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48TH WORLD ARMWRESTLING
& 29TH WORLD PARA ARMWRESTLING
CHAMPIONSHIPS

SUDBURY · ONTARIO · CANADA
AUGUST 19 – 31, 2027

★ **50 YEARS OF PULLING TOGETHER** ★

INVITATION PACKAGES

World Armwrestling Federation · Team Canada Armwrestling Federation

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INVITATION

Team Canada Armwrestling Federation, (TCAF) would like to officially invite you as WAF Member country to attend the 48th World Armwrestling and 29th World Para Armwrestling Championships, which will be held in Sudbury, Ontario, Canada, from August 19th to August 31st, 2027.

This World Championships marks a special milestone — ★ 50 Years of Pulling Together ★ — celebrating half a century of the World Armwrestling Federations 1977 to 2027.

All Finals and Senior Best 8 will be broadcast live on PPV platform, available for all WAF Members media partners on pay-per-view basis. Complete championships (preliminaries) will be live streamed on the WAF YouTube Channel.

The Federation is prepared to receive more than 2,000 competitors, officials and supporters from over 60 participating countries.

Teams are expected to arrange VISA formalities (if needed), airport transfers, transport, accommodation and other services with the local organizing committee (LOC). Championships online registration and other matters will be arranged with the WAF.

Host Country CANADA

Facts about CANADA

Location: North America
Time Zone: Eastern EDT (UTC-4) in August
Area: 9,984,670 sq. km — world's 2nd largest country
Population: ~38.2 million
Official Languages: English and French
Currency: Canadian Dollar (CAD)
Exchange Rate (approx.):
- 1 EUR ≈ 1.45–1.50 CAD
- 1 USD ≈ 1.35–1.40 CAD

Exchange rates vary daily.
Administrative Divisions: 10 Provinces & 3 Territories
International Memberships: UN, NATO, G7, G20, Commonwealth, WTO

Climate — August in Sudbury
August in Sudbury delivers warm, sunny weather ideal for international sport. Daytime temperatures range 20°C to 27°C (68–81°F). Evenings are cool (12–16°C). Low humidity and minimal rainfall make this perfect for indoor competition and outdoor exploration.

Cultural Etiquette
- Canadians are known for warmth and politeness.
- Tipping (15–20%) is customary at restaurants.
- English and French are official; English predominates in Sudbury.
- Smoking is prohibited in most indoor and public spaces.

Interesting Facts
- Second-largest country in the world by total area.
- Home to Niagara Falls and the Rocky Mountains.
- Founding member of the United Nations and NATO.
- Known globally for hockey, maple syrup, and natural wilderness.

Groovy 70's Retro Theme

Turn back the clock! In honour of ★ **50 Years of Pulling Together** ★ — the World Armwrestling Federation's 1977 to 2027 — the 2027 Championships in Sudbury go full 1970s. Think peace signs, sunburst colours, bell-bottoms, big hair and big arms. Teams, athletes and supporters are warmly invited to dress in the part and join the groove all week long.

The **City of Sudbury** is building a large, tented area in the massive parking lot, turning the asphalt into a retro party village — with food, music, events and a beer garden — where the whole championship community can gather between rounds and after the finals.



What's Happening in the Tent

- **Food:** a lineup of food offerings to refuel between rounds and after the finals.
- **Music:** 1970s-themed stage, with plenty of room to dance.
- **Events:** special events and entertainment, including armwrestling right in the tent.
- **Beer Garden:** picnic-table seating to raise a glass with friends from around the world.











