28 – November 5,  
2008



14th Artistic Gymnastics  
World Cup Final

Madrid

ESP

December 13 – 14, 2008

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