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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this document is to set out the process and criteria that will be used by the Men's Artistic Gymnastics (MAG) Program of Gymnastics Canada to select the athlete and coach to the 2018 Youth Olympic Games, with the goal of selecting the best possible gymnast to help meet the objectives of the program.

1.1 OBJECTIVES

The objective of this selection process and procedures is to select the best possible delegation for these championships that will be capable of achieving the following targets:

- Win a medal in an apparatus final or the all around final;
- Rank in the top 8 in an apparatus or all around final

1.2 DELEGATION SIZE AND FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The Canadian MAG Team will be composed of:

- 1 travelling athlete
- 1 team coach

Travel, meals, accommodation, and clothing expenses will be covered by the Canadian Olympic Committee.

The COC will provide medical and therapy service through their Health Care Team while onsite at the games, however he/she may not be present during training or competition, dependent on availability and risk assessment.

1.3 KEY DATES

May 22-27	Canadian Championships
June 9-16	Jr. Pan Am Championships
August 23	Sport Entries Deadline (TBC)
Oct 6-18	Youth Olympic Games

2.0 QUALIFICATION AND DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY

The Program Manager- Men's Artistic Gymnastics (PM-MAG) and the MAG National Team Director (NTD), in consultation with the High-Performance Director and Canadian Olympic Committee are responsible for developing and approving the selection process and procedures for the Youth Olympic Games.

The selection of the athletes and coaches will be the responsibility of the MAG Selection Working Group (SWG). The Working Group will be comprised of:

- High Performance Director;
- Program Manager – Men's Artistic Gymnastics (PM-MAG) (Chair);
- MAG National Team Director (NTD);
- MPC appointed judge/coach representative

NT coaches with athletes being considered for selection will not be eligible for membership on the SWG due to conflict of interest.

In order for Canada to earn a quota spot for the 2018 Youth Olympic Games an eligible gymnast from Canada must obtain one of the top 7 All Around scores for athletes born between January 1, 2001 and December 31, 2002 at the 2018 Junior Pan American Championships. The best ranked athletes at the qualification event will grant a quota place to their National Olympic Committee (NOC), based on one (1) athlete per NOC.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY

The athlete will be eligible for selection to the Team provided that:

- they are a Canadian Citizen as per Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter, and have a Canadian passport that is valid until April 18, 2019;
- they are born between January 1, 2001 and December 31, 2002;
- they are a Junior NT athlete in 2018 and participated at the 2018 Jr Pan American Championships;
- they are in compliance with all relevant International Gymnastics Federation (FIG) and International Olympic Committee (IOC) requirements for eligibility including possessing a valid FIG license with an expiry date no earlier than December 1, 2018;
- they sign, submit, and comply with the COC Athlete Agreement and Buenos Aires 2018 Conditions of Participation Form

4.0 SELECTION PROCESS

The selection process has been developed to select the athlete with the greatest potential to meet the stated objectives. The athlete will be selected by the Selection Working Group for the Youth Olympic Games prior to the final deadline for team nomination to the Youth Olympic Games if they have met one of the following criteria at the 2018 Jr. Pan American Championships in priority order:

- Priority 1: Achieve an all-around score of 79.0 or greater
- Priority 2: Win an all-around medal
- Priority 3: Achieve a final score of 13.8 or greater on at least two apparatus

In the event that no athletes achieve any of the priorities listed above, the SWG will select the NT athlete with the best ability to meet the stated objectives based off of results obtained at Junior domestic and FIG international competitions between January 1, 2018 and June 17, 2018. This selection is open to all eligible Junior NT athletes. In the event that multiple athletes achieve the same priority, the athlete with the higher ranking will be selected.

4.1 RESERVE ATHLETES

The SWG may identify a reserve athlete for the Youth Olympic Games team although there is no obligation to name a reserve. The reserve, or reserves, will be selected based on the criteria used for selection of the athlete on the team, and will be named at the discretion of the NTD. The nomination of a reserve may take place at a later date than the team selection.

The reserve athlete will not have the status, privileges, and obligations of the selected athlete and is not anticipated to travel to the Games.

4.2 ATHLETE VERIFICATION

Verification of athletes will be on-going after the team selection. Specific dates, locations, and means of verification will be at the prerogative of the MAG NTD, and will be arranged when necessary.

At the time of verification, the athlete must not be injured or ill, in a way which prevents them from continuing a training program at the level expected of an athlete preparing for the Youth Olympic Games. They must perform their usual routines with full difficulty (at a minimum, the level of difficulty that was demonstrated during the 2018 Canadian Championships as determined by the NTD) in a simulated competition environment in line with FIG equipment standards. At the discretion of the NTD, modified landing mats may be permitted during a verification.

The NTD-MAG may substitute an athlete if, following the verification, or at any time up to the date of departure:

- the athlete is unable to meet the expectations stated for the verification; and/or
- they omit to provide the required information in case of illness or injury as per the deadline stated in the section above.

4.3 ATHLETE SUBSTITUTION

Following the athlete selection, the following conditions must be met prior to official registration:

- the athlete is still eligible for selection; and
- the athlete is healthy and able to compete, and
- the athlete is able to perform, at the time of a verification, at the level that warranted their selection; and
- the athlete is successfully verified according to the process described in 4.2.

The NTD has the authority to exercise their discretion in the case of an athlete who is slightly injured. **Failure to meet one of the above conditions as assessed by the NTD may result in the athlete being replaced by the reserve athlete.**

If based on the above, an athlete cannot participate in a competition due to injury or other unforeseen circumstance then the NTD, in consultation with the team coach(es), the personal coaches, and the PM-MAG and/or HPD, will determine if a substitute or reserve member of the team should replace that athlete. If time permits, and it is beneficial for the team, a change will be made to the official coaching staff for the team.