Championship Schedule

TEAMS ARRIVAL	Wednesday, August 19th, 2027	
Thursday, August 20th, 2027 Host Hotel		**LOCATION**
10:00–14:00	Team Registration	Host Hotel Georgian Room DE
14:00	Asian Continental Meeting	Host Hotel Georgian Room BC
15:00	South & North American Continental/ African Continental Meeting (Times Vary)	Host Hotel Meeting Room 192
18:00	European Continental Meeting	Host Hotel Georgian Room BC
Friday, August 21st, 2027 Host Hotel		
09:00–14:00	**WEIGH-IN MASTERS**	Host Hotel Georgian Room E
10:00	Referee Seminar, certification Para Classification	Host Hotel Georgian Room D
15:00	Technical meeting	Host Hotel Georgian Room A
17:00	World Armwrestling Federation Congress	Host Hotel Georgian Room BC
Saturday ››› Left & Right Arm All Masters August 22nd, 2027 · Venue & Hotel		
09:00	**QUALIFICATIONS MASTERS LEFT & RIGHT**	Arena
10:00–15:00	**WEIGH-IN PARA**	Arena Weigh in Room
14:00–16:00	Classification Seminar, certification	Arena Upstairs Meeting Space
16:00	**OPENING CEREMONY**	Arena
17:00	**FINALS & AWARDS MASTERS LEFT & RIGHT**	Arena
Sunday ››› Left Arm Sub-Juniors 15, Juniors 18, Youth 23 August 23rd, 2027 · Venue		
09:00	**QUALIFICATIONS PARA LEFT**	Arena
17:00	**FINALS & AWARDS PARA LEFT**	Arena
Monday ››› Right Arm Sub-Juniors 15, Juniors 18, Youth 23 August 24th, 2027 · Venue		
09:00	**QUALIFICATIONS PARA RIGHT**	Arena
10:00	**WEIGH-IN JUNIORS**	Arena Weigh in Room
17:00	**FINALS & AWARDS PARA RIGHT**	Arena
Tuesday ››› Left Arm All Para August 25th, 2027 · Venue		
09:30	**QUALIFICATIONS JUNIORS LEFT**	Arena
16:30	**FINALS & AWARDS JUNIORS LEFT**	Arena
Wednesday ››› Right Arm All Para August 26th, 2027 · Venue		
09:30	**QUALIFICATIONS JUNIORS RIGHT**	Arena
10:00–14:00	**WEIGH-IN SENIORS**	Arena Weigh in Room
16:30	**FINALS & AWARDS JUNIORS RIGHT**	Arena
Thursday ››› Left Arm Seniors | Men: –55, 60, 70, 80, 90, 110 kg | Women: –50, 60, 70, 90 kg August 27th, 2027 · Venue		
09:00	**QUALIFICATIONS SENIORS LEFT**	Arena
14:00	**BEST8, SEMI-FINALS, FINALS & AWARDS**	Arena
Friday ››› Left Arm Seniors | Men: 65, 75, 85, 100, +110 kg | Women: 55, 65, 80, +90 kg August 28th, 2027 · Venue		
09:00	**QUALIFICATIONS SENIORS LEFT**	Arena
14:00	**BEST8, SEMI-FINALS, FINALS & AWARDS**	Arena
Saturday ››› Right Arm Seniors | Men: –55, 60, 70, 80, 90, 110 kg | Women: –50, 60, 70, 90 kg August 29th, 2027 · Venue		
09:00	**QUALIFICATIONS SENIORS RIGHT**	Arena
14:00	**BEST8, SEMI-FINALS, FINALS & AWARDS**	Arena
Sunday ››› Right Arm Seniors | Men: 65, 75, 85, 100, +110 kg | Women: 55, 65, 80, +90 kg August 30th, 2027 · Venue		
09:00	**QUALIFICATIONS SENIORS RIGHT**	Arena
14:00	**BEST8, SEMI-FINALS, FINALS & AWARDS**	Arena
21:00	**CLOSING CEREMONY — ALL PARTICIPANTS**	Arena
TEAMS DEPARTURE	Monday, August 31st, 2027	

