



Directives

The 2021 Acrobatic Gymnastics World Team Trials will serve as the selection event to determine the 2022 World Championships (WCH) and World Age Group Competition (WAGC) Teams. Competition will take place for Senior Elite, Junior Elite 13-19 and Junior Elite 12-18.

EVENT ORGANIZERS AND STAFF

The following USA Gymnastics Staff are responsible for overseeing the Acrobatic Gymnastics World Team Trials:

- Acrobatics Program Director: Shelby Salmon
- Acrobatics High Performance Coordinator: Carisa Laughon

Event Staff: Meet Director: Bob Meier
 Scoring and General Meet Admin: Carrie Tennis
 Medical Staff: Bobby Boswell

VENUE

The Gymnastics Company
5646 Mutual Ln.
Indianapolis, IN 46239

The gym area includes:

- Competition Floor -Speith 40x40 spring floor (Light blue carpet)
- Warm-up floor – AAI 40x40 spring floor
- Stretching area – AAI 40x40 spring floor



ACCOMMODATIONS

Holiday Inn Express- Indianapolis Southeast
5302 Victory Drive
Indianapolis, IN 46203

This hotel will serve as the host hotel for the event and is about a 10-minute drive to the venue. [Click here](#) to book your room.

REGISTRATION

Entry fees are a flat fee of \$150.00 per athlete. A late fee of \$25 will be applied if your athletes are registered after November 17th.

A step-by-step guide to register for this event is available at:

https://usagym.org/PDFs/Member%20Services/meetreservation_0820.pdf

Registration deadline is **Wednesday, November 17, 2021**. Please use the link on the World Team Trials webpage to complete the registration on USA Gymnastics, KSIS and additional forms.

[Travel Form](#): Clubs, please complete the Travel Form ([here](#)) by December 1st.

SCHOOL ABSENCE LETTER

If athletes require a letter from USA Gymnastics to excuse their absence from school to attend the WTT competition, coaches, please let Shelby know. Please give athletes names, grades, and any other pertinent information that should be included in the letter. Letters can be written on USA Gymnastics letterhead and emailed back to coaches. Please keep communication regarding this and other information for WTT between coaches and the national office.

AIRPORT

Indianapolis International Airport (IND)

Arrival at IND either Thursday, December 16 or Friday, December 17. If you would like for your team to participate in open training on Dec 17th, please plan to arrive before 1:30pm on the 17th.

Departures from IND on Monday, December 20 (after the conclusion of competition) or on Tuesday, December 21. It is recommended that departing flights are at minimum 4 hours after the end of the competition session (a detailed competition schedule will be available following the registration deadline).

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

Transportation throughout the event is the responsibility of the participating clubs/coaches/parents. This includes transportation from the airport to the hotel, between the hotel and competition venue daily, and return transportation to the airport.

A rental car is the suggested means of transport (following the Safe Sport Policy). The hotel and gym are approximately 15 min apart by driving.

MEALS

Meals are not provided for participating coaches and athletes. There is a small café at the venue, serving coffee and light snacks. This will be open while we are using the facility. There

are numerous restaurant options around the hotels and neighboring area. Note: breakfast is included if staying at the host hotel.

In an effort to limit exposure to COVID during the WTT event, please consider ordering take-out meals or eating room service instead of sitting in a restaurant for meals.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner meals will be provided for judges, selection committee, and event staff daily.

GENERAL EVENT SCHEDULE

Dec 16 – arrivals

Dec 17 – arrivals, open training (late afternoon & evening)

Dec 18 - scheduled podium training

Dec 19 - competition

Dec 20 – competition, departures

Dec 21 - departures

Final schedule, start list and competition schedule, and training schedule will be published after the registration deadline.

SELECTION PROCEDURES

Selection procedures define athlete qualifications, including age and level, as well as team selection criteria. Selection procedures will be available on the WTT webpage once approved by the USAG President and Board of Directors.

Selection procedures must be signed by the participating athletes, parents (if athletes are under 18 years of age) and coaches. Signed selection procedures can be emailed to Shelby Salmon at ssalmon@usagym.org. Deadline for submission of selection procedures is **December 14, 2021**.

ATHLETE SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Athlete Selection Committee Members are:

- Ronda Francis, NEC representative
- Lanie Davis, Elite Coach
- Nicole Barrilleaux, International Expert
- Jessica Renteria, Athlete Representative

As per USA Gymnastics Board of Director's recommendations, an independent observer will participate in selection committee meetings during WTT. A selection report will be published shortly following WTT on the USA Gymnastics website.

