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MEN'S ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS

**SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE
MEN'S SENIOR & JUNIOR NATIONAL TEAMS
FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2019
(Based on results from competitions in 2017-2018)**

1.0 INTRODUCTION

National Team (NT) status is provided to athletes and coaches in the categories of Junior and Senior who qualify for their respective teams. The Junior category is divided into two age groups, 14-15 and 16-17. Recognition as a NT athlete or coach is conditional to the athlete and their coaches signing and observing the respective NT Agreements.

National Teams are identified following the Canadian Championships but may be amended periodically throughout the year. Athletes will be notified of their NT selection prior to official announcement of National Teams by GCG.

2.0 ELIGIBILITY OF ATHLETES

An athlete is eligible for National Team status if:

- they are a Canadian citizen or have permanent resident status and are eligible to compete internationally on behalf of Canada;
- they are available and committed to take part in the NT program;
- the athlete and their coach(es) have signed and returned the Athlete and Coach National Team Agreements by the set deadline;
- the athlete and their coach(es) have signed and returned the Senior NT Performance Agreement by the set deadline;
- they competed at Elite Canada and/or the Canadian Championships in the Junior or Senior categories, unless ill or injured in which case a medical certificate is required, and/or;
- have been identified by the National Team Director based on the criteria listed below.

The status of National Team member is given to athletes who have demonstrated the COMMITMENT and the ABILITY (senior & junior) to:

- excel at the international level;
- provide a significant contribution toward the achievement of the MAG Program performance objectives set out in the 2020 Quadrennial Plan, and beyond.

3.0 NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION

The number of athletes named to the National Team may vary from year to year, but the number of Senior National Team athletes will normally be up to 14 athletes.

The National Team List is published following Canadian Championships and Elite Canada. The status of National Team athlete is normally valid for the period stated on the list. However, athletes may from time to time be removed or added to the NT list according to the process stated below in this document. The name of an athlete who retired during the gymnastic year or who chooses to represent another country will be deleted from the NT list.

An exception to any of the above statements may be made for special circumstances by the National Team Director (NTD).

3.1 SENIOR NATIONAL TEAM

Senior National Team members are selected taking the following criteria under consideration:

- Review of an athlete's D scores and final scores obtained in domestic and/or international competition as they compare against the circulated 2020 Quadrennial Plan targets and expectations;
- Review of an athlete's results from their Skills Program;
- Any Sport Canada AAP senior carded athlete (C1, SR1, SR) for 2018-19;
- Potential to make an apparatus final at World Championships or Olympics.

Preference for NT status will be given to athletes who meet or exceed the targets set out in the 2020 Quadrennial Plan and are expected to contribute to the team's Olympic qualification. An athlete may not be named to the National Team and/or assigned to international competitions if they have not shown repeated consistent performances in-line with targets.

3.2 SENIOR NATIONAL 'TEAM DYNAMICS' ASSESSMENT

The Team Dynamics Assessment Tool (Appendix B) will be used by the NTD to evaluate potential NT athletes based on the following:

- Competition scores
- Technical ability
- Team dynamics

3.3 JUNIOR NATIONAL TEAM

Junior National Team members are selected taking the following criteria under consideration:

- Review of an athlete's results from domestic and international competitions;
- Review of an athlete's results from compulsory competitions and skills program;
- Athletes in the Top 4 from age adjusted AAP Ranking List for the 14-15 age category;
- Athletes in the Top 4 from age adjusted AAP Ranking List for the 16-17 age category;
- Up to 6 athletes selected from either age category at the discretion of the NTD.

3.4 ESPOIR STATUS

Espoir is an earned status for gymnasts who are currently on a watch list for one of the above National Teams. An Espoir gymnast may be asked to represent Canada on a self-funded basis. An Espoir gymnast may also be invited to any National Team camps on a self-funded basis. The Espoir list will be updated following Elite Canada and Canadian Championships, where athletes can be added or removed from the list. When Espoir athletes are assigned by the NTD to an international competition they will receive a NT uniform.

4.0 CONFIRMATION OF NATIONAL TEAM STATUS

National Team status is conditional to National Team agreements arriving at the GCG office by the set deadline. The rationale for all NT nominations must be submitted by the NTD to the PM-MAG before they are made official.

4.1 REQUEST FOR REVIEW

Following the distribution of the NT list, a coach may submit a request for review of an athlete who they believe deserves to be named to the National Team. Such a request for consideration will require justification. The coach must be able to demonstrate that their athlete has the potential to contribute as a team member for the World Championships or a competition of similar calibre, and/or the potential to be a top individual specialist in the World. Such requests will be reviewed by the NTD within two weeks of the request.

