



MEN'S ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS

SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE MEN'S SENIOR AND JUNIOR
NATIONAL TEAMS FOR THE PERIOD OF **JUNE 1, 2017 TO MAY 30, 2018**

1.0 INTRODUCTION

There are two National Teams (NT) for Men's Gymnastics in Canada. Athletes and coaches in the Junior and Senior Elite categories may qualify for their respective Teams with the Junior Team divided into its two age categories, 14-15 and 16-17. Recognition as a NT athlete or coach is conditional to the athlete and his coaches signing and observing the respective NT Agreement.

National Teams are identified following the Canadian Championships but may be amended periodically throughout the year.

2.0 ELIGIBILITY FOR NATIONAL TEAM STATUS

An athlete is eligible for National Team status if:

- he is a Canadian citizen or has permanent resident status;
- he competed in the Elite Canada and/or the Canadian Championships in the respective category;
or
- he has been identified by the National Team Director based on the criteria listed below;
- he has signed and returned the National Team Athlete Agreement by the set deadline.

3.0 NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION

The number of athletes named to the National Team may vary from year to year.

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.

An exception may be made for special circumstances by the National Team Director.

3.1 SENIOR NATIONAL TEAM

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

- Any Sport Canada AAP senior carded athlete (C1, SR) for 2017-18;
- Any non-carded Senior ranked in the top 10 on the AAP Carding Objective Points list for the Senior category
- Up to 4 athletes selected at the discretion of the National Team Director as per the guidelines set out below in 3.4

The number of Senior National Team athletes will normally be up to 14 athletes.

3.2 JUNIOR NATIONAL TEAM

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

- Any Sport Canada AAP development carded athlete for 2017-18;
- Any Non carded athletes in the Top 4 from age adjusted AAP ranking list for the 14-15 age category
- Any Non carded athletes in the Top 4 from age adjusted AAP ranking list for the 16-17 age category
- Up to 6 athletes selected at the discretion of the National Team Director as per the guidelines set out below in 3.4

3.3 SENIOR ESPOIR STATUS

Athletes in their first 3 years in Senior who are under consideration for inclusion onto the National Senior Team may be named as Espoir by the NTD. Espoir is an earned status for gymnasts who are currently on a watch list for the Senior National Team. It is expected that an Espoir gymnast would be promoted to the National Team within six (6) months of becoming Espoir. 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.

3.4 NATIONAL TEAM DISCRETIONARY SELECTION CRITERIA WILL INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:

- i) Review of an athlete's D score and Final scores obtained in domestic and/or international competition as they compare against the circulated MAG Program targets and expectations

- ii) Review of an athlete's results in Physical Testing and/or Compulsory routines for the Junior category
- iii) Review of an athlete's ranking obtained according to the Objective Points System as set out in the AAP carding criteria
- iv) Review of an athlete's quality of technique and execution as demonstrated in verification processes, camps or competitions
- v) Review of tracked improvements made by an athlete over the past year
- vi) Consideration of athletes who were injured, ill or assigned by GCG to an international competition at the time of Elite Canada or the Canadian Championships.
- vii) Consideration of an athlete who has demonstrated the ability to rank among the best in the world on one or more apparatus even if his All-Around ranking is low.

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 PD-AG before they are made official.

4.1 REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION

Following the distribution of the NT list, a coach may submit a request for consideration of an athlete who they believe deserves to be named to the National Team. Such a request for consideration will require justification for the athlete based on the performance expectations set out for the athlete's level for the current year. Such requests will be reviewed by the PD-AG, NTD and the JRNT Coach within two weeks of the request.

5.0 CHANGE IN STATUS

The 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;
- leaves the National Team program to compete for an education institution in the USA
- 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 policies, regulations and directives.

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

- a discussion with the athlete and her coaches;
- a letter sent by the National Team Director to the athlete and his 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 his coach(es) in writing.

Depending on the nature of the problem or failure, it is not mandatory for the National Team Director to follow every step.