TRAINING

All training sessions will be scheduled by club. Clubs with fewer pair/groups may be grouped with other clubs to allow for optimum training time and running routines.

Friday and Saturday training will be on the stretching area, warm-up and competition floors, cycling through as the athletes do for competition. Music submitted for competition will be used during the training time on the competition floor, and a staff member will be available to play the music.

Coaches and athletes are only allowed in the gym during the scheduled training time. Training sessions are closed (not open to spectators).

HEIGHT MEASUREMENTS

All pair/groups must report for height measurements immediately following their scheduled training time on Saturday, December 18. There will be a designated area in the competition gym for height measurements.

WARM-UP AND COMPETITION SCHEDULE

- A start list and detailed warm-up and competition schedule will be provided at least 1 week prior to competition.
- Exact times to begin stretch, warm-up, and competition will be listed on the schedule.
- There will be no touch warm-ups on the competition floor.
- It is possible for the competition to run one or two routines faster or slower than scheduled. While warming up, keep track of where the competition is and be prepared.
- Please follow all instructions given by the Floor Manager.

STRUCTURE OF COMPETITION

Because World Team Trials serves as a selection for the WCH and WAGC teams, 2022 FIG rules will be followed. Rules specific to USA competitions, such as bonus system, difficulty minimums, etc. will not apply at the World Team Trials.

- 12-18, 13-19, and seniors will compete a balance, dynamic, and combined exercise.
- Some levels may compete two routines the first day and one routine the second day of competition, while others compete one routine the first day and two the second day.
- Judging will be according to 2022 FIG WAGC Rules, FIG Code of Points, and FIG Table of Difficulty.
- No awards will be given.

JUDGES AND SCORING

There will be one panel of 9 judges, comprised of FIG judges without any affiliation to the competing athletes or clubs. The judges' panel will judge and score all exercises. Four artistry and four execution scores will be obtained. The high and low scores will be dropped. The 2 scores in the middle will be averaged and added to the D-score, less CJP & DJ penalties for the final score.

Scores will be displayed to the competitors and public immediately following each exercise. A

list of results will also be published to coaches by email at the conclusion of each day. Final results will be available after the end of competition on Monday. Scores and placement will also be given to the Selection Committee for use in the selection process.

MEETINGS AND TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

All meetings are mandatory.

Saturday, December 18 @ 9:00am (warm-up floor of gym) - Orientation meeting for all coaches, team managers and chaperones may also attend. Please be on time!

Tuesday, December 21 @ 8:00am – Team Announcement will be emailed to all coaches and club contacts.

TARIFF SHEETS

Tariff sheet deadline is Wednesday, December 1, 2021. All tariff sheets must be submitted through the “Online Tariff Sheet Manager” (OTSM) by December 1. Please upload tariff sheets in the “World Team Trials” folder for your club. New tariff sheets are required to be uploaded, even if you have used the same tariff in the past.

Tariff sheets for WTT should be created in Acro Companion. Please note that Acro Companion will not have all 2022 FIG TOD and Rule updates in their system prior to the WTT tariff sheet deadlines. Coaches, please do not rely solely on Acro Companion to check special requirements and difficulty values. Please double check in the 2022 FIG rule books/ToD and make any necessary changes to tariff sheets in AC before submitting to OTSM.

The judges will review tariff sheets submitted by Dec 1 and the Meet Referee will make all attempts to communicate any issues found on tariff sheets to coaches via email by Dec 12th. **Revised tariff sheet deadline is Tuesday, December 14.** Coaches **MUST** notify Holly King at usaacrojudge@gmail.com when revised tariff sheets are posted to OTSM. Revised tariff sheets may not be checked/re-checked by judges until after the final tariff sheet deadline.

Once your tariff sheets have been reviewed by judges and approved in OTSM they must be uploaded to **KSIS for competition by December 14th**. After December 14th, only the revised tariff sheet change form may be used and can be turned in during your club’s training session.

MUSIC

Submission deadline is Tuesday December 14, 2021. Music should be submitted via KSIS in MP3 format. Submitted music will be played for podium training and competition.

Please bring a back-up copy of music on a USB flash drive (all club music on a single flash drive), as well as music on a phone or ipad if music is desired on the warm-up floor.

