



ACROBATIC GYMNASTICS

2022 World Age Group Competition (WAGC)

SELECTION PROCESS

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IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES (TENTATIVE)

Nov 25 th , 2021	WAGC Application Requirements Due
Dec. 10, 2021 – January 3, 2022	Technical Trial (Video submission)
Jan 7-9 th , 2022	Technical Trial (Virtual Judging Dates)
February 26 th , 2022	Departure from Canada
February 27 th , 2022	Arrival in Baku, AZE
February 28 - March 7, 2022	World Age Group Competition
March *, 2022	Departure from AZE, return in Canada

*TBC

IMPORTANT: INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

A careful risk analysis will occur by Gymnastics Canada before any flight or hotel accommodations are booked, just as it does for every event to determine if it is safe for Canada to attend. However, athletes and coaches are still to submit their application and fees based on the outlined deadlines. Money will be refunded if it is determined that Canada will no longer participate in WAGC.

Currently international travel is limited due to COVID restrictions so it should be noted that at this time so it should be noted that flights are costly and may not include the most convenient itinerary.

Travel restrictions/advisories for Baku (as of November, 2021) – These may change by March.

- Passengers over 18 years of age - COVID-19 passport (a document confirming full vaccination against COVID-19 or immunity to COVID-19) and a relevant document confirming the negative PCR test result for COVID-19 issued within 72 hours before the flight.
- Passengers between the ages of 1-18 - on the basis of a document confirming the negative PCR test result for COVID-19, issued only within 72 hours before the flight.
- Government of Canada warning: avoid non-essential travel to Azerbaijan due to political tensions between Azerbaijan and Armenia.
- Please note, these restrictions and advisories could change at any time and we will do our best to continuously update the community as we become aware of any new information
- As of July 5th, Canada has announced that fully vaccinated travelers are not required to undergo the 3-day hotel quarantine. Travelers must provide proof of vaccinations and must be asymptomatic. More details to follow.

Event cancellation

Should it be necessary to cancel or postpone any event specified in this INP that is conducted under the authority of Gymnastics Canada, such decision shall be made by the relevant person(s) or body within Gymnastics Canada under whose authority the event was originally to be held, which in the case of Gymnastics Canada, is the CEO and Program Manager of TG and Emerging Disciplines.

Decisions to cancel or postpone any event specified in this document shall be made:

- a) only when absolutely necessary, such as when it has become impossible or unreasonably difficult to hold the event at all or on the originally scheduled date (for example, due to public health restrictions or other circumstances beyond the control of Gymnastics Canada; and
- b) as soon as reasonably possible after Gymnastics Canada has become aware that the event cannot be held.



If any event specified in this document is canceled, Gymnastics Canada shall determine whether it is feasible to reschedule the event in a different location and on a different date than previously scheduled and shall communicate any such decisions to reschedule the event to all impacted individuals as soon as reasonably possible, taking into account the time needed for athletes to prepare for the rescheduled event and for any logistical matters in relation to the event to be addressed, including, but not limited to, any matters related to Gymnastics Canada's organization of the event, as well as athlete and athlete entourage travel to the location of the

Should any event specified in this document be canceled, postponed, rescheduled or replaced, Gymnastics Canada shall update the nomination procedures indicated in this document, as applicable, as soon as reasonably possible and shall communicate any modifications to all impacted individuals, as well as publish the modified document on its website, prior to the postponed, rescheduled or replacement event.

Decisions made pursuant to this clause shall not be subject to appeal and do not apply to the cancellation of events that are conducted under the authority of organizations other than Gymnastics Canada.

Event Participation

Gymnastics Canada recognizes that athletes, athlete entourage and staff may, for safety reasons related to the COVID-19 pandemic, also decide not to travel to and participate in events indicated in this document, even in circumstances when the event may proceed as planned, and even when Gymnastics Canada has decided that it will travel to and participate in the event because it has decided, following consultation with medical and public health safety experts, that it is safe to do so.

SELECTION PROCEDURE – ATHLETES

I. ATHLETE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The following information and documents are required to be submitted to Gymnastics Canada by November 25th (11:59 PM ET) for each athlete wishing to be considered for the 2022 Acro World Age Group Competition Team:

- i) Submission of complete Application
 - a. Personal Information
 - b. Uniform kit: including track suit: to be sized using size chart
 - c. Credit card authorization form (one per club)
- iii) Completed FIG License Application or Renewal (if not valid until April 1st, 2022)
- iv) A passport valid until at least November, 2022 is required.
- v) A completed travel waiver.
- vi) Consent to travel letter for minors



2. PAYMENT INFORMATION

2.1 ESTIMATED COSTS

The estimated cost for 2022 WAGC are as follows. Please note, these are an approximate estimate based on past events; the final cost will vary depending on your location in Canada, the LOC set fees and exchange rates.

