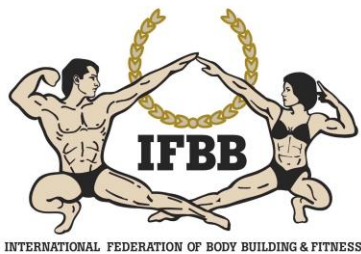




11th Annual Arnold Amateur  
IFBB/NPC International Bodybuilding,  
Fitness, Figure, Bikini & Physique Championships

March 2-5, 2017  
Columbus, Ohio USA

Inspection Report



## **WELCOME**

The honorable Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jim Lorimer and Promoters Bob Lorimer and Mike Davies are proud to host the **11th Annual Arnold Amateur IFBB/NPC International Bodybuilding, Fitness, Bodyfitness/Figure, Bikini & Physique Championships** in Columbus, Ohio.

The Arnold Amateur features more than 700 competitors from more than 80 nations and is one of the most prestigious amateur bodybuilding contests in the world.

The Arnold Amateur is held in Columbus, Ohio USA in conjunction with the Arnold Sports Festival, the largest multi-sport event in the USA with more than 18,000 athletes competing in 70 sports and events. The Arnold Classic, Arnold Classic 212, Arnold Classic Men's Physique, Fitness International, Figure International, Bikini International and Women's Physique International are among the IFBB Pro League contests held in conjunction with the Arnold Sports Festival.

## **COMPETITOR ELIGIBILITY**

This competition is open for **ALL the IFBB-affiliated National Federations** from all over the world. **THERE ARE NO QUALIFICATIONS** for the following divisions for NPC members: Masters Bodybuilding, Classic Bodybuilding, Men's Physique, Fitness, Bodyfitness (Figure), Masters Bodyfitness (Figure), Bikini-Fitness, Masters Bikini-Fitness and Women's Physique.

**MEN'S OPEN BODYBUILDERS** must have placed in the top five (5) of an NPC national-qualifying event to be eligible to compete in the Arnold Amateur.

**Categories open for competition are listed on the Entry Form.**

The Organizer of the event in USA will only accept registrations from U.S. athletes. U.S. competitors must be members of the National Physique Committee (NPC). Athletes can get 2017 NPC cards at the Arnold Amateur or online at [npcnewsonline.com](http://npcnewsonline.com)

**ALL INTERNATIONAL (NON-U.S.) ATHLETES MUST REGISTER THROUGH THEIR IFBB-AFFILIATED NATIONAL FEDERATIONS.** National IFBB presidents / federations must approve all athletes from their respective countries and submit an application form with all team members. Entry Forms from athletes from countries other than the United States will only be considered if they are sent by the National Federation of the athlete and directly to the IFBB Headquarters in Madrid. The final decision to allow an athlete to compete in this event rests with the IFBB. The Entry Form must be submitted to the IFBB Head Office in Madrid with a brief resume of each athlete registered on the form.

All the costs for traveling, hotel, accommodations, transport from and to the airport and meals are the responsibilities of the national federations or individual athletes. Check with your national federation for more information.

The Arnold Amateur reserves the right to decline entry to any athlete who does not meet these requirements.

## **NUMBER OF ATHLETES THAT WILL BE ACCEPTED**

Due to the large number of athletes and the time restrictions in the facilities we strongly encourage you to send your Entry Form early. The number of athletes accepted will be limited. Registration is now open.

**The Deadline for sending the Entry Form is January 31, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. EST**

**No ENTRY FORMS will be accepted after Jan. 31, 2017. No Refunds On Accepted Applications. There Will Only Be Refunds On Denied Applications**

## **ENTRY FORMS**

U.S. ATHLETES ONLY register through the Arnold Amateur office. CANADIAN athletes register through Georgina Dunnington of the Canadian Body Building Federation (CBBF). Contact Dunnington at [dunningtonm@eastlink.ca](mailto:dunningtonm@eastlink.ca). All others register through their IFBB. Forms available at [www.arnoldamateur.com](http://www.arnoldamateur.com).