ATTIRE/APPAREL

Athletes and coaches are representing their club teams during the World Team Trials event

and should wear club warm-ups and leotards throughout the training and competition days. **Please, no Team USA apparel.** Appropriate attire and footwear, as outlined in the R&P, is required for all training, warm-up and competition sessions.

Please note the requirements for face coverings below.

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

All participants should bring their own water bottle, face covering, and hand sanitizer.

ACCREDITATION

Accreditation packets will be available to the coaches and chaperones at the competition venue upon check-in for their first training session or the Orientation Meeting. Packets will include schedules, accreditation cards, and other materials for the event.

FACE COVERINGS

USA Gymnastics requires that all participants and spectators wear a facial covering and maintain social distancing throughout the duration of the World Team Trials event. Facial coverings should be fitted or cone-style and consist of multiple layers of fabric. Bandanas, neck gaiters and masks with valves are not permitted.

- During all competition and training sessions, coaches must wear a facial covering at all times, and maintain social distancing when not spotting.
- During competition and training sessions, athletes must wear facial coverings at all times outside of during the performance of gymnastics. Note: athletes may choose to wear facial coverings during gymnastics activities, including competition.
- All other participants, judges, sanction staff and spectators are required to wear a facial covering at all times and maintain social distancing protocols.

Please note, that failure to comply with the mandate may result in sanction revocation and/or event disqualification.

For the complete Facial Covering policy, including medical exemptions, [click here](#).

COVID-19 PROCEDURES

All event participants and attendees should understand the protocols in place for the Acrobatic Gymnastics World Team Trials, and have a responsibility to prevent the spread of infection. Below are excerpts of the USA Gymnastics COVID-19 Guidelines for Domestic Events. For the complete document, [click here](#).

For purposes of the COVID-19 Protocols:

- *Participants* are individuals who will be subjected to all pre/during/post-event protocols and procedures. This includes all individuals with access to the field of play, such as athletes, coaches, medical staff, officials, selection committee, event

staff, and volunteers.

- *Attendees* are individuals who will be subjected to some, but not all, of the pre/during/post-event protocols and procedures. This includes persons attending the event, but no on the field of play, such as, spectators, observers, chaperones, volunteers, and guests.
- *Cohorts* are defined as those living in the same household or athletes, coaches, and/or officials who train and work in the same gym on a regular basis.

Please note: if an athlete or pair/group missed all or part of the WTT competition due to the COVID-19 Guidelines, they may submit a petition for consideration to the WCH or WAGC Team. Please see the petition procedures within the Selection Procedures document.

PRE-EVENT SCREENING PROTOCOLS:

1. All event Participants and Attendees will not take part in the event if they have any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 or have been in close contact (per CDC definition – less than 6 feet, for 15 minutes in total over a 24-hour period), within 14 days of the event, with someone who is known or suspected of having COVID-19 disease.
2. All event Participants will be registered in **Healthy Roster** (USA Gymnastics’ electronic health record system). A list of all potential Participants must be submitted to an Athlete Health and Wellness representative no later than 3 weeks prior to the start of the event.
3. All event Participants will complete daily health monitoring via Healthy Roster for 14 days leading up to the event, daily during the course of the event, and for 14 days following the event. Participants who do not complete the daily health monitoring may not be allowed to attend the event.
4. All event Attendees will complete daily health monitoring via Healthy Roster “Text to Survey” during the course of the event.
5. **Pre-Event COVID TESTING:**
 - a. All event Participants must obtain their own testing, via a PCR/molecular-based testing platform (this will not be provided by USAG), within 5 days of their travel for the event. Ensure that you will have results by the time of arrival at the event. This includes all Participants, regardless of vaccination status. Rapid antigen or LAMP testing will NOT be accepted.
 - b. Official test report showing Participant name, date and time, type, and results of testing must be uploaded to Healthy Roster prior to the start of the event or Participant may not be allowed to attend the event. Please bring a paper or electronic copy of the results with you to the event as a backup.
 - c. If you have tested positive in the past 90 days (from date of departure), you do not need a negative PCR test, but you will need to upload the results of your positive COVID test to Healthy Roster.
 - d. Here are the timelines for testing:
 - If you are departing for Indianapolis on:
 - Dec 16: Your PCR testing must be completed no earlier than Dec 11
 - Dec 17: Your PCR testing must be completed no earlier than Dec 12
 - e. **Pixel by LabCorp** is a reliable at home test with timely delivery of results (but this cannot be guaranteed). This test can NOT be used for minors. This test can be

obtained for no charge if you follow these ordering instructions:

