

2026 and 2027 Gymnastics BC Championships & GymBC Xcel Challenge Bidding Information Package

Introduction:

Gymnastics BC invites proposals from our Gymnastics BC full member clubs to serve as hosts for the 2026 and 2027 editions of the GymBC Xcel Challenge, Compulsory BC Championships, and Optional WAG, MAG, and/or TG Gymnastics BC Championships.

The Gymnastics BC Championships and GymBC Xcel Challenge, stand as the foremost and grandest gymnastics events in the province, bringing athletes from across the region. The Gymnastics BC Championships and GymBC Xcel Challenge are traditionally held in late March to April, encompassing the GymBC Xcel Challenge, Compulsory BC Championships, and WAG Optional, MAG, and/or TG Gymnastics BC Championships. These events span two weekends, with the GymBC Xcel Challenge and Compulsory BC Championships spanning one weekend, and the Optional WAG, MAG, and/or TG Gymnastics BC Championships happening on another weekend.

Benefits:

Hosting the BC Championships presents a unique opportunity for member clubs to actively participate in the planning and execution of these two to four day events. Beyond the intrinsic value of contributing to the event's growth and enhancement, hosting the BC Championships can be highly advantageous for your club. These advantages include:

- Elevating your club's prominence within the gymnastics community.
- Showcasing your club and its vibrant community to a wide audience.
- Collaborating closely with Gymnastics BC, fostering a strong partnership.
- Generating essential funds to support your club's initiatives.

The primary objectives underpinning the BC Championships are:

- A steadfast focus on athletes, ensuring a balanced experience of artistic and trampoline gymnastics communities.
- Creation of a recognizable 'brand' for the BC Championships by standardizing protocols and award ceremonies.
- Vibrantly showcasing the BC Championships to the public, spectators, and the local community.
- Crafting a unique and captivating atmosphere through professional announcers, decorations/visual design, local television coverage, and consistent awards presentations.
- Offering the host club substantial exposure and a reliable means of fundraising.

Organization:

The organizational responsibilities for the BC Championships rest primarily with the host club, while they receive guidance from GymBC staff and the BC Championships Event Hosting Guide.

The host club assumes sole responsibility for the seamless execution of the competition, while GymBC manages the registration and withdrawal process. Following deduction of a nominal administrative fee (to be determined) per participant (athletes and coaches) and adhering to registration deadlines, all registration fees are reimbursed to the host club.

Requirements:

Please see Appendix A for the BC Championships Event hosting requirements.

2026 Preferred Dates:	2027 Preferred Dates:
*Optional WAG, MAG, and TG BC Championships: • April 10–12, 2026	*Optional WAG, MAG, and TG BC Championships: • April 2-4, 2027
Compulsory BC Championships: • April 16–17, 2026	Compulsory BC Championships: • April 17-18, 2027
GymBC Xcel Challenge: • April 18-19, 2026	GymBC Xcel Challenge: • April 15-16, 2027

^{*}Priority will be given to clubs interested in hosting the Optional WAG, MAG, and TG Gymnastics BC Championships concurrently during a single weekend. If necessary, these events may be separated based on venue capacity.

Please note:

The 2026 Western Artistic Canadian Championships are tentatively scheduled for April 23-25, 2026.

Dates:

The proposed event dates above are considered as likely to fit in the larger National/International, and GymBC Sanctioned Event Calendars. Should a significant event date be changed on a larger scale (e.g. Western or Canadian Championships), these dates may be rediscussed. Should an applicant wish to propose an alternate date, please email events@gymbc.org to discuss.

Submitting a Proposal:

Proposals may be completed using the Activity Messenger Application form, linked <u>here.</u> The deadline to submit completed applications for the 2026 and 2027 Gymnastics BC Championships events is **December 15**, 2023 at 11:59 p.m.

Contact Information

Please direct all questions and inquires to:

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Appendix A - Requirements

Items	Description
Budget	 One budget including all expenses and revenues will be developed by the host club with assistance from GBC as required. It is the responsibility of the host club to manage the budget before, during and after the event. GBC will collect event registration fees from the BC Championships registrants. GBC will remit 80% of the registration fees to the host club, minus a nominal administrative fee (to be determined) per registered participant 15 days or less after the registration deadline. The remaining 20%, less any registration fees from scratches or withdrawals, will be paid upon successful completion of the event. Registration fees are defined as - all fees collected from participants (athletes and coaches), minus reimbursement for approved withdrawals within the set deadline.
Facility	Competition Floor
	 Optional Artistic BC Championships: A full-sized hockey rink or 3 full sized basketball courts are required to accommodate MAG & WAG equipment. Compulsory BC Championships and GymBC Xcel Challenge: A full sized hickey rink or 2 full sized basketball courts are required to accommodate WAG equipment. Trampoline BC Championships: A full-sized hockey rink with a ceiling height of 8m (26" or higher) are required to accommodate TG equipment.
	Additional Venue Requirements:
	 Space available for award ceremonies. Spectator seating for 500 - 1,000 people. Two additional meeting rooms available: One for hospitality (Coaches, Judges and Volunteers): to hold 60 - 80 people and a meeting space within the venue for 20 - 45 people. Sufficient parking in proximity in a 5-minute walk radius to the venue to accommodate all spectators.
	 A facility exclusively available for the championship's dates (no other programming). Time available for set-up and take-down.
Hotel Requirements	 A block of accommodations at a host hotel for participants and event officials – approximately 50-60 rooms total. Hotel(s) to be in walking distance or a 5-10-minute drive from the competition venue. Inclusive breakfast preferred. Competitive rates including complimentary rooms and/or rebates after a certain number of room bookings.
Organization	 All aspects of the event, including but not limited to: accreditation, admissions, awards, ceremonies, hospitality, medical, photography, scoring, sponsors, socials, souvenirs, vendors, are to be created, arranged and organized by the host club, with assistance from GBC when required.
Volunteers	 Ability to secure a large number of volunteers to run a financially and technically sound event. A minimum of twenty (20) volunteers will be required for both set-up and tear-down. Please note: An additional minimum of 15 adult volunteers are required for setup and takedown of equipment, per set of equipment (trailer) being used.