Item	Estimate Cost (CAD)
Flight	\$2500.00-\$3000.00
VISA	Approx \$25.00
On-site Costs: Accommodation, Meals and Ground Transportation	\$900.00 - \$1600.00 (depending if we need single rooms only)
Registration	\$250.00
On-site Costs: Team Support (Coaches, Judges, IST, Manager)	\$900 - \$1200
Uniform	\$300
FIG License (paid separately)	\$75.00
COVID/MISC	\$400.00

2.2 PAYMENT INFORMATION

- A valid credit card must be on the credit card authorization form submitted. Only one (1) form per club will be accepted
- FIG License (paid separately when the request is made to FIG)
- 1st deposit of \$500 will be processed on November 26th, 2021
- 2nd deposit of \$1,500 will be processed on January 12th, 2022
- Final balance to be paid once we reconciled all fees related to the event

2.3 WITHDRAWAL & PENALTIES/REFUNDS

If not selected to the team, 1st deposit will be refunded.

If selected to the team:

- FIG License is nonrefundable (once processed)
- Before January 12th, 2021 : Penalty of 50% of all fees associated to the event (as stated in 2.1)

* Deposits will be refunded if it is determined that Canada will no longer participate in WAGC

3. ENTRY FEE INFORMATION

The official entry to the Local Organizing Committee for the 2022 WAGC will be based on registrations received by the deadline and additions will not be permitted.

Submission of registration forms and fees implies an agreement that the athlete will participate in the event if named to the team. The official entry to the Local Organizing Committee will be are not refundable.

4. TEAM SUPPORT FEES

The cost to provide team support personnel (Team Managers, Team Coaches, IST and Judges) will be shared among named team athletes. This amount will still be charged to any named team



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athlete who withdraws after the outlined deadlines. These support staff team members are an imperative to ensure the safety and comfort of all of our athletes, as well to ensure they have the best competitive experience possible.

5. AGE GROUP INFORMATION

Athletes in age groups of 12-18 and 13-19 will be considered for competition in categories of Women's Pairs (WP), Women's Group (WG), Mens Pairs (MP), Mens Group (MG), and Mixed Pairs (MxP).

Note: age group is determined by the athlete's age on December 31st, 2022.

6. DELEGATION REGISTRATION LIMITS

The Canadian Team will consist of a maximum of 52 athletes participating in 20 partnerships including two partnerships per category for each Age Group

7. SELECTION EVENT

- Two days of selection events will be held.
- The Technical Trial will be held virtually with routines being performed between December 10, 2021 to January 3, 2022 and Judging January 7-9, 2022.
- During the timeline for video submission, athletes will be allowed to compete 2 days of competition with Balance and Dynamic routines (total of 4 routines submitted)
- All partnerships interested in obtaining a position on the WAGC team must participate in this event (Medical petitions will not be accepted due to the short lead time between the Selection event and WAGC)

8. SCORE REQUIREMENTS

Partnerships must meet the following scores in order to be eligible to be named to the WAGC Team:

12-18: Total score, B + D = 49.5 (or 24.75 average between the two routines), with minimum difficulty value

13-19: Total score, B + D = 50.3 (or 25.15 average between the two routines), with minimum difficulty value

Difficulty value requirement

Partnerships must submit tariffs which meet or exceed minimum tariff difficulty for both routines.

Balance routine must meet or exceed 80% of Maximum Difficulty Value

Dynamic routines must meet or exceed 75% of Maximum Difficulty Value

12-18 Age Group Requirement:

Balance Minimum DV = 64 (80 x 80%)

Dynamic Minimum DV = 53 (70 x 75%)

13-19 Age Group

Balance Minimum DV = 96 (120 x 80%)

Dynamic Minimum DV = 83 (110 x 75%)



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The final selection Total Score will be determined using the partnership's highest score for Balance plus highest score for Dynamic routines from either day of selection. Partnerships will be ranked and selected according to Total Score.

9. ATHLETES ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

In order to be eligible for 2022 WAGC:

- Athletes must have a FIG license, valid until at least December, 2022. FIG Licenses can be applied for and/or renewed by contacting Kristen Leblanc (kleblanc@gymcan.org). FIG Licenses are \$75.00 and require a submission of an application form, a valid passport, a head shot and the completion of the online anti-doping course (Certificate of ALPHA anti-doping training (<https://adel.wada-ama.org/> - create an account with International Gymnastics Federation as the federation).
- Athletes must be Canadian citizens to compete at the WAGC (refer to Regulation. 5.1 of the FIG Technical Regulations and Regulations 43 and 44 of the FIG Statutes).
- All team members' passports must be valid to at least November, 2022.
- Athletes must complete and provide proof of education of doping control education by January 30th, 2022 via the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sports' True Sport Clean 101 online module, available via: <http://cces.ca/course-outline>. This course must be completed each year an athlete submits intent to participate at a World Age Group Championships.

10. INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

It is recommended that athletes compete at an international competition prior to competing at World Age Group Championships, approved by Gymnastics Canada.

11. TC RATIFICATION

All team members must be ratified by Acro Program Committee.