- Click: <https://www.pixel.labcorp.com/at-home-test-kits/covid-19-test-home-collection-kit>
- Click “Get Started”
- Select \$0 Upfront Cost
- Answer the first question based on your symptoms
- Answer second question with “Testing Recommended”
- Answer third question based on your risk profile
- Click “Continue to Form”
- Enter your demographic information and insurance information and click “Place Order”

ONSITE AT THE EVENT

1. Based on recommendation of the local health department and USA Gymnastics’ health experts, there may be additional event-specific protocols including onsite testing. If this is the case, further information will be communicated and testing will be provided by USA Gymnastics.
2. Upon daily check-in at event venue, all Participants will be screened with temperature and symptom checks and required to complete a COVID-19 screening questionnaire (if not already done via Healthy Roster). This check-in process will be influenced by established venue-specific approaches.
3. All Participants will be screened daily via Healthy Roster throughout the duration of the event, and will be encouraged to report any concerns immediately, regarding COVID-19 symptoms and/or signs.
4. All Participants will wear facial coverings and practice social distancing outside of their cohort at all times for the duration of the event, including meals, at the hotel, during transportation, and at the competition and/or training site, etc. (except for while performing gymnastics, if applicable).
5. All Participants must “shelter in place” during the course of the event. Specifically, they must avoid any type of public interactions such as going to a restaurant, grocery store, bar or club, using public transportation, etc.
6. All Participants must follow best practices for limiting exposure, while acquiring and distributing food: use pickup or delivery, no dining in, no gathering with individuals outside of cohort.
7. Physical distancing must be maintained during meals for members of different cohorts, and is suggested even within the same cohort.
8. Participants from different cohorts must not intermix during times outside of the event venues, such as during eating and travel to and from the venues.

ISOLATION PROTOCOL

If an event Participant or Attendee is suspected of having COVID-19 disease or tests positive for COVID-19, they will be placed into isolation in their hotel room. USAG staff will check on the individual regularly to monitor signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and will escalate medical care as necessary. If the individual is a minor and a parent is with the individual, the parent must isolate with that individual in their hotel room. If the individual is a minor, and a parent or guardian is not at the competition, USAG will ensure care of the individual until a parent/guardian arrives. Those involved will follow all Safe

Sport policies regarding one-on-one interactions with minor athletes. If the individual is a minor without a parent, a parent or guardian must fly in within 24-48 hours of being notified and must remain in isolation with the individual. USA Gymnastics will cover the expense of the hotel during the isolation period. **By choosing to attend the event, all event Participants and Attendees must accept the risk of isolation.**

POST EVENT

All event Participants and Attendees will be advised to follow all Phase 2 considerations for their return home. If any event Participant develops symptoms of COVID-19 within ten days of the event:

1. Participant should isolate, avoid all contacts, and get tested.
2. Keep a list of all your contacts and whereabouts.
3. Contact USA Gymnastics and the Event COVID-19 Compliance Officer right away.
4. Contact your home physician.

Please review the [USA Gymnastics COVID-19 Guidelines for Domestic Events](#) for complete information related to COVID-19 protocols for the WTT event. Reminders and further information will be emailed to participants and club representatives in the weeks leading up to the event. It is important that all Participants and Attendees understand and follow these guidelines.

There is also a [COVID-19 PROTOCOL – FAQ for Athletes](#) for additional information.

SPECTATORS

Spectators are permitted. While the event is open to spectators it is not classified as a spectator event. View of the performance may be distant and/or obstructed due to the facility layout.

Admission is \$15 /day and will be charged at the door. Cash or credit cards accepted. Spectator seating will be provided in the balcony overlooking the competition area. Spectators are asked to use the designated stairs and remain in the designated seating area or the lobby of the venue. Spectators must abide by all venue rules and event COVID-19 guidelines (e.g., temperature checks upon entry, face coverings, social distancing).

There will be a designated seating area (around the field of play) for participating coaches and athletes to watch competition. Seating will be limited in number and available on a first come, first serve basis.

A live video feed of the competition will be available via YouTube. Further information to come.