!!!! EVERY COMPETITION DAY CHECK-IN OPENS 30 MINUTES BEFORE THE SCHEDULED TIME

Weigh-in Procedures

WEIGH-IN SCHEDULE — Masters Weigh-ins at the Host Hotel, all other Weigh-ins will be held at Gerry McCrory Countryside Sports Complex

#	Date	Category	Time
1st	Friday, August 21st, 2027	All Masters (40+, Grand 50+, Senior Grand 60+, Super 70+)	09:00–14:00
2nd	Saturday, August 22nd, 2027	All Classified Para Athletes	10:00–15:00
3rd	Monday, August 24th, 2027	Sub-Juniors 15, Juniors 18, Youth 23	10:00
4th	Wednesday, August 26th, 2027	All Seniors	10:00–14:00

Weigh-in Procedure for Team Captains

- Team Captain must be present during weigh-in to answer any questions.
- Order: Ladies 50, 55, 60 kg and continue… Men 55, 60, 65 kg and continue…
- If a competitor does not make weight, they have until 15:00 to return for the second weigh-in.
- A test scale will be available near weigh-in rooms.
- A competitor has the right to use the official weigh-in scales only two times.
- Junior & Master Athletes competing in Senior classes must do the second weigh-in with the Seniors.

Weigh-in Procedure for Athletes

Each athlete must provide: (a) Photocopy and original of identity document; (b) Weigh-in ticket from Team Captain; (c) GDPR signed declaration (if provided).

- Only two official weigh-ins are allowed.
- After weigh-in, competitor must leave the Weigh-in room.
- Athlete collects official competitor badge from Team Captain.



Weight Classes & Age Groups

2027 WAF Armwrestling Categories

• = weight class competed | M = Male | F = Female | Weights shown are upper limits in kg

CLASS	CODE	GEN	-40	-45	-50	-55	-60	-65	-70	-75/80	85/90/100	+110
SUB-JUNIOR 15	K/K.	M	•	-45	-50	-55	-60	-65	-70	70+		
SUB-JUNIOR 15	K/K.	F	-40	-45	-50	-55	-60		-70	70+		
JUNIOR 18	J/J.	M			-50	-55	-60	-65	-70	-75/-80	90	90+
JUNIOR 18	J/J.	F		-45	-50	-55	-60	-65	-70	70+		
YOUTH 23	Y/Y.	M				-55	-60	-65	-70	-75 -80	-85 -90 -100	-110 110+
YOUTH 23	Y/Y.	F			-50	-55	-60	-65	-70	-80	-90 90+	
SENIOR	M/W	M				-55	-60	-65	-70	-75 -80	-85 -90 -100	-110 110+
SENIOR	M/W	F			-50	-55	-60	-65	-70	-80	-90 90+	
MASTER 40+	V/V.	M					-60		-70	-80	-90 -100	-110 110+
MASTER 40+	V/V.	F					-60		-70	-80	80+	
GRAND MASTER 50+	VG/VG	M							-70	-80	-90 -100	100+
GRAND MASTER 50+	VG/VG.	F					-60		-70	-80	80+	
SR GRAND MASTER 60+	VS	M							-70	-80	-100	100+
SUPER SR MASTER 70+	VP	M									OPEN	

2027 WAF Para-Armwrestling Categories

D: Physical Impairment sitting · U: Physical Impairment standing · DA/UA: with upper limb impairment · E: Visual · H: Hearing · DC/UC: Cerebral palsy