5.0 CHANGE IN STATUS

NT status may be withdrawn, suspended, placed on hold, or the athlete placed on probation, by the National Team Director at any time if the athlete:

- is no longer eligible or is no longer carded;
- is no longer performing at the level or training in the environment which warranted selection on the National Team;
- does not abide by:
 - a) the GCG Code of Ethics, Code of Conduct and Harassment Policy;
 - b) the FIG, Sport Canada, COC, CCES, and GCG/MAG policies, regulations and directives.

If an athlete competes for an educational institution in the USA they will be ineligible for AAP Carding, but will not be removed from the National Team.

The process which may lead to an athlete being placed on probation or the status of a NT member being withdrawn may include the following steps:

- a discussion with the athlete and their coaches;
- a letter sent by the National Team Director to the athlete and their coaches stating issues or concerns including the rationale for such evaluation, the expected improvements, and the final evaluation process;
- a final evaluation conducted by the National Team Director according to terms set;
- the final findings and consequences communicated by the National Team Director to the athlete and their coaches in writing.

6.0 Announcement of Selection of Athletes and Coaches

The official announcement of team selection is the responsibility of Gymnastics Canada. All internal verbal or written communication to athletes, coaches, or member associations regarding team selection is considered an *“unofficial notice”* and is NOT for public distribution. Official notice of team selection occurs when GCG provides a formal public *“release”* announcing the team selection, or when GCG partners with a multi-sport organization (i.e.: Canadian Olympic Committee, Commonwealth Games Canada, U Sport) to formally announce a team.

APPENDIX A TARGET SCORES FROM THE 2020 QUADRENNIAL PLAN

Floor Exercise:

- Start values needed for the Team at the 2018 World Championships will be 5.5 to 6.0.

Pommel Horse:

- Start values needed for the Team at the 2018 World Championships will be 5.4 to 5.9

Rings:

- Start values needed for the Team at the 2018 World Championships will be 5.4 to 5.9

Vault:

- Start values needed for the Team at the 2018 World Championships will be 5.2 to 5.6

Parallel Bars:

- Start values needed for the Team at the 2018 World Championships will be 5.5 to 6.1

Horizontal Bar:

- Start values needed for the Team at the 2018 World Championships will be 5.5 to 6.1

APPENDIX B TEAM DYNAMICS ASSESSMENT TOOL

All Senior athletes being considered for NT selection and AAP Carding will be evaluated by the NTD and/or the MPC appointed coach/judging member of the Carding Working Group using this tool. For carding, an athlete’s final score will be the average total of their two assessment tools.

	Assessment Criteria				
Comp Best scores from 2017-18	<p>Team athlete (E.C., C.C. and FIG sanctioned International events) Number of apparatus that contribute to the Team objectives, (scores above 14.0) 3 pts. - On 5 apparatus or more 2 pts. - On 4 apparatus 1 pt. - On 3 apparatus</p>				
	<p>Single Apparatus Specialist Demonstrated potential via Final Scores to: 3 pts. - Within 0.2 of Bronze Medalist at 2017 World Championships 2 pts. - Within 0.2 of 8th place qualifier to Finals at 2017 W.C 1 pt. - Within 0.2 of 16th place at 2017 World Championships</p>				
	<p>Balance of the Team – The balance of the team across all apparatus is an integral part of our Team’s success, athletes who demonstrate a strong skill set on apparatus where the Team is weaker play an important role. The Team concept will be based around the potential to put forth a top 5 score on each apparatus. 3 pts. - Imperative to the balance of the Team 2 pts. - Significantly improve balance of the Team 1 pt. - Minor improvement to the balance of the Team</p>				
Technical Ability	<p>Body alignment, Flexibility and overall aesthetic ability as compared to the medalists at World Championships - As observed by E scores in competitions, and subjective evaluation by the Carding Working Group. 3 pts. - World class, exceptional 2 pts. - Average, acceptable for NT Athlete 1 pt. - Needs improvement</p>				
	<p>Demonstrates D scores required for the Team in accordance with the 2020 plan for 2018 World Championships</p>				

	6 events - 3 pts. 5 events - 2 pts. 4 events - 1 pt. Demonstrated D scores required for Individual Specialist (TBD after 2017 Worlds)				
Team Dynamics	Ability to work effectively within the team concept. Willingness to alter individual preferences and to change to meet the needs of the group and the strategy of the Team plan. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Willingness to work within the assigned role(s) for that team - Willingness to comply with Team and program rules & expectations. 				
	Mental Skills - strong work ethic evidenced in competition, training and physical preparation, assertiveness, and leadership. Demonstrated ability to work well with others.				
	Personal characteristics - self-motivated and responsible, determined and committed to personal and program goals.				

Rating guidelines (Range 1 – 3)

Score	Assessment
1	Needs improvement
2	Average, acceptable for NT Athlete
3	World class, exceptional

Total Score: _____