VOLUNTEERS

To help the event run smoothly, volunteers are needed! We ask that each participating club take at least one volunteer shift. Attending club chaperones or parents can fill the volunteer

shift position. Volunteer positions needed are door entry for participants and attendees and compliance officers per session. Volunteers will receive complimentary admission to the competition, and we will make all attempts not to schedule work session during your son/daughter's competition session.

[Click here](#) to sign-up for a volunteer shift. We appreciate everyone's assistance!

There will be a volunteer meeting on Saturday, December 18 at 8:30am in the lobby of the competition venue.

FIG LICENSES

Athletes selected to the 2022 World Championships or World Age Group Teams are required to have a valid FIG license prior to the nominative registration for those events. Each club will receive an email letting them know which athletes, who are registered for WTT, DO NOT have a current FIG License. Applicable forms will be attached to that email.

Applications for licenses MUST be submitted through USA Gymnastics to the FIG immediately following team selection for any athlete who does not already have a valid license (this includes athletes who have never held a license, as well as those whose license has expired). Once the WCH and WAGC Teams are finalized, USA Gymnastics will only submit license applications (and charges) for those athletes selected to the team who do not already have a valid license. However, we need to collect paperwork ahead of time so the applications can be promptly submitted following WTT.

The requirements to submit a license are listed below. Please submit all required documentation electronically to Shelby Salmon at ssalmon@usagym.org by Saturday, December 18th. If you have any questions, please contact Shelby.

ALL REQUIREMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED EXACTLY AS REQUESTED!

- [FIG license form completed and signed](#)
- Color copy passport (valid for 6 months following WAGC or WCH), picture page
- Color headshot
- Color copy of 'International-Level Athletes Education Program' completion certificate, available after completion of the [ADEL for International Level Athletes](#) on the WADA online platform.

DEPOSIT AND PLANS FOR WORLD AGE GROUP COMPETITION AND WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Tentative Travel Dates are as follows:

- Depart USA (Both WAGC and WCH delegations): Saturday, Feb 26, 2022 (arrive in Baku on Feb 27)
- WAGC Return to USA: Monday, March 7
- WCH Return to USA: Monday, March 14

Please note: Azerbaijan COVID regulation require U.S. citizens 18 years of age and older to be fully vaccinated to enter the country. Therefore, all WAGC and WCH team

members, coaches, judges and staff who are age 18 and older must be fully vaccinated prior to departing for Baku. According to the CDC, "Fully vaccinated persons are those who are ≥14 days post-completion of the primary series of an FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccine." Covid testing is also required to enter Azerbaijan and return to the USA.

Visas are required for travel to Azerbaijan. Please be sure all passports are current and valid for at least 6 months after travel to AZE. Further information on all COVID protocols, visa applications, dates, training opportunities, travel, costs, etc. will be provided to athletes and coaches following the World Team Trials event.

USA GYMNASTICS PHOTO, VIDEO, AND SIGNAGE POLICY

The Proactive Policy related to Photography/Videography is intended to prohibit any inappropriate photography/videography that could put gymnasts in harm's way or otherwise undermine the sport, while allowing appropriate photography or videography at USA Gymnastics sanctioned events.

1. **Spectator Audio-Visual Recording & Photography.** Photographs or video may only be taken (a) in public view; (b) if they observe generally accepted standards of decency; and (c) are both appropriate for and in the best interest of the gymnast. All images taken during the event are for personal use only, and any commercial use, distribution or sale is prohibited. No flash photography or strobes of any kind.
2. **Live Streaming Apps.** The use of live streaming apps (such as Facebook Live, Instagram Live, etc.) is not allowed in the venue during the competition or training.
3. **Signage/Banners.** USA Gymnastics appreciates its fans' enthusiasm and support of its athletes. Fans are allowed to bring signs and banners that are supportive of the athletes and national team; however, signs or banners with any other type of message are not allowed. Any signs and/or banners must not be larger than 24" x 36" or block the view of other spectators when displayed.

USA Gymnastics reserves the right to film or record the performance for any purpose.

VENDORS

There will not be merchandise vendors at the competition.

DEADLINES

Due Date	Item
November 17	Registration complete
December 1	Tariff sheets due to OTSM Volunteer Sign Up Travel Form submitted
December 14	Music uploaded into KSIS Final revised tariff sheets uploaded into KSIS
December 11-12	Earliest date for COVID testing
December 3	Daily check ins from Healthy Roster will begin

December 18	FIG License forms due Signed selection procedures due
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