Any athlete substitution made after August 23 (date subject to confirmation by the IOC), is subject to the Late Athlete Replacement Policy and no longer at the discretion of GCG or the COC.

4.4 INJURIES

An athlete injured or ill at any time leading up to the selection, or once the team has been selected, must provide an official medical report/certificate to the PM-MAG as set out below. Failure to do so may result in the athlete's name being withdrawn from the process or team.

Step 1. The athlete and their club's head coach must inform the PM-MAG by email, with acknowledgement or a read receipt from the PM-MAG **within 24 hours**, if their athlete is injured or ill in a way to jeopardize their participation or the quality of their performances at either competition and provide the following information:

- date when the injury/illness occurred;
- means taken to have the injury/illness evaluated by a physician or specialist;
- date at which a written detailed report will be provided.

Step 2. The athlete and their club's head coach must provide the following typewritten information **within 5 days following step 1:**

- detailed nature of the injury (documented by physician, not by therapist) including whether or not this is a new, overuse, or chronic injury;

- ability to pursue full training and to compete (all apparatus/some apparatus), as recommended by the physician or medical specialist;
- recovery/rehabilitation measures;
- recommendation(s) regarding pursuing training and ability to train and/or compete as expected;
- expected date for return to partial (specify) and complete training.

The coach must provide a written report stating the nature and the amount of training the athlete will do each week for the next four weeks. If requested by the MAG NT Director, the coach must provide an updated training plan for the next four weeks. The SWG reserves the right to have the athlete examined by a physician or medical specialist selected by the SWG at the expense of the athlete and by the timelines set by the SWG.

It is not acceptable for any athlete to arrive at a camp or competition with an unreported injury, regardless of when the injury occurred. If a condition is pre-existing, the IST member or Head Coach for the assignment or event should be notified in advance of travelling. Failure to immediately report injuries or significant illnesses to GCG may result in NT status being withdrawn.

5.0 SELECTION OF COACH

5.1 SELECTION

The SWG will confirm the selection of the coach at the same time as the athletes. Coaches must meet the eligibility as set out above and the requirements set out within the National Team Handbook. Coaches must be in good standing with the Professional Coaching Program of the Coaching Association of Canada.

5.2 SUBSTITUTION OF A COACH

Substitution of a coach with another coach may take place if one of the following situations occurs:

- a coach no longer has an athlete on the team;
- a coach is not meeting the expectations associated with the roles, responsibilities, and tasks of a coach as assessed by the MAG NTD and/or the PM-MAG;
- a coach has missed scheduled activities - including meetings and related GCG promotional activities - during the preparation camps unless exempted by the MAG NTD and/or the PM-MAG.

Substitution is possible within the parameters set by the FIG, COC, IOC, and GCG.

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 organisation (i.e.: Canadian Olympic Committee, Commonwealth Games Canada, U Sport) to formally announce a team.

7.0 RECONSIDERATION, INTERNAL REVIEW OR APPEAL, AND MODIFICATION TO THE PROCESS

7.1 RECONSIDERATION

An athlete who is in disagreement with a decision made in the application of the process may request reconsideration by the SWG. The request must be made in writing no more than two working days from the day

of circulation of the decision. It must include the rationale supporting the request and the alleged errors in the application of the process. The SWG will then review the request and make a decision. The NTD shall give written reasons for the decision to the athlete within two working days from receipt of the written request.

Coaches and athletes agree to abide by the decisions made once the reconsideration period or process has passed to ensure a positive team atmosphere.

7.2 INTERNAL REVIEW/APPEAL:

A request for review or appeal will be dealt with according to Section 39 – Appeals of the GCG Policies and Procedures Manual in effect at the time of the dispute. The request must be made no more than two working days from the day of announcement of the list of athletes and coaches who have been selected, or two days following the decision rendered as a result of a request for reconsideration as set out in 7.1. It must include the rationale supporting the request and the alleged errors in the application of the process.

7.3 MODIFICATION TO THE PROCESS

The MAG NTD reserves the right to make changes to this document to ensure the identification of the best delegation possible for the 2018 Youth Olympic Games in case of:

- major change to the information provided by FIG;
- unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of GCG;
- a situation which impacts any step of the selection process and prevents the NTD and SWG from fairly applying the process as written. The NTD may take into consideration any factor or circumstance they deem relevant.

Any changes to this document must be endorsed by the High-Performance Director or President/CEO of Gymnastics Canada and the COC, and will be communicated directly to the coaches and athletes involved in the process.

8.0 DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

Failure to comply with FIG and/or GCG rules, regulations, policies, or directives will be addressed by the GCG MAG NTD and/or the GCG High Performance Director (HPD) who will follow with proper action or sanction before, during and/or after the competition.

The nature and extent of the infraction will determine the severity of the sanction. In each case, a due and fair investigation will be conducted and an opportunity for defense offered to the respondent(s).

Sanctions could include but are not limited to: verbal warning or reprimand, written warning or reprimand, suspension from some team functions or activities during the competition, and early return to Canada.

After the competition, sanctions could include but are not limited to: written warning, written reprimand, suspension of international representation/ participation on behalf of Canada, National Team benefits and services, and suspension of access to athlete or coaching or judging support funding and services including but not limited to athlete, coach and/or club funds, coach's recognition funding, and international achievement coach's recognition funding.

9.0 UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

In situations where unforeseen circumstances do not allow the Team selection criteria to be fairly and objectively applied, Gymnastics Canada's MAG NTD and the GCG High Performance Director or President/CEO will rule on an appropriate course of action.