### **Mail U.S. Entry Forms to:**

**ARNOLD AMATEUR**  
c/o Bob Lorimer  
1215 Worthington Woods Blvd.  
Worthington, OH 43085  
[bob@arnoldexpo.com](mailto:bob@arnoldexpo.com)

### **E-Mail Completed Canadian Entry Forms (same form as for U.S. athletes) To:**

Georgina Dunnington  
Canadian IFBB  
[dunningtonm@eastlink.ca](mailto:dunningtonm@eastlink.ca)

### **E-Mail Completed International Entry Forms To:**

IFBB Headquarters  
[headquarters@ifbb.com](mailto:headquarters@ifbb.com)

IFBB Technical Committee  
[amichalak5@gmail.com](mailto:amichalak5@gmail.com)

## **COMPETITOR NOTIFICATION**

Once your registration has been received and accepted, an email will be sent to your National Federation office confirming your participation in the 2017 Arnold Amateur. Those athletes who have not met the established requirements, who missed the deadline for registration, or who registered in a division that has already been closed out, will be notified that they will be unable to participate in this competition. **We strongly encourage you to register EARLY and make the appropriate HOTEL AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS to compete in Columbus.**

## **IMPORTANT ARRIVAL NOTICE**

**All Arnold Amateur Competitors should arrive in Columbus, Ohio no later than Wednesday, March 1, 2017.**

## **TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM AIRPORT**

Official arrival airport is Port Columbus International Airport. National team managers should contact Bob Lorimer at [bob@arnoldexpo.com](mailto:bob@arnoldexpo.com) to arrange shuttle service to and from the airport to the Host Hotel for their respective national teams.

## **2017 ARNOLD AMATEUR ATHLETE HOST HOTELS**

### **DoubleTree By Hilton Columbus Downtown**

50 South Front Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

**Rate:** \$172/night plus taxes

**Booking Contact:** Michelle Townsend, 614-228-5949 or [michelle.townsend@hilton.com](mailto:michelle.townsend@hilton.com)

**Note:** Use Code C-ASF when booking to get special rate.

### **Sheraton Columbus at Capitol Square**

75 East State Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

**Rate:** \$172/night plus taxes

**Booking Info:** 1-800-325-3535

**Note:** Use Code "Amateur Bodybuilding Athletes" and ask for "Arnold Amateur Bodybuilding Block" when booking to get special rate.

## **PUBLIC SHUTTLE SERVICE HOURS**

Public Shuttle service will be available from the **Host Hotels** to the Greater Columbus Convention Center and Battelle Grand. Shuttle Hours are:

Thursday, March 2, 2017: 9 a.m.-11:30 p.m.

Friday, March 3, 2017: 7 a.m.-11:30 p.m.  
Saturday, March 4, 2017: 7 a.m.-2:30 a.m. (Sunday morning)  
Sunday, March 5, 2017: 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

## **OFFICIAL REGISTRATION (WEIGH-IN /MEASUREMENTS)**

**ALL ATHLETES IN ALL DIVISIONS MUST ATTEND THE MANDATORY CHECK-IN on Wednesday, March 1, 2017 from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Ballroom Foyer.**

FEMALE athletes can begin **checking in at 10 a.m.** MALE athletes can **begin checking in at 2 p.m..**

The Hyatt Regency is located at 350 N. High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215 and is attached to the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

Registration fee is \$200 for international athlete. The Registration fee has to be paid in advance by credit/debit card or PayPal at IFBB Web site at [www.ifbb.com/competition-registration/](http://www.ifbb.com/competition-registration/). Please add your name during online payment and bring a copy of your payment confirmation to Arnold Amateur registration.

If payment is made in-person at Arnold Amateur, payment must be made to IFBB office and an extra \$50 will be charged.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE TO COMPETITORS**

Each competitor will be provided with an athlete competitor wristband at the Mandatory Competitor Check-In. This wristband allows daily admission to the Arnold Fitness EXPO Friday, March 3 through Sunday, March 5. For a complete schedule of Arnold Sports Festival events visit [www.ArnoldSportsFestival.com](http://www.ArnoldSportsFestival.com)

All athletes will have to produce their IFBB International Card at the Registration. The cost of its renewal is \$30 per calendar year. Any athlete who is not yet in possession of this Card will have to buy one at Registration. The cost is \$30.