PARA CLASS	CODE	GEN	-50	-55	-60	-65	-70	-75	-80	-85/90	100+
PID Sitting (D)	D	M		-55		-65		-75			-100 100+
PID Sitting (D)	D.	F		-55		-65	65+				
PID Junior 23	DJ	M									OPEN
PID Junior 23	DJ.	F									OPEN
PIDH Sitting	DA	M							-80	80+	
PIU Standing (U)	U	M			-60		-70		-80	-90	90+
PIU Standing (U)	U.	F		-55		-65	65+				
PIUH Standing (UA)	UA	M							-85	-85+	
PIUH Standing (UA)	UA.	F				-65	65+				
PIU Junior 23	UJ	M		-55		-65	65+				
PIU Junior 23	UJ.	F	-50	50+							
PIUH Junior 23	UAJ	M			+60	60+					
VI Visual Standing (E)	E	M			-60		-70		-80	-90	-100 100+
VI Visual Standing (E)	E.	F			-60		-70	70+			
VI Junior 23	EJ	M		-55		-65	65+				
VI Junior 23	EJ.	F	-50	50+							
HI Hearing Standing (H)	H	M			-60		-70		-80	-90	-100 100+
HI Hearing Standing (H)	H.	F			-60		-70	70+			
HI Junior 23	HJ	M		-55		-65	65+				
HI Junior 23	HJ.	F	-50	50+							
CPD Sitting (DC)	DC	M		-55		-65	65+				
CPU Standing (UC)	UC	M			-60		-70		-80	80+	
CPU Standing (UC)	UC.	F									OPEN

Age Groups

Sub-Juniors 15 (K/K.)	Junior 18 (J/J.)	Youth 23 (Y/Y.)	Seniors All Ages (M/W)	Masters 40+ (V/V.)	Grand Masters 50+ (VG/VG.)	Senior Grand Masters 60+ (VS)	Super Senior Grand Masters 70+ (VP)

Multiple Entries Registration

- Sub-Juniors 15 cannot register in any other class.
- Junior 18 cannot register in Youth 23 classes.
- Juniors 18 & Youth 23 can register in Seniors classes.
- Masters, Grand, Senior Grand and Super Grand Masters can register in Seniors classes.
- Para athletes cannot register in able athlete's classes.
- Fees paid due to wrong registration of multiple entries will not be refunded.

Entry Visa Information

VISA / ETA REQUIRED

Most foreign nationals require either a Visitor Visa or an Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA) to enter Canada. Citizens of visa-exempt countries (EU, UK, Australia, Japan, South Korea, and others) require an ETA — a quick online process. Citizens of non-exempt countries will need a Temporary Resident Visa.

Check the latest requirements at: www.canada.ca/immigration

VISA SUPPORT

All National Federation athletes and officials (including referees) requiring a visa are kindly requested to send delegation details (name, surname, role, nationality, date of birth, passport number, passport expiry date) together with a clear copy of each passport to:

Official invitation letters will be issued within 3 working days of receiving required documents.

After receiving the official invitation letter, participants should apply for their visa/ETA through: www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/visit-canada.html

Arrival by Air

SUDBURY (YSB) — Greater Sudbury Airport

Most international participants will travel via Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ) and connect onward to Sudbury by regional flight, coach, or rental car.

Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ) — Main Entry Point

Toronto Pearson is Canada's largest international airport with direct flights from more than 60 countries. From Toronto, participants can reach Sudbury by:

- Direct regional flight to Sudbury (YSB) — approximately 1 hour. Multiple daily connections.
- Intercity bus/coach from Toronto to Sudbury — approximately 4–5 hours.
- Car rental via Highway 400 North / Highway 69 North — approximately 4 hours.

Travel Tips

- Arrive at international airports at least 3 hours before departure.
- Canadian customs and immigration can take 30–90 minutes — plan accordingly.
- Keep passport, visa
- Free Wi-Fi is available at all major Canadian airports.

Direct International Connectivity to Toronto (YYZ)

Europe: UK, Ireland, France, Germany, Netherlands, Switzerland, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Poland, Ukraine, and more.

Americas: United States (multiple cities), Mexico, Brazil, Colombia, Argentina, Caribbean.

Asia & Middle East: UAE, Qatar, India, Japan, South Korea, China, Philippines, Singapore.

Africa & Oceania: Kenya, Ethiopia, Morocco, Australia.

