



IFBB President, Dr. Rafael Santonja and Giovanni Arendsz, President of the Aruba Bodybuilding & Fitness Federation extend a warm welcome to all IFBB-affiliated, National Federations wishing to participate in the 2022 Giovanni Classic Aruba to be held in Oranjestad, Aruba on the 25th and 26th of March 2022.

Bon Bini! Welcome to Aruba!



Located 15 miles (29 km) north of Venezuela in the warm waters of the southern Caribbean, Aruba is home to beautiful white-sand beaches, 82-degree (28°C) days, and some of the warmest people in the world. Aruba's rich, multicultural past is reflected in the, cuisine, architecture and the warm, friendly people. What began as a fishing outpost for Amerindians has changed hands between the Spanish and Dutch throughout the centuries, and is now a diverse constituent country of the Netherlands.

The Island is 19.6 miles (32 km) long and 6 miles (10 km) across, with a total area of 69 square miles (179 sq. km). Located just below the hurricane belts, and unlike many of the other islands in the Caribbean, the climate is dry, so rarely does it rain. On the south and west coasts of Aruba you'll find Oranjestad, the capital city, and miles of beaches which have been named the best in the world. Here you will find most of the hotels, all-inclusive resorts, and Queen Beatrix International Airport (AUA).

The interior of the island is desert like and it is where you will find Arikok National Park, a preserve with a variety of wildlife, cacti and dramatic rock formations. You will also find some of Aruba's most striking views, as the ocean crashes against the rugged shoreline. On the northeast coast, along the windward shore, you will see the island's unofficial mascots, the Fofoti Tree. The constant trade winds have permanently sculpted them into graceful, southwesterly bending forms.

Language:

Most Arubans speak at least four languages': English, Spanish, the native language of Papiamentu as well as the official language of Dutch.



Getting Around Aruba:

There is daily bus service throughout the island and all along the Palm Beach and Eagle Beach hotel strip and the main city of Oranjestad. The central bus station in downtown Oranjestad is located across the road from the cruise terminal downtown next to Royal Plaza. Taxis are readily available but can be costly. Rental cars are easily available for drivers 25 years and older, with a valid international drivers' license and credit card

Aruba Currency



The currency in Aruba is Florin (**AWG**). US Dollars are widely accepted and it is not necessary to do currency exchange. Exchange rate for US dollars is **AWG 1.77** for cash and **AWG 1.78** for traveler's checks. (**AWG 1.75** at supermarkets and gas stations / **AWG 1.80** at shops and restaurants). Some shops will not accept US \$50 or US \$100 due to worldwide counterfeiting and generally may not be able to give change in US currency but will do so with the local currency. All major credit cards and travelers checks are accepted.

Electric current: 120 V, 60 Hz, socket/plugs type A, B and F. More details at: <https://www.worldstandards.eu/electricity/plug-voltage-by-country/>

Travel to Aruba:

COVID -19 ARUBA ENTRY PROTOCOLS

To help ensure the health and well-being of Aruba's residents and visitors, the Government of Aruba continually assesses the overall environment related to COVID-19 and modifies a variety of health and safety entry and on-island protocols, as necessary. Entry protocols may differ and change depending on the risk assessment of all countries (low-risk, high risk or very high risk) which is updated regularly. For all information on entry protocols as it relates to testing requirements, the **required** on island COVID insurance, mask protocols, FAQ, please review

[Official COVID-19 Update & Travel restrictions | Aruba](#)

PLEASE REVIEW THE PROTOCOLS REGULARLY PRIOR TO TRAVEL AS THEY MAY BE UPDATED.

Additionally, for entry to Aruba, all visitors (including children) will be required to complete the online Embarkation/Disembarkation card process and be approved in order to be permitted entry to Aruba. This process can **only** be done within 3 days PRIOR to arrival when all documentation and test results are in available.

The new ED card process includes five components. Do take note carefully, as there are important steps, and visitors will not be granted access to Aruba without completing the process. Note: You will need a valid passport and a valid email address that you have access to. Upon successful completion, each arrival will receive an approval to enter Aruba. This approval will also need to be shown to any airline upon check-in or prior to boarding.

