

Dear AcroFriends

I imagine what you are thinking... “a letter from MIAC... they are canceling it!”... Nope! GOOD NEWS! GREAT NEWS, actually!:



**MIAC is on!!** Covid did not stop us in 2020 and will not stop us in 2021.

We will not be able to do it in the normal dates (1<sup>st</sup> week of March) because of the Portuguese and worldwide pandemic situation so we were able to postpone it to **12-16 May** (*SPOILER ALERT: it will be the exact same dates for 2022 edition*).

This letter is to put you all *up-to-date* with the current situation.

Because the Portuguese Health Authorities cannot predict the pandemic evolution for the next months (I don't think no government can, at the moment) and, by now, they do not allow any international event or any *non-seniors* competition, we have decided that the correct thing to do and the fairest one, was to postpone MIAC and communicate that as soon as possible.

We know that the next months are crucial and the rhythm and impact of the vaccine in the general population will have implications on sports, crowd events and other activities and we understand that stick to the original plan could lead us to a tough decision on 15 February and a non-return situation of cancelation the event without the chance of a new date.

In this way, the Portuguese Gymnastics Federation have asked FIG to postpone the World Cup to 12-16 May. We really want to organize it this year. It is the celebration of our **10<sup>th</sup> Acro World Cup** in a row. That is a landmark to our National Federation and, I think, for all the Acro community that can rely on this Green Team, the MIAC staff and the Portuguese Gymnastics Federation to organize, year-after-year, a consistent World Cup stage for all top performers in our sport.

**We have just received the authorization from FIG and we will be able to join events once more.**

2021 sets a really important moment to this Organizing Committee. It will be our 15<sup>th</sup> MIAC and 10<sup>th</sup> World Cup. For 15 years we organize an Acro worldwide event that as been growing steadily year after year to become a renowned and yet family-type event that gathers more than 1000 gymnasts every Spring in this little yet sports-friendly town just outside beautiful Porto.

This pandemic showed how important MIAC is more than ever. We are eager to compete, all our gymnasts are eager to perform but most of all, we are eager to meet again. Well, it will not be in March but it will be in May.

**These are the new deadlines (NO PROVISIONAL ENTRY NEEDED):**

Definitive Entry	12 March
Payment: 100% entry fee + 30% accommodation	by Definitive Entry to be valid
Nominative Entry ( <i>no reimburse after that</i> )	26 April
Payment: 70% accommodation	by Nominative Entry to be valid
Individual photo -> Nominative online system	26 April
Tariff Sheet deadline (AcroCompanion)	2 May
Musics -> Dropbox	2 May

Definitive Entry form: <https://forms.gle/ddCPuiuvfcXTeqTr9>

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A MUCH NICER 2021**

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