All About Rhythmic Gymnastics



Rhythmic gymnastics is an activity in which one or more gymnasts use balls, hoops, ribbons, and ropes to express themselves through many different movements. Rhythmic gymnastics involves ballet, theatrical dance, and gymnastics. The winner of a rhythmic gymnastics competition is the gymnast or team that gets the most points, as awarded by many judges. Each team is given points, based on leaps, balances, pivots, flexibility, apparatus handling, and artistic effect. The greatest rhythmic gymnastics competition is held at the Olympics.

This sport is performed by both boys and girls. Boys are judged on the some of the same abilities and skills as girls; however, boys are also judged on tumbling, strength, power, and martial arts skills. In comparison, girls are judged more on flexibility and dance skills.