

MEMORANDUM

To / À: MAG NT FISU Eligible athletes and coaches
From / De: David Brubaker, WAG NTD
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Date: March 8, 2017
Subject / Objet: 2017 FISU Games

The 2017 FISU Games will take place in the city of Taipei City, Chinese Taipei from August 19th to 30th. Artistic Gymnastics will take place in the first week from Aug 19-23.

Canada will be sending a team for both Men's and Women's Artistic Gymnastics under the jurisdiction of USports Canada (Formerly CIS). This memo outlines the general logistics for this competition and the selection process that will be used to determine our team.

Delegation Size

Each participating country is authorized to enter in the team competition with one (1) men's team and one (1) women's team of three (3) to five (5) gymnasts. The format of the competition is 5-4-3.

We will be planning to attend with the following delegation:

5 gymnasts

2 coaches

1 judge

OBJECTIVES

The objective of this selection process and procedures is to select the best possible team for these games to achieve the following targets:

- Count no major errors in our Team's performance
- Top 3 team
- Place one athlete in the top 6 all around
- Qualify 2 athletes to Apparatus Finals

Eligibility

The following are the eligibility criteria.

1. Students who are currently officially registered as proceeding towards a degree or diploma at the university or similar institute, the status of which is recognised by the appropriate national academic authority of their country;

2. Former students of the institutions mentioned in a) who have obtained their academic degree or diploma in the year preceding the event.
3. Must have been a former Junior or Senior national team athlete; or be a current Senior national team member or HP Senior gymnast in Canada. NCAA athletes meeting this criteria are considered to be eligible if attending a university in the US and are Canadian Citizens

The enclosed eligibility form will need to be complete and stamped by the athlete's University.

Venue

Taipei Nangang Exhibition Center, Hall 1, 4F
No.1, Jingmao 2nd Rd., Nangang District.,
Taipei City

Costs

The 2017 FISU Games is supported for the WAG program through Own the Podium. Therefore it is potentially a funded event, with GCG covering the travel expenses of the identified gymnasts and coaches and the USport participant fee of \$1025 as per the attached newsletter #2. This includes cost share for accommodation, meals, ground transportation, IST support, entry fees and Team Canada uniforms. VISA expenses and incidentals are the responsibility of the athletes and coaches.

Declaration of Interest

All interested and eligible gymnasts and their coaches will need to complete the enclosed declaration of interest and confirmation of conditions form and eligibility form and submit to GCG by April 1, 2017. Only athletes who have submitted this form will be considered for selection to the team.

Coaches may circulate this memo to interested eligible gymnasts who may be considered so long as they agree to the following:

- Submit videos demonstrating current routines for review to NTD by April 1, 2017
- Indicate in writing how they can offer value to the team (D- and E scores)
- Participate in a GCG arranged judged verification of FIG routines either in Canada or via skype at the time of Canadian Championships up to no later than June 3. Out-of-competition participation at Canadian Championships will be a considered possibility.

Selection Process

The final selection will take place following the 2017 Canadian Championships and will be determined by the National Team Director and the Program Director. The results of Canadian Championships or a GCG approved judged verification under FIG rules will be used to assess the gymnasts.

Demonstrated potential will be further assessed based on results obtained at domestic and international competitions – Senior FIG rules - between September 1, 2016 and June 1, 2017.

All World Cups, World Challenge Cups, Elite Canada and Canadian Championships will be used for selection purposes. Additional competitions under FIG SR rules may also be considered at the discretion of the NTD and PD-AG.

Nomination to the team will be based on the following criteria:

1. Demonstrated potential to make a contribution towards the stated objectives and have met the minimum D and E score deductions or final score stated in Table 1 below in the following priority order:
 - as an athlete strong on 4 apparatus;
 - as an athlete very strong on 2, preferably 3, apparatus who can contribute to the team result as follows:
 - the contribution that the athlete would make on the apparatus where the team total(s) is (are) lower, as well as
 - the number of times an athlete would contribute; the contribution must assist in obtaining a better total on each apparatus, as well as
 - the projected number of apparatus where the athlete could compete if selected.
2. Demonstrated potential to win a medal in an apparatus final at the 2017 FISU Games;
3. Demonstrated potential to make an apparatus final at the 2017 FISU Games;
4. If spots still remain open on the team, athletes will be nominated based upon their potential to make a contribution towards the team total that is comparable or close to the athlete(s) already selected as per Priority 1 above.

Table 1: Minimum D and E score deductions

	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor
D score minimum	4.8	4.6	4.6	4.6
Total Score	≥ 13.70	≥ 12.70	≥ 13.00	≥ 13.00

The NTD and PD-AG may identify a reserve athlete for the 2017 FISU Games team although there is no obligation to name a reserve. The reserve will be identified based on the criteria used for the selection of the athletes on the team and will be named at the discretion of the NTD.

The reserve athlete will not have the status or privileges of a team athlete but will be obligated to train and travel with the team to the pre-Games training camp.

**2017 FISU GAMES
DECLARATION OF INTEREST AND PAYMENT COMMITMENT FORM**

Athlete/Coach Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Telephone: _____ Cellphone: _____

Club Name: _____

Coach Name(to be completed by athlete): _____

I, _____ declare that:

- a) I have read, understood and accepted the selection process established by Gymnastics Canada Gymnastique, a copy of which I have in my possession.
- b) I am interested in being selected into the Selection Pool and potentially to be named to the Team for the 2017 FISU Games.
- c) I will take part fully in all the activities of the selection process and competition preparation plan and in all GCG and/or USports promotional activities associated with the preparation plan.

Signature of Athlete/Coach

Date