No trainers will be permitted in the backstage area. Noncompliance with this rule will result in disqualification and possible suspension.

## **MANDATORY ATHLETE MEETINGS**

**ALL FEMALE ATHLETES competing on Thursday, March 2, 2017 MUST ATTEND THE ATHLETE MEETING AT 10:30 A.M. ON THURSDAY, MARCH 2 IN THE HYATT REGENCY BALLROOM FOYER.**

ALL ATHLETES COMPETING ON THURSDAY, MARCH 2 **can confirm their division and class** from 9-10:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 2 in the Hyatt Regency Ballroom Foyer. (Divisions and classes will be finalized based on final registration and check-in on Wednesday, March 1.)

**ALL MALE ATHLETES competing on Friday, March 3, 2017 MUST ATTEND an ATHLETE MEETING AT 7:30 A.M. ON FRIDAY, MARCH 3 IN THE HYATT REGENCY BALLROOM FOYER.**

ALL ATHLETES COMPETING ON FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2016 **can confirm their division and class** from 6-8 a.m. on Friday, March 3 in the Hyatt Regency Ballroom Foyer. (Divisions and classes will be finalized based on final registration and check-in on Wednesday, March 1.)

## **POSING MUSIC**

All posing music – 60 second for bodybuilding, 30 second for women's physique and 90 seconds for fitness -- must be on an audio CD only. The posing music must also be at the start of the CD. Each competitor must affix his name on the CD for easy identification. The use of profane, vulgar and offensive language is strictly prohibited in the posing music. ALL MUSIC MUST BE SUBMITTED AT CHECK-IN.

## **TANNING NEEDS**

For those of you with tanning or makeup needs, contact Jan Tana at [www.jantana.com](http://www.jantana.com) to book an appointment. No spray tanning will be done at the venue, so be sure to book appointments accordingly.

**THE IFBB HAS BANNED ALL TANS THAT CAN BE WIPED OFF. AN OFFICIAL WILL CHECK THE TAN OF ALL ATHLETES BACKSTAGE AND IF THE TAN COMES OFF BY SIMPLY WIPING, THE ATHLETE WILL BE TOLD TO REMOVE THE TAN BEFORE GOING ON STAGE.**

## **FINALISTS - ATHLETE MEETINGS**

**Men's & Women's Physique Finalists Only**

Meet on Friday, March 3rd, 1 p.m. at Greater Columbus Convention Center, Back of Hall D

**Men's & Women's Bodybuilding, Fitness, Figure & Bikini - Finalists Only**

Meet on Saturday, March 4, 8 a.m. at Greater Columbus Convention Center, Back of Hall D

# **OVERALL WINNERS NOTIFICATION**

**ALL OVERALL WINNERS** will receive two (2) tickets to attend the Arnold Classic Bodybuilding Finals on the evening of Saturday, March 4, 2017 in the Battelle Grand at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

A group photograph of the overall winners with Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger will be taken back stage on Saturday evening during the Arnold Classic Finals. You will also be introduced on the main stage during the evening show.so dress appropriately.

Overall winners will also have individual photographs photo taken with Gov. Schwarzenegger at noon on Sunday, March 5, 2017 at the Sponsor Luncheon at the Greater Columbus Convention Center – Room C210.

## **VENUES**

Venues for the 2017 Arnold Amateur include:

**Greater Columbus Convention Center**  
Battelle Grand and Arnold Fitness EXPO Stage  
400 N. High St.  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

## **TICKET PRICES**

Tickets to the Arnold Amateur on Thursday, March 2, 2017 and Friday, March 3, 2017 at the Battelle Grand at the Greater Columbus Convention Center are \$25 each, per day for General Admission.

Tickets to the Arnold Fitness EXPO for Arnold Amateur Men's & Women's Physique Finals on Friday, March 3 and Men's Bodybuilding, Fitness, Figure & Bikini FINALS on Saturday, March 4 are \$20 at the door, \$15 in advance through [www.ticketmaster.com/arnold](http://www.ticketmaster.com/arnold) (Children 14 and under admitted FREE).