For all information, [Aruba Online ED \(edcardaruba.aw\)](http://edcardaruba.aw)

ARUBA ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Travel to Aruba from the USA, Canada, South America, Europe and the Caribbean is possible via most major carriers, either non-stop or with convenient connections. A current passport is required. American, Canadian, and EU citizens or Schengen passport holders do not require visas

Upon arrival in Aruba all visitors must have

- A passport that is valid upon entry and for the duration of ones' stay in Aruba. If the visitor holds a passport from a country that requires a visa to enter Aruba (please see list of countries below), he /she must present a valid visa document with the passport

LIST A. NATIONALS WHO NEED A VISA TO TRAVEL TO ARUBA

Nationals of one the following countries need a visa to travel to Aruba:

Afghanistan	Fiji	Morocco	Syria
Algeria	Gabon	Mozambique	Tajikistan
Angola	Gambia	Myanmar	Tanzania
Armenia	Georgia	Namibia	Thailand
Azerbaijan	Ghana	Nauru	Togo
Bahrain	Guinea Republic	Nepal	Tonga
Bangladesh	Guinee-Bissau	Niger	Turkmenistan
Belarus	Haiti	Nigeria	Tunisia
Benin	India	North Korea	Turaku
Bhutan	Indonesia	Northern Mariana Isl.	Turkey
Bolivia	Iran	Oman	Tuvalu
Botswana	Iraq	Pakistan	Uganda
Burkina Faso	Jamaica	Palau	Ukraine
Burundi	Jordan	Palestinian National	Uzbekistan
Cambodia	Kazakhstan	Authority	Vanuatu
Cameroon	Kenya	Papua New Guinea	Vietnam
Cape Verde Islands	Kiribati	Peru	Yemen
Central Africa Rep.	Kuwait	Philippines	Zambia
Chad	Kyrgyzstan	Qatar	Zimbabwe
China (People's Rep.)	Laos	Rwanda	
Comoros Isl.	Lebanon	Russian Federation	
Congo (Brazzaville)	Lesotho	Samoa	
Congo (Kinshasa)	Liberia	Sao Tomé and Principe	
Cote d'Ivoire	Libya	Saudi Arabia	
Cuba	Madagascar	Senegal	
Djibouti	Malawi	Sierra Leone	
Dominican Republic	Maldives	Solomon Islands	
East Timor	Mali	Somalia	
Egypt	Marshall Islands	South Africa	
Equatorial Guinea	Mauritania	Sri Lanka	
Eritrea	Micronesia	Sudan	
Ethiopia	Mongolia	Swaziland	

- A completed on line Embarkation and Disembarkation card (ED- card) **as noted in the previous COVID entry protocol section**
- A valid return- or onward ticket;
- The necessary documents for returning to the country of origin or to a country that he/she has the right to enter, for example a valid residence permit (temporary or permanent), a re-entry permit or a (entry) visa;
- If so requested, any visitors may need to show proof of a valid reservation for an accommodation in Aruba (e.g. hotel or apartment) or that he/she owns property in Aruba (a residence, condominium, apartment, timeshare apartment or a pleasure yacht moored in Aruba;

- If so requested, any visitor may need to show proof to the satisfaction of the migration officer of adequate financial means to provide for hotel expenses (if applicable) and living expenses during his/her stay or that he/she has a declaration of guarantee from a legal resident of Aruba.

The final authorization for admission to Aruba remains with the migration officer at the border-crossing/port of entry. The migration authorities at the border-crossing/port of entry have the authority to grant or refuse admission. Admission can be refused if not all admission requirements are fulfilled by the time of entering Aruba or if a visitor has been blacklisted. Holding a valid visa does not guarantee entry into Aruba.

It is the athlete and his / her National Federation's responsibility to obtain an entry visa for Aruba. All National Federations may request for an invitation letter from the Giovanni Classic Organizing Committee. This invitation letter does not mean you are granted your visa. Please note that application for visas will need to be made with the nearest Consulate of The Netherlands and should be made no less than 4-6 weeks in advance.

The Giovanni Classic Organizing Committee is not responsible for participants' visa requests or approvals

Any athlete who requested and received an invitation from the host Organizing Committee of the Giovanni Classic for visa purposes and uses this visa to unlawfully stay in Aruba or is involved in any illegal activity will be subject to Aruba's disciplinary proceedings and measures. Any costs associated with any such measures is the responsibility of the individual and his / her National Federation and NOT the responsibility of the host Organizing Committee.