Curated Transit Plans From Toronto Airport YYZ

We worked with travel agencies to find the best way for your team to travel after arriving in Canada. We have reserved a fleet of **50-seat, high-quality charter buses** that run **directly from Toronto Airport (YYZ) to Sudbury**.

We reviewed flights from the main airports in Europe and Asia. Our findings are clear: **once you land in Toronto, the charter bus is the better choice.**

Why the charter is better than flying from Toronto to Sudbury

Toronto is your first point of entry to Canada, so a connecting flight means many steps:

- Collect your checked bags
- Go through immigration
- Recheck your bags
- Go through security again
- Wait at the gate
- Fly to Sudbury (just over 1 hour)
- Collect your bags a second time
- Find your way out of the airport and to the hotel shuttle

Flight schedules from major European and Asian airports also leave your team with a long wait in Toronto before the Sudbury flight.

What the charter bus gives you

- **Far less costly than flying** The charter price per person is much lower than the flight to Sudbury
- **Teams using this service will not pay an additional transport fee.**
- **Half the time.** The bus ride takes 4 hours. The flying process (leaving the first plane, three rounds of baggage handling, security, waiting, and the shuttle in Sudbury) takes twice as long.
- **Bags handled once.** Collect your luggage, one time. No rechecking and no extra security.
- **Easier to manage.** Your whole team travels together on one bus. Athletes and team leaders never get separated once they arrive in country.
- **Dedicated service.** For large teams, we plan **one bus per country, per category** as you arrive.
- **Translators,** for each country specific bus we are providing an appropriate translator dedicated to helping your collect your team and complete your trip.
- **Dedicated Charters go direct to your designated hotels.**

Half the cost. Half the time. Far less stress.

To prepare please provide us with an estimate of your expected travelers by category, Masters, Para, Juniors, and Seniors so that we can start to build out your custom transportation plan.

General Hotel Information

All national teams must be accommodated only in the official hotel appointed by the Organizer. Made through the authorized National Team Manager. Reservations made outside the organizing committee will result in competitors losing the right to compete.

The minimum stay is three (3) nights: check-in on the day before official weigh-in, check-out on the day following the athlete's last competition day.

The host has designated a specific set-up of hotels for the Para athletes that are best suited to accommodate them very well with modern accessibility features.

It is the desire of the Host to start all elements of accommodations, well in advance, as team managers ourselves, we understand the explicit pressure that it puts on the attending teams, when the ability to book your hotel rooms comes very close to the actual event time. To combat this we are creating a room booking block logic that allows countries to put down deposits to secure particular rooms at particular hotels at the start of 2027, there is no obligation, the deposit simply allows you first choice of all accommodations, with the full ability to adjust and cancel rooms up until 30 days prior to the event.

Official Host Hotel

The Official Host Hotel is the Cottonwood Suites and Holiday Inn, centrally located with outstanding amenities for our delegates.

• **Accommodation in a double or single room** • **Breakfast Included** • **Lunch and Dinner Packages** • **Indoor swimming pool access** • **Spa tub access**	• **High speed Wi-Fi throughout** • **Hotel – Venue – Hotel transport & special transport** • **Conference Center for all WAF meetings** • **24-hour business center access** • **Complimentary on-site parking**

Main Hotel — Cottonwood Suites and Holiday Inn

Cottonwood Suites/Holiday Inn Sudbury
1696 Regent Street, Sudbury, ON P3E 3Z8
Phone: +1 (705) 522-0000
Website: ihg.com/holidayinn/sudbury

Hotel Overview
A full-service IHG hotel renovated in 2023, located off Highway 69 with easy access to Laurentian University, Science North, Health Sciences North, and major Sudbury attractions. 4 km from city center, ~36 km from Sudbury Airport (YSB).