## **USEFUL INFORMATION**

### **VISAS – IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Citizens of 38 countries are eligible for visa-free entry into the United States under the Visa Waiver Program (VWP). Generally, a citizen of a foreign country who wishes to enter the United States must first obtain a visa. Visitor visas are visas for persons who want to enter the United States temporarily for tourism, sport, pleasure or visiting (visa category B-2), There are several steps to apply for a visa and you may need several weeks to obtain your visa. Nobody can guarantee that you will be issued a visa. Review the instructions available on the website

of the embassy or consulate where you will apply to learn more about the whole procedure, required documents and fee payment. Do not make final travel plans or buy tickets until you have a visa. If you have a valid visa in your expired passport, you may use your valid visa in your expired passport along with a new valid passport for travel and admission to the United States.

### **ELECTRICAL CURRENT**

The electrical outlets are 120 V, 60 Hz. Plugs and sockets type A and B (same as in Canada, Mexico, Japan, Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, most of the CAC countries). If the standard voltage in your country is in the range of 220V - 240V (as in the UK, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia), you certainly need a power converter in the United States of America. To be sure, check the label on the appliance. If it states 'INPUT: 100-240V, 50/60 Hz', it can be used in all countries of the world (like chargers for tablets/laptops, photo cameras, cell phones, toothbrushes). If not, it is not advised to use your appliances, but you can try at your own risk.

### **TIME DIFFERENCE**

The local time in Columbus, Ohio, is UTC/GMT - 5 hours (same as in New York City and Miami).

### **CLIMATE**

During the months of February/March the daily mean temperature is 4.8°C (40.6oF), percentage of possible sunshine 43%. Rain or snow may be expected.

## **QUESTIONS / ATHLETE CONTACTS**

### **USA Athletes**

Bob Lorimer, Promoter  
Arnold Amateur  
614-430-5962 ext. 103  
[bob@arnoldexpo.com](mailto:bob@arnoldexpo.com)

### **Canadian Athletes**

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Canadian IFBB  
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### **International Athletes**

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Schedule of Events  
(Check-In, Competitor Meetings, Competitions)

**Wednesday, March 1, 2017 – Greater Columbus Convention Center**

10 a.m.-8 p.m.      MANDATORY CHECK-IN / REGISTRATION FOR ALL  
ATHLETES  
Hyatt Regency Ballroom Foyer

**NOTE:** FEMALE athlete begin Check-in at 10 a.m.  
MALE athlete begin Check in at 2 p.m.

**Thursday, March 2, 2017 – Greater Columbus Convention Center**

8 a.m.-10:30 a.m.    LAST CALL CHECK-IN FOR MALE ATHLETES ONLY  
Hyatt Regency Ballroom Foyer

9 a.m.-10:30 a.m.    REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION FOR ALL FEMALE  
ATHLETES  
Hyatt Regency Ballroom Foyer

10:30 a.m.            MANDATORY ATHLETE MEETING FOR ALL FEMALE  
ATHLETES

Noon                    **ARNOLD AMATEUR LADIES DAY**  
Women's Physique Semifinals  
- Up to 163 cm  
- Up to 168 cm  
- Over 168 cm  
  
Master Women's Bodyfitness (Figure) – Semifinals + Finals  
- Up to 163 cm  
- Up to 168 cm  
- Over 168 cm  
  
Master Women's Bikini-Fitness – Semifinals + Finals  
- Categories will be announced at the show  
  
Women's Fitness Routine Round – Semifinals  
- Up to 163 cm

- Over 163 cm

Women's Bodyfitness (Figure) – Semifinals

- Up to 155 cm
- Up to 159 cm
- Up to 163 cm
- Up to 167 cm
- Up to 170 cm
- Over 170 cm

Women's Bikini-Fitness – Semifinals

- Up to 155 cm
- Up to 159 cm
- Up to 163 cm
- Up to 167 cm
- Up to 170 cm
- Over 170 cm