GIOVANNI CLASSIC EVENT INFORMATION

Schedule of Activities (tentative)

March 25th, 2022 (Friday)

09:00 – 13:00 - Registration and Weigh-In Cas di Cultura

13:00 (tentative) – Team Managers and Judges Meeting

17:00 - Prejudging (Dependent on Athlete inscription)

March 26th, 2022 (Saturday)

14:00 - Finals

THE VENUE

Cas di Cultura Theatre and Cultural Center

Vondellaan 2, Oranjestad, Aruba

Phone: +297 582 1010

<https://www.casdicultura.aw/>



FACEMASK PROTOCOLS

Facemasks are required INSIDE the venue. This will apply to the registration and weigh-in for all athletes, judges, coaches and officials.

For the competition, face masks will be required for all those in the audience and all athletes, coaches and other authorized personnel backstage. Athletes may remove their masks while competing on stage.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

All costs of traveling, hotel accommodations, transport from and to the airport, local transportation and meals are the responsibilities of the National Federations and/or the individual athletes.

Accommodations

Aruba has a wide variety of accommodations from internationally known brand resorts, All-inclusive resorts, boutique hotels, time share resorts, condominiums, apartments and private homes. Some recommendations are listed below:

Talk of the Town Hotel & Beach Club (No private kitchen facilities. Closest to the venue)

Lloyd G. Smith Blvd 2, Oranjestad, Aruba

Phone: 297 5243300

Email: info@tottaruba.com

<https://www.tottaruba.com/>

Camacuri Residence & Apartments (close by)

Avenida Milo Croes 46B; Oranjestad, Aruba

Phone: +297 582 6805

info@camacuri.com

<https://www.camacuriapartmentsaruba.com/>

Cadushi Apartments (close by)

Stadionweg 4-b, 0000 Oranjestad, Aruba

Phone: 297 593 1770

Email: info@cadushiapartments.com

<http://www.cadushiapartments.com>

Eagle Resort Aruba (3 miles / 5 km) (with kitchenettes)

J.E. Irausquin Blvd #248; Eagle Beach, Aruba

Phone: 297-587-9000

Ms. Vanessa Leon Email: Reservations@eaglearuba.com
<http://www.eaglearuba.com>

Arubas Life Vacation Residences (5 miles / 9 km) (with full kitchens)

Noord 44 Z; Noord, Aruba

Phone: 297 699 2979

Email: reservations@arubaslifecom

<http://www.arubaslifecom>

Entry Forms Contact Details:

The deadline for submission of the **Final Entry Form** is **March 18th**, 2022 and submitted to the

IFBB Head Office: Ms. Vanessa Leon E-mail: contact@ifbb.com

IFBB Technical Committee: Eng. Andrew Michalak E-mail: amichalak5@gmail.com

and copied to

Aruba Bodybuilding & Powerlifting Association – Mr. Edward Malone, e.malone@aruba.com

Participation:

This competition is open to ALL IFBB-AFFILIATED NATIONAL FEDERATIONS from all over the world. Registration of amateur athletes will only be considered if their **IFBB-affiliated** National Federation nominates them. Such Federations must not have any debts with the IFBB and/or

any of its promoters and agents. It is the responsibility of each Federation that all dues are current to the IFBB.

Official Athlete Registration:

Registration and weigh-in will take place on Friday, March 25th, 2022 from 09:00 to 13:00 at the Cas di Cultura venue.

All athletes will have to produce their current IFBB International Card (Blue Book) upon registration. Any athlete who has not yet purchased or renewed his/her IFBB International Card may do so at the registration.

IFBB International Cards are USD \$45 and are mandatory.

All posing music must be on an audio USB stick and submitted to the appointed music coordinator (To be advised). Posing music must also be at the start of the USB. *The use of profane, vulgar and offensive language is strictly prohibited in the posing music.*

Registration Fee

The **IFBB Registration Fee** for athletes entering this competition is USD \$200 and can be paid upon registration on Friday, March 25th, 2022.

Crossovers (participation in additional categories): an extra fee of USD €100 per each of additional categories will be charged.

Possible crossovers:

- *Games Classic Bodybuilding - Classic Bodybuilding – Classic Physique – Bodybuilding;*
- *Women’s Acrobatic Fitness – Women’s Bodyfitness;*
- *Women’s Bikini – Women’s Fit-Model;*
- *Women’s Wellness – Women’s Fit-Model.*
- *Also junior and masters in senior classes.*

Important Notice for Athletes:

Each athlete participating in the Championship will be provided with a wristband at the weigh-in. This identification allows daily admission and should not be removed.

