



## New talent prepares for Acro Age Group competitions

### Preview of the 2017 European Age Group Competitions in Acrobatic Gymnastics in Rzeszow (POL)

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The Polish city of Rzeszow is the center of the Acrobatics world for the coming two weeks as it hosts the European Age Group competitions and the junior and senior European Championships. This Friday, the Age Group competitions start.

Gymnasts will compete in either the 11 to 16 or the 12 to 18 age group. 24 National Federations have registered for the 11 – 16, featuring 30 Women’s Pairs, 10 Men’s Pairs, 16 Mixed Pairs, 32 Women’s Groups and 4 Men’s Groups. In the 12 – 18 category, 20 National Federations will participate with a total of 21 Women’s Pairs, 10 Men’s Pairs, 17 Mixed Pairs, 23 Women’s Groups and 9 Men’s Groups.

#### **Who to watch?**

The most experienced age group gymnast is Belgium’s Yana Vastavel who partnered with Solano Cassamajor to take three silver medals at the 2015 European Games in Baku (AZE). She now competes as a member of a women’s group, looking to pass on her experience to

her teammates. Other familiar names are Olivia Procter (GBR) who won the silver medal in the 11 – 16 age group at previous European Age Group Competitions in Riesa (GER) and the Portuguese men’s group featuring Miguel Silva, Henrique Silva, Joao Pereira and Henrique Piqueiro who will look to improve on the bronze medal won two years ago.

Always worth keeping your eye out for are the gymnasts from nations with a strong acrobatic tradition like Russia, Great Britain, Ukraine, Belarus, Belgium, Portugal and Israel.

Find the full participants lists on our website!

### **Competition format**

All pairs and groups are required to perform two exercise in qualification: a balance and a dynamic routine. The combined score will determine the finalists as the top 6 (less than 12 participants) or top 10 (more than 12 participants), with a limit to 1 per country, advance to Sunday’s final.

The finalists in the 11 – 16 age group perform either their balance (mixed pairs and women’s groups) or their dynamic (women’s pairs, men’s pairs and men’s groups) exercise again while the 12 – 18 finalists perform their combined routine.

### **Schedule**

#### **Friday 13 October – QUALIFICATIONS**

09:30 – 12:50    11 – 16                      Women’s group Dynamic

Women’s pair Balance

13:15 – 13:50    Opening Ceremony

13:50 – 15:25    11 – 16                      Mixed pair Dynamic

Men’s pair Balance

*Out of competition: Men's group Balance*

15:40 – 19:05    12 – 18            Women's pair Balance  
Men's group Balance  
Women's group Dynamic

19:20 – 20:50    12 – 18            Mixed pair Dynamic  
Men's pair Balance

**Saturday 14 October 2017 – QUALIFICATIONS**

9:30 – 12:50      11 – 16            Women's group Balance  
Women's pair Dynamic

13:50 – 15:25    11 – 16            Mixed pair Balance  
Men's pair Dynamic

*Out of competition: Men's group Dynamic*

15:40 – 19:05    12 – 18            Women's pair Dynamic  
Men's group Dynamic  
Women's group Balance

19:20 – 20:50    12 – 18            Mixed pair Balance

Men's pair Dynamic

**Sunday 15 October 2017 – FINALS**

10:30 – 11:30 11 – 16 Women's group Balance

Women's pair Dynamic

*Followed by the Award ceremonies*

12:00 – 13:00 11 – 16 Mixed pair Balance

Men's pair Dynamic

*Out of competition: Men's group Dynamic*

*Followed by the Award ceremonies*

15:00 – 16:00 12 – 18 Women's group Combined

Women's pair Combined

*Followed by the Award ceremonies*

16:30 – 17:45 12 – 18 Mixed pair Combined

Men' pair Combined

Men's group Combined

*Followed by the Award ceremonies*

## **How to follow the competition?**

Our global partner SmartScoring will provide a livestream of the entire competition on [gymtv.online](http://gymtv.online). Live scoring will be linked to this.

Also, the Olympic Channel will livestream this event. The Olympic Channel is a groundbreaking global platform where fans can experience the power of sport and the excitement of the Olympic Games all year round, and is available worldwide via mobile apps for [Android](#) and [iOS](#) devices and at [olympicchannel.com](http://olympicchannel.com).

As usual UEG will provide start lists, results, interviews, quotes, videos and competition reports on its website and social media. Results of past championships are available on our website.

Official hashtag of the event: #ACRO2017

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