Women's Fitness Physique Round – Semifinals

- Up to 163 cm
- Over 163 cm

Master Women's Bodyfitness (Figure) Awards

Master Women's Bikini-Fitness Awards

**Friday, March 3, 2017 – Greater Columbus Convention Center**

6 a.m -7:30 a.m.      REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION FOR ALL MALE  
ATHLETES  
Hyatt Regency Ballroom Foyer

7:30 a.m.              MANDATORY ATHLETE MEETING FOR ALL MALE  
ATHLETES

9 a.m.                  **IFBB PRO WOMEN'S PHYSIQUE PREJUDGING**

10 a.m.                 ARNOLD AMATEUR MEN'S DAY

Men's Physique – Eliminations + Semifinals (170 min.)

- Up to 170 cm
- Up to 172 cm
- Up to 175 cm
- Up to 180 cm
- Up to 182 cm
- Over 182 cm

Master Men's Bodybuilding - Semifinals + Finals (50 min.)

- 40 – 49 years – open
- Over 50 years - open

Men's Classic Bodybuilding - Semifinals + Finals (75 min.)

- Up to 170 cm
- Up to 180 cm
- Over 180 cm

(20-Minute Intermission)

Masters Men's Bodybuilding Awards (10 min.)

Men's Classic Men's Bodybuilding Awards (15 min.)

Open Men's Bodybuilding – Semifinals (90 min.)

- Up to 70 kg
- Up to 75 kg
- Up to 80 kg
- Up to 85 kg
- Up to 90 kg
- Up to 100 kg
- Over 100 kg

### **Amateur Men's & Women's Physique Finals**

1 p.m. CHECK-IN FOR MEN'S & WOMEN'S PHYSIQUE FINALS  
(Convention Center, Back of Hall D)

1:30 p.m. MANDATORY MEETING FOR MEN'S & WOMEN'S  
PHYSIQUE FINALISTS

2:30 p.m. Men's Physique – Finals (30 min.) > All – 01:30

- Up to 170 cm
- Up to 172 cm
- Up to 175 cm
- Up to 180 cm
- Up to 182 cm
- Over 182 cm

Women's Physique - Finals (15 min.)

- Up to 163 cm
- Up to 168 cm
- Over 168 cm

Men's Physique Awards (30 min.)

Women's Physique Awards (15 min.)

**Arnold Fitness EXPO Stage**

**Saturday, March 4, 2017 – Greater Columbus Convention Center**

8 a.m. FINALS CHECK-IN (Convention Center, Back of Hall D)  
All FINALISTS in Men's Bodybuilding, Fitness, Bodyfitness  
(Figure) & Bikini

9 a.m. MANDATORY MEETING FOR MEN'S BODYBUILDING,  
FITNESS, BODYFITNESS (FIGURE) & BIKINI FINALISTS

10 a.m. Women's Fitness Routine Round - Finals (30 min.)  
- Up to 163 cm  
- Over 163 cm

Women's Bodyfitness (Figure) Finals (60 min.)  
- Up to 155 cm  
- Up to 159 cm  
- Up to 163 cm  
- Up to 167 cm  
- Up to 170 cm  
- Over 170 cm

Women's Fitness Physique Round – Finals (10 min.)  
- Up to 163 cm  
- Over 163 cm

Women's Bikini-Fitness Finals – Finals (60 min.)  
- Up to 155 cm  
- Up to 159 cm  
- Up to 163 cm  
- Up to 167 cm  
- Up to 170 cm  
- Over 170 cm

Women's Fitness Awards (10 min.)  
Women's Bodyfitness (Figure) Awards (30 min.)  
Women's Bikini-Fitness Awards (30 min.)

Men's Bodybuilding - Finals (Top 5) – Rounds 2 & 3 (105  
min.)  
- Up to 70 kg  
- Up to 75 kg  
- Up to 80 kg  
- Up to 85 kg  
- Up to 90 kg  
- Up to 100 kg

- Over 100 kg

Men's Bodybuilding Awards (35 min.)

1:30 p.m. Men's Bodybuilding Overall + Awards (10 min).

**Arnold Fitness EXPO Stage**

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