The Giovanni Classic **Prejudging (elimination and semifinals)** will start on Friday, March 25th, 2022 at 17:00 and, if necessary, will be continued on Saturday morning, March 26th, 2022.

Preliminary judging will be dependent on the number of athletes registered per category and decision will be made at the conclusion of the registration.

Tanning Needs:

The IFBB has banned all tans that can be wiped off. An official will check the tan of all athletes backstage, and if the tan comes off by simply wiping the athlete will be told to remove the tan before going on stage.

On-site Tanning with Pro-Tan Aruba

To book your appointment or for more information contact us at protanaruba@gmail.com, <https://m.me/protanaruba> or WhatsApp +297 5937620

Judges:

Judges panel priority will be given to the IFBB International Judges, with secondary consideration given to the Continental Judges. Names must be included in the Final Entry Forms sent by National Federations.

All Judges must submit their current International or Continental Judge's Cards to be included in the judges' panel.

IFBB International Judges must have a valid IFBB Judge's Card with the IFBB yearly Judges fee of USD \$60 or EUR €50 paid for 2022. This fee may also be paid at the Championships in Aruba.

Judges Meeting:

Team Managers and Judges Meeting will be conducted on Friday, March 25th, 2022 at 13:00 (tentative).

Backstage Access/Dressing Room Access:

Access to the backstage area during Prejudging and Finals will be restricted to only those with authorized credentials. All coaches, athlete preparation persons (e.g. hair, makeup, etc.) will be charged a fee of USD \$50 for access throughout the competition.

Camera/Videotape Equipment:

Camera and/or videotape equipment shall be strictly prohibited in the backstage and/or dressing room areas except when used by authorized media persons.

Athletes without Delegates:

All Athletes competing at these Championships must be Members in Good Standing of their National Federations. Their National Federation must nominate all athletes by sending the Final Entry Form with their names.

Awards and Professional Cards:

Awards

Top six places in each category will be awarded with medals and a certificate. Overall winners in each division will be eligible to receive an **IFBB Elite Pro Card**.

Elite Pro Card Eligibility

Overall **or open category** winners in Men's Bodybuilding, Men's Classic Bodybuilding, Men's Classic Physique, Muscular Men's Physique, Men's Physique, Women's Physique, Women's **Bodyfitness**, Women's **Acrobatic Fitness**, **Women's Wellness**, **Women's Bikini** are eligible to qualify for the IFBB ELITE PRO Card. **Eligibility is not automatic and will be dependent on number of athletes in respective category and / or judges considerations.**

Giovanni Classic Categories

***Please note that all categories dependent on athlete registration**

Men's Bodybuilding:

Junior (**16-23 years** of age) **open**

Up to & including 70 kg

Up to & including 80 kg

Up to & including 90 **kg**

Over 90 kg

Master (40 years of age and older) **open**

Men's Classic Bodybuilding*

Up to & including 175 cm

Over 175 cm

Men's Classic Physique*

Up to & including 175 cm

Over 175 cm

Men's Physique

Junior (**16-23 years** of age) **open**

Up to & including 170 cm

Up to & including 173 cm

Up to & including 176 cm

Up to & including 179 cm

Over 179 cm

Master (40 years of age and older) **open**

Muscular Men's Physique

Up **to** and including 175 cm

Over 175 cm

Women's Bikini

Junior (16-23 years of age) [open](#)

Up to & including 160 cm

Up to & including 164 cm

Up to & including 169 cm

Over 169 cm

Master (35 years of age and older) [open](#)

Women's Bodyfitness

Up to & including 163 cm

Over 163 cm

Master (35 years of age and older) [open](#)

Women's Wellness

Junior (16-23 years of age) [open](#)

Up to & including 163 cm

Over 163 cm

Master (35 years of age and older) [open](#)

Women's Acrobatic Fitness	Open Category
Women's Physique	Open Category
Mixed-Pairs	Open Category
Fit-Pairs	Open Category
Women's Fit-Model	Open Category

**- Categories with weight/height limits*

Note 1: A category will only be run if 5 or more athletes are registered. Otherwise, categories will be combined.