



## Directives

The 2021 Acrobatics World Team Trials will serve as the selection event to determine the 2021 World Championships (WCH) and World Age Group Competition (WAGC) Teams. Competition will take place for senior elite, junior elite 13-20, junior elite 12-19, and 11-17 age group.

### EVENT WEBPAGE

<https://usagym.org/pages/acro/events/2021/worldteamtrials.html>

Use this page to register for the World Team Trials and for up-to-date information about the event.

### EVENT ORGANIZERS AND STAFF

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

- USA Gymnastics Chief of Staff: Lauryn Turner
- Acrobatics Program Director: Shelby Salmon
- Acrobatics High Performance Coordinator: Carisa Laughon

Event Staff:            Meet Director: Marcia DeGuire  
                              Scoring and General Meet Admin: Carrie Tennis  
                              Medical Staff: Bobby Boswell

### VENUE

Community Sports & Wellness Center  
395 S Heritage Way  
Pendleton, IN 46064

The gym area includes:

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



Figure 1: Warm-up and stretching area

Curtains will be raised in the competition gym, with competition floor centered in the space. Pipe and drape background. The warm-up gym is accessible through large doors to the left side.

A facilities diagram with designated entries, exits, and flow of participants will be included with the Workplan.



*Figure 2: Competition Hall*

## **REGISTRATION**

Registration deadline is **Thursday, April 1, 2021**. Please use the link on the World Team Trials webpage to complete the registration and additional forms.

## **AIRPORT**

Indianapolis International Airport (IND)

Arrival at IND either Wednesday, April 21 or Thursday, April 22. If you would like for your team to have an assigned training time on Thursday, April 22, arrival should be before 3:00pm on Thursday, April 22.

Departures from IND on Sunday, April 25 or on Monday, April 26. It is recommended that departing flights are at minimum 4 hours after the end of the competition session.

## **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 hotels 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.

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.

## **SCHEDULE**

The General Event Schedule is linked from the WTT event webpage. The schedule is subject to change based on final registrations. 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](mailto:ssalmon@usagym.org). Deadline for submission of selection procedures is **April 17, 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.

Thursday training will be on the stretching area and warm-up floor only. There will be a speaker to play music. Coaches should have music on a phone or iPad in order to connect to the speaker.

Friday 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.

## **HEIGHT MEASUREMENTS**

All pair/groups must report for height measurements immediately following their scheduled training time on Friday, April 23. 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 WAG teams, 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.

- 11-17 will compete a balance and dynamic exercise, one exercise on each day of competition as per the schedule. No Finals competition.
- 12-19, 13-20, and seniors will compete a balance, dynamic, and combined exercise. Balance and dynamic on the first day of competition and combined on the second day, as per the schedule.
- Judging will be according to 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 7 judges, comprised of FIG judges without any affiliation to the competing athletes or clubs. The judges' panel will judge and score all exercises. Three artistry and three execution scores will be averaged and added to the D-score, less CJP & DJ penalties for the final score.

Scores will be displayed to the public immediately following each exercise. A list of results will also be published to coaches by email at the conclusion of each competition session. Final results will be available after the end of competition on Sunday. 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.

**Friday, April 23 @ 9:00am** (warm-up floor of gym) - Orientation meeting for all coaches. Team managers and chaperones may also attend.

*Note: at the beginning of each training session on Friday, there will be a brief meeting for the athletes in the session. Please arrive on time!*

**Monday, April 26 @ 8:00am** – Team Announcement will be emailed to all coaches and club contacts.

## TARIFF SHEETS

**Tariff sheet deadline is Monday, April 5, 2021.** All tariff sheets should be uploaded to the World Team Trials folder on the OTSM.

**Revised tariff sheet deadline is Saturday, April 17.** Coaches **MUST** notify Holly King at [usaacrojudge@gmail.com](mailto:usaacrojudge@gmail.com) when revised tariff sheets are posted to OTSM. After April 17th, only the revised tariff sheet change form may be used and can be turned in during your club's training session.

The Meet Referee will make all attempts to communicate any issues found on tariff sheets to coaches via email prior to arrival in Indianapolis or at the latest during the training sessions on Friday, April 23.

## **MUSIC**

**Submission deadline is April 5, 2021.** Music should be submitted via OTSM in MP3 or WAV 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.

## **CHALK AND PERSONAL EQUIPMENT**

At the event, each pair/group will be provided individual blocks of chalk that should not be shared. Athletes will be required to bring their own container for chalk, and any specific competition and training items (for example pedestals, spray bottles, gymnastics shoes, foam rollers, bands, etc.) they may need. These additional items should not be shared outside the respective cohort group.

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 hotel upon check-in. 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 Acrobatics 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:
    - April 21: Your PCR testing must be completed no earlier than Apr 16
    - April 22: Your PCR testing must be completed no earlier than Apr 17
- 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**

The venue is limiting the number of spectators per session. Therefore, a maximum of two immediate family members per athletes are allowed. If an athlete is not using both spectator passes, the extra passes are void and may not be used for others, including teammates or friends. Family should attend only the session of competition when their athlete is competing, the spectator seating area will be cleared and cleaned between sessions. No outside or public spectators will be allowed.

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 hall. Spectators are asked to use the designated states 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. 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 Friday, April 23 at 8:30am in the foyer of the competition venue.

## **FIG LICENSES**

Athletes selected to the 2021 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](mailto:ssalmon@usagym.org) by Saturday, April 17th. 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 WAGs 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.

- Credit Card information, cost is \$45 for World Age Group competitors (USA Gymnastics covers the cost for senior athletes)

### DEPOSIT AND PLANS FOR WORLD AGE GROUP COMPETITION AND WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Further information on 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
April 1	Registration complete Travel form submitted
April 5	Tariff sheets due Music due
April 5	Volunteer sign-up deadline
April 8	Start daily health checks with Healthy Roster
April 16 or 17	Earliest date for COVID testing
April 17	Revised tariff sheet deadline Signed selection procedures due
April 17	FIG License forms and payment due