SELECTION PROCESS: 2026 WORLD AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS (WAGC)

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1 IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES (TENTATIVE)

May 21st, 2026	Worlds and WAGC Intent form Due
May 21-24th, 2026	Acrobatics Canadian Championships
June 6-7th, 2026	2nd Trials – Worlds and WAGCS (Virtual)
June 9th, 2026	Judging 2nd Trial
September 14-17th, 2026 - TBC	Pre – Worlds and WAGCS Training Camp (Oakville)
September 17-21st, 2026	World Age Group Championships
September 24-27th, 2026	World Championships

1.1 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 required 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.

Any Travel restrictions/advisories for the destination will be communicated closer to the event.

1.1.1 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, High Performance Director and World Games Program Manager.

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.

2 SELECTION PROCESS

2.1 ATHLETE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The following information and documents are required to be submitted to Gymnastics Canada for each athlete wishing to be considered for the 2026 World Age Group Competition Team:

i) Submission of Intent to Participate (coaches and athletes) – **Due May 20th - The remainder of the requirements are due 1 week after the team has been named. These will be sent separately:**
   a. Emergency Contact Information
   b. Uniform kit: including track suit: to be sized using size chart
   c. Medical Form and Consent to treatment

iii) Completed FIG License Application or Renewal (if not valid until October 1st, 2026)

iv) A passport valid until at least April, 2027 is required.

v) Code of Conduct

vi) Consent to travel letter for minors (to be submitted 1 week prior to departure)

2.2 PAYMENT INFORMATION

2.2.1 ESTIMATED COSTS

The estimated cost for 2026 WAGC are as follows. Please note, these 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	$1500.00-$2500.00 (depending on departure city)
On-site Costs: Accommodation, Meals and Ground Transportation	$2360.00
Registration	$265.00
On-site Costs: Team Support (Coaches, Judges, IST, Manager)	$1000 - $1500 (depends on team size)
Uniform	$400-$500
Training Suits	$175-$250
FIG License (paid separately)	$75.00

2.2.2 PAYMENT INFORMATION

- Team Members will be invoiced for all payments.
- FIG License (paid separately when the request is made)
- 1st deposit of $1000 (this will be invoiced to team members via Activity Messenger)
- Final balance will be invoiced via Activity Messenger

2.2.3 WITHDRAWALS & PENALTIES/REFUNDS

If selected to the team:

- FIG License is non-refundable (once processed)
- If no alternate is named or if no alternate can attend, entry fees and 50% of meals and accommodations are non-refundable as of June 10th, 2026.

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

2.3 ENTRY FEE INFORMATION

The official entry to the Local Organizing Committee for the 2026 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 is non-refundable.

2.4 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 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.

2.5 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 Paris (MxP).
Note: age group is determined by the athlete's age on December 31st, 2026.

2.6 DELEGATION REGISTRATION LIMITS

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

2.7 VIRTUAL SELECTION EVENT

- The Virtual Selection Event Trial will be held virtually with routines being performed
- Date of the event: see calendar of important dates on page 1
- During the timeline for video submission, athletes will be allowed to compete 1 day of competition with Balance and Dynamic routines (total of 2 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 international deadlines)

2.8 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 of 1.7 combined

13-19: Total score, B + D = 50.3 (or 25.15 average between the two routines), with minimum difficulty value of 1.7 combined

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.

2.9 ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

In order to be eligible for 2026 WAGC:

- Athletes must have a FIG license, valid until at least October 2026. FIG Licenses can be applied for and/or renewed by contacting Tammy Younker (tyounker@gymcan.org). FIG Licenses are $75.00 and require a submission of an application form, a valid passport, 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 April 2027.
- Athletes must complete and provide proof of education of doping control education by August 2026 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.

- It is mandatory for athletes to have competed in the 2026 Acro Canadian Championships in order to be eligible to be named to the 2026 World Age Group Team.

2.10 INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

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

2.11 TEAM RATIFICATION

All team members must be ratified by World Games Sub-Committee.

2.12 PETITIONS

No petitions will be allowed or accepted.

3 GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF PARTICIPATION IN THE 2026 WAGC

3.1 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 World Games Program Manager and World Games National Team Advisor in consultation with the Acro Technical Committee, 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 then the last partnership with the highest score per category may be selected.

3.2 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) It there is still a tie, then the World Games Program Manager (PM) and National Team Advisor, in conjunction with the Acro Selection Working Group, will break the tie.

3.3 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 April 2027. The alternate must have also met the qualifying score on that event. No alternate will be allowed to travel as a member of the WAGC Team.

4 SELECTION PROCESS – COACHES

4.1 COACH APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The following information and documents are required to be submitted to Gymnastics Canada by May 20th (date of receipt at Gymnastics Canada) for each coach wishing to be considered for the Acro 2026 World Age Group Competition Team:

i) Submission of complete Intent.

ii) A passport valid until at least April 2027 is required to be submitted by May 20th, 2026;

iii) FIG Database registration (see below)

4.2 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

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: 1 card
Zone 3 Team Manager: 1 card (if 4 to 5 units competing)

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

4.3 COACHES SELECTION: TEAM COACHES AND PERSONAL COACHES ARE SELECTED USING THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES

The selection of coaches will be decided and approved by GymCan World Games Program Manager and World Games National Team Advisor 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.

4.1 FIG COACH DATABASE REGISTRATION

Starting from June 12, 2021, any coach who wishes to take part in a 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 a 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).
- FIG Safeguarding Course

Please send these items to Tammy Younker as soon as possible. For more information or questions please contact Tammy Younker at tyounker@gymcan.org.

5 DOCUMENT TIMELINES

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