Room Details
141 fully air-conditioned guest rooms across 6 floors.
- King, 2 Queens and Suites configuration
- 42-inch flat-screen HD TV with in-room movies
- Mini-fridge and Keurig coffee machine
- Ergonomic work desk and chair
- Complimentary high-speed Wi-Fi & local calls

Hotel Facilities
- Indoor heated swimming pool (8:00 AM – 9:30 PM)
- 24-hour business center with A/V equipment
- 14,531 sq. ft. (1,350 m²) of conference & meeting space
- On-site restaurant (American cuisine)
- Bar / lounge (Rendez Vous Lounge)
- Currency exchange, ATM on premises
- Express check-out, laundry service, porter/bellhop
- Roll-in shower accessible rooms available
- Safe-deposit box at front desk
- Ample complimentary on-site parking
- Pet-friendly rooms available

Location & Nearby Attractions
4 km to city center · 2.3 km to Science North
2.9 km to Dynamic Earth (Big Nickel)
1.7 km to Bell Park waterfront
Close to Laurentian University & Health Sciences North

Official Championships Venue

Gerry McCrory Countryside Sports Complex
235 Countryside Drive
Sudbury, Ontario, Canada, P3A 5A2
Phone: 705-688-3927

A premier twin-pad indoor sports complex operated by the City of Greater Sudbury, purpose-built for major sporting events. Has hosted multiple national and international championships including 2023 Canadian Mixed Doubles, 2026 Canadian Junior, and 2026 Canadian Under-21 Mixed Doubles curling championships.

Main Competition Pad — Ice Pad #1

Floor Surface	**96 ft × 208 ft (29.3 m × 63.4 m)**
Seating Capacity	740 seats
Standing Room	171 additional
Floor Capacity	1,500 persons
Viewing Gallery	100 persons
Dressing Rooms	Six full

Secondary Pad — Ice Pad #2

Floor Surface	**85 ft × 200 ft (25.9 m × 61.0 m)**
Seating Capacity	350 seats
Standing Room	100 additional
Floor Capacity	1,200 persons
Dressing Rooms	Six full

Championship Configuration
For the 48th World Armwrestling & 29th World Para Armwrestling Championships, both pads will be specially configured to create a world-class competition environment:

- **Multiple armwrestling competition tables running simultaneously**
- **Dedicated warm-up and athlete preparation zones**
- **Officials' workstations and timing/scoring stations**
- **Media and broadcast facilities**
- **VIP and spectator seating with excellent sightlines**
- **Weigh-in rooms within the complex**
- **Accessible design for Para athletes and spectators**
- **On-site concession and catering services**

Combined Venue Statistics

Total Floor Capacity	**2,700+ people (both pads)**
Total Seating	1,090 seats (both pads)
Total Dressing Rooms	14 rooms (12 full + 2 alternate)
Built	1993
Operator	City of Greater Sudbury
Category	Twin-pad indoor arena

HERE:
✓ All Championships (August 22–30, 2027)
✓ All Weigh-ins (master's at Host Hotel)
✓ Opening & Closing Ceremonies

Transportation
~4 km from the Holiday Inn Sudbury. Complimentary shuttle transportation is provided multiple times daily according to the competition schedule.

GPS: 235 Countryside Drive, Sudbury, ON P3A 5A2

Anti-Doping Procedures

DOPING CONTROL

Anti-Doping Control will take place after each category podium ceremony. All medalists must go to the anti-doping committee desk near the stage. Passport or National ID must be prepared. The World Anti-Doping Rules and the WADA Code shall apply throughout the championships. Random and/or targeted tests will be conducted In Competition and may be carried out out-of-competition prior to, during, or after the championships.

TUE (THERAPEUTIC USE EXEMPTION)

Athletes taking any substance listed in the WADA “Prohibited List” for therapeutic purposes are requested to visit: http://www.waf-armwrestling.com/anti-doping/forbiden-substances/

TUE applications must be sent to antidoping@waf-armwrestling.com by no later than 15th of July 2027. More info and forms: http://www.waf-armwrestling.com/tue/



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