12. PETITIONS

No petitions will be allowed or accepted.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF PARTICIPATION AT THE 2022 WAGC

1. THE RANKING LIST AS OUTLINED ABOVE WILL BE DRAWN USING THE FOLLOWING POLICY:

In all age groups, the last unit may be nominated by the Acro Program Committee with the Program Manager (PM), considering their projected ability to achieve one or more of the following performance objectives at the WAGC:

- Win a medal in their respective category;
- Rank in the top eight (8) and qualify to Finals.

If no partnership can fulfill the above criteria to be nominated by the Acro Program Committee with the Program Manager (PM), then the last athlete with the highest score per category may be selected.



2. TIES WILL BE BROKEN USING THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE:

- i) FIG rules will be applied based upon execution and artistry scores from the partnership's highest scoring routines used to calculate Total score
(excerpt from FIG Technical Rules, Section 5, Special Regulations for Acrobatic Gymnastics: ... the ranking will be determined by the following criteria:
 1. *The highest sum of the E-scores of the Balance and Dynamic exercises prevails.*
 2. *The highest sum of the E and A scores of the Balance and Dynamic exercises prevails.)*
- ii) If a tie still exists, the B+D routine scores from both days of the selection event will be added together.
- iii) If a tie still exists, FIG rules will be applied to the sum of B+D routine scores from both days of selection
- iv) If there is still a tie, then the Program Manager (PM), in conjunction with the Acro Selection Working Group, will break the tie.

3. ALTERNATES (ATHLETES WITH THE NEXT HIGHEST SCORE PER EVENT)

Alternates may be named to replace any partnerships that must or choose to withdraw after being named to the WAGC Team or in case of an injury. Partnerships can only be considered as an alternate if all members have submitted the original deposit, Intent to participate and passport which is valid until at least November 2022. The alternate must also have met the qualifying score on that event. No alternate will be allowed to travel as a member of the WAGC Team.

SELECTION PROCESS – COACHES

1. COACH APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The following information and documents are required to be submitted to Gymnastics Canada by November 25th (date of receipt at Gymnastics Canada) for each coach wishing to be considered for the Acro 2022 World Age Group Competition Team:

- i) Submission of complete Intent and Personal Information.
- ii) Submission of a valid credit card authorization form
 - a. 1st deposit of \$250 will be processed on November 26th
 - b. 2nd deposit of \$1,500 will be processed on January 12th
 - c. Final balance to be paid once we reconciled all fees related to the event
- iii) A passport valid until at least November, 2022 is required to be submitted by December 1st, 2021;
- iv) FIG Database registration (see below)

2. COACH REGISTRATION LIMITS, TEAM COACHES AND FIELD OF PLAY ACCESS:

The number of coach accreditations permitted to a federation is according to the FIG Accreditation Rules and depends on the overall number of registered units:

- 1 Unit = 1 Coach
- 2 Units = 2 Coaches
- 3-4 Units = 3 Coaches
- 5-6 Units = 4 Coaches
- 7-8 Units = 5 Coaches
- 9+ Units = 6 Coaches



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Additionally, access to the field of play is limited to transferable access cards allocated as follows:

- Zone 1 coach: 2 cards
- Zone 1 medical staff: 1 card
- Zone 3 Head of Delegation or Team Manager: 1 card

Personal coaches with coach accreditation may not necessarily have access to the field of play when their athletes are competing.

3. COACH SELECTION: TEAM COACHES AND PERSONAL COACHES ARE SELECTED USING THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES:

The selection of coaches will be decided and approved by GymCan Program Manager and GymCan CEO following the naming of the athletes/units to the Canadian Team. The coach selection will take into consideration the following factors:

- coach education and certification level
- the number of available accreditations
- past experience and performance in international competitions
- proven record of collaboration and contribution to the domestic acrobatic program
- ability to work well in a team setting, to work well with other team coaches, and to contribute to team cohesion
- ability to identify and resolve potential team issues related to the management of the team on the floor as they arise
- ability and willingness to communicate openly and in a constructive manner with members of the delegation

One (1) of the Coaches may be assigned by Gymnastics Canada as the overall WAGC Team Coach.

Coaches will be required to sign abide by the Code of Conduct, Coaches Code of Ethics and Job Description, as well as provide a current, clean Police Records Check valid for the year of the event. Coaches will also be required to have completed True Sport Clean 101, Making Headway and Respect in Sport modules.

FIG COACH DATABASE REGISTRATION

Starting from June 12, 2021, any coach who wishes to take part in an FIG event must have a profile in the FIG database. Without a profile, it will not be possible for any coach to register for an event. Gymnastics Canada is responsible for creating this profile for you.

The following documents are mandatory to create a profile:

- A scan of the coach's passport;
- An ID photo (head and shoulders picture)
- An anti-doping education certificate from the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA). Any coach expected to participate in an FIG event must complete the "High Performance Coaches' Education Program" on WADA's Anti-Doping Education and Learning platform in order to obtain the required certificate (<https://adel.wada-ama.org/learn>).

Please send these items to Kristen Leblanc as soon as possible. For more information or questions please contact Kristen Leblanc at kleblanc@gymcan.org.