



MARCH 1-4, 2018 COLUMBUS, OHIO USA

Event Announcement and Calendar Listing

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Arnold Sports Festival Celebrates 30th Anniversary with 75 Sports and Events

COLUMBUS, Ohio – The **2018 Arnold Sports Festival** and the world-renowned Arnold Classic bodybuilding championships will celebrate its 30th Anniversary in 2018 when the four-day health and fitness celebration presents more than 75 sports and events March 1-4, 2018 in Columbus, Ohio.

The Arnold Sports Festival will attract an estimated 200,000 sports and fitness fans to watch 18,000 athletes compete in 75 sports and events, including 17 Olympic events, at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in downtown Columbus, the Ohio Expo Center and other Central Ohio venues.

The Arnold Classic and related IFBB Pro League events and the Arnold Amateur NPC Bodybuilding, Fitness, Figure, Bikini & Physique Championships will be held in Battelle Grand and on the Arnold Fitness EXPO Stage at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. New in 2018 is Men's Classic Physique for professional and amateur competitors.

An expanded **Arnold SportsWorld Kids & Teens EXPO** will be held March 3-4 at the Ohio Expo Center. Archery, Baton Twirling, Boxing, Cheerleading, Equestrian, Gymnastics, Martial Arts, Table Tennis and XPC Powerlifting/POWER X are among the events at the Ohio Expo Center.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and Jim Lorimer have co-produced the Arnold Sports Festival since 1989 when it debuted as a one-day bodybuilding competition known as the Arnold Classic. The Arnold Sports Festival has steadily grown into a four-day festival that features professional and amateur bodybuilding, weightlifting, powerlifting and strongman. Also featured is a lineup of youth sports that includes gymnastics, cheerleading and dance, fencing, martial arts and many others.

The **Arnold Fitness EXPO**, March 2-4 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, features more than 1,000 booths of the latest in sports equipment, apparel and nutrition and three stages that host competitions and entertainment.

New in 2018: Educational Seminars, Equestrian, Pickleball, Body Painting, and Axe Throwing.

The 17 Olympic sports featured at the Arnold Sports Festival include archery, boxing, equestrian, fencing, gymnastics, handball, judo, karate, rowing, a 5K run, soccer, swimming, table tennis, taekwondo, tennis, triathlon and weightlifting.

Midway Labs USA is the presenting sponsor of the 2018 Arnold Sports Festival.

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2018 Arnold Sports Festival

Dates: March 1-4, 2018

Locations: Most events are held at the Greater Columbus Convention Center (400 N. High St.) and Ohio Expo Center (717 E. 17th Ave.).

Hours: Events begin Thursday 10 a.m. and conclude Sunday 6 p.m. Visit www.arnoldsportsfestival.com for a complete schedule.

Arnold Fitness EXPO hours: Friday and Saturday 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Arnold SportsWorld Kids & Teens EXPO hours: Saturday 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Admission: A daily EXPO ticket (\$15 each in advance or \$20 at door; children 14 and under are admitted FREE) includes admission to most events, the Arnold Fitness EXPO and the Arnold SportsWorld Kids & Teens EXPO.

Professional and amateur bodybuilding events; IFBB Meet & Greet at the Hilton Columbus Downtown; Amateur MMA Festival at EXPRESS LIVE!; Arnold Pro Boxing and Arnold Party With The Pros at Greater Columbus Convention Center; and Arnold Sunday Showcase at Battelle Grand require a separate ticket.

Arnold VIP Ticket Packages are available for \$350 and \$600 and include exclusive benefits and premium seating to many events.

Web: www.arnoldsportsfestival.com

Tickets: www.ticketmaster.com/arnold or 800-745-3000.

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