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**CANADA**

**Rhythmic Gymnastics  
2017 World Championships  
Individual Selection Process**

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

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The purpose of this document is to set out the process and criteria that will be used by the Rhythmic Gymnastics (RG) Program of Gymnastics Canada (GCG) to select athletes and coaches to the Pesaro 2017 World Championships, with the goal of selecting the best possible gymnasts to help meet the objectives for the program.

### 1.1 OBJECTIVES

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

- Qualify one athlete to the All Around Final
- One athlete in the top 16 AA

The GCG Senior Group gymnast selection was conducted October 2016 according to the selection criteria and process that was previously identified for the 2017 GCG Group. It is understood that the 2017 GCG Group will represent Canada at the 2017 World Championships and other international events during 2017.

### 1.2 DELEGATION SIZE AND FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The Canadian RG Team will be composed of:

- 2 Individual Athletes
- 2 Individual Team Coaches (if from different clubs)
- 6 athletes of the GCG Group
- 2 Group Coaches (one as group manager)
- 1 or 2 Judges
- NT Director and Therapist

Participation is fully funded if a participant meets the usual obligations.

### 1.3 KEY DATES

March 17 – 19	Elite Canada
March 20 – 21	NT Camp
May 17 - 21	Canadian Championships
June 2 – 4	World Cup – Guadalajara
Aug. 11 – 13	World Cup – Kazan
Aug. 16 – 28	Training Camp – Toronto
Aug. 29 – Sept. 3	World Championships

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## 2.0 DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY

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The National Team Director (NTD), National Team Coach Council Representative (NTCC) and Chair of the Brevet Judge Council in consultation with the Rhythmic Program Committee (RPC) are responsible for developing and approving the selection process and procedures for the team that will be nominated to the 2017 World Championships.

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The selection of the athletes and coaches to be nominated will be the responsibility of the RG Selection Working Group. (SWG) The working group will be comprised of:

- National Team Director
- National Team Coach Council Representative
- JWG appointed Brevet Judge.

NT coaches or Brevet Judges with athletes being considered for selection will not be eligible for membership on the Selection Working group due to conflict of interest.

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### 3.0 ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

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

- she is a Canadian citizen and has a passport that is valid until at least the end of February 2018
- she is born in 2001 or before
- she is a Senior NT athlete in 2017
- she is in compliance with all relevant FIG requirements for eligibility including possessing a valid FIG license with an expiry date no earlier than November 1, 2017
- she, her coaches and her parents have signed the Commitment form. The form and payment must arrive at the National office attention to the RG Coordinator no later than May 31<sup>st</sup>.
- she is in good standing with GCG (no outstanding invoices)

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### 4.0 SELECTION PROCESS

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The selection process has been developed to select the athletes with the greatest potential to meet the stated objectives. Nomination to the team will be based on the following criteria:

1. Elite Canada:  
All-Around Scores & ranking calculated as the sum of Competition A + Competition B (8 routines)  
Weighted as 35%
2. Canadian Championships  
All-Around Scores & ranking calculated as the sum of Competition A + Competition B (8 routines)  
Weighted as 65%

The score will be calculated as follows:

$(EC \text{ AA Score} \times .35) + (CC \text{ AA Score} \times .65) = \text{Final Total for All Around rankings}$

In the case of a tie, the 2017 Canadian Championships All Around score (Competition A + B) will be used to break the tie.

In the case of a further tie, the sum of the three best apparatus scores from the 2017 Canadian Championships will be used.

In the case of a successful medical petition for 2017 Elite Canada the petitioning gymnast's most recent 2017 World Cup will be used for their 35%. To be considered, an injured athlete must provide a medical certificate that states that the athlete has returned to full training by April 17, 2017. The medical certificate must be provided to the NT Director no later than 17:00 on April 20, 2017. In the case of a successful medical petition for the 2017 Canadian Championships the petitioning gymnast's most recent 2017 World Cup Competition result will be used

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for their 65%. To be considered, an injured athlete must provide a medical certificate that states that the athlete has returned to full training by June 10, 2017. Eligible gymnasts must have competed minimum one of the two selection competitions of Elite Canada and Canadian Championships.

The gymnasts ranked first and second All Around as a result of these calculations will be identified as the individual team members.

### 4.1 SELECTION DATE

The final selection period will be completed by June 15, 2017. The official team announcement will be made by GCG before June 30.

### 4.2 RESERVE ATHLETES

There is no obligation to name a reserve. The 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked eligible Senior gymnast will be identified as the reserve gymnast. The reserve gymnast will train with the team in August and is required to be competition ready up to the date of the World Championships. The reserve athlete will not have the status, privileges and obligations of a team athlete.

### 4.3 ATHLETE SUBSTITUTION

If an athlete cannot participate in the World Championships competition due to injury, or other unforeseen circumstance, then the NTD, in consultation with the Team Coach(es) and the personal coach will determine if the reserve member of the team should replace that athlete. If it is decided that the athlete should be replaced then the team manager or the NTD will submit the official request for athlete substitution.

Verification of the nominated athletes will be at the prerogative of the RG NTD and will be arranged when deemed necessary.

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

- the gymnast is unable to meet the expectations stated for the Verification, and/or
- the gymnast omits to provide the required information in case of illness or injury as per the deadline stated in the section above.

Any substitutions are subject to GCG and FIG rules.

### 4.4 INJURIES

An athlete injured or ill at the time of 2017 Elite Canada or 2017 Canadian Championships and who wishes to be considered for selection must provide an official medical report/certificate no later than **March 22, 2017 for Elite Canada and May 24, 2017 for Canadian Championships** to the NTD-RG. The report must include the information stated in Steps 1 and 2 below.

An athlete who has been selected to the team who becomes injured or ill after the team is announced must follow the directives stated below. Failure to do so may result in the athlete's name being withdrawn from the list.

Step 1. The athlete and her club's head coach must inform the NTD-RG by email **within 24 hours** if the athlete is injured or ill in a way to jeopardize her participation or the quality of her performances at either competition and provide the following information:

- date when the injury/illness occurred;

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- 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 her club's head coach must provide the following typewritten information **within 5 days following step 1:**

- detailed nature of the injury (document 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, 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 RG NT Director the coach must:

- provide an updated training plan for the next four weeks
- provide a skype or other live video of training.

The Selection Working group 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.

### 4.5 DETERMINATION OF ATHLETE'S START ORDER

The results of both selection events, NT camps and international competitions will be analyzed to determine the apparatus and start order of the gymnasts.

The NTD will consult with the Individual Team Coaches and Individual Brevet Judge assigned in deciding the apparatus and start order prior to the Worlds Nominative Registration. However the final decision is the sole responsibility of the NTD.

Any final changes to the team will be made by the NTD in consultation with the Team Coach(s) and will always be based on the best possible team to achieve the goals of the program.

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## 6. SELECTION OF COACHES

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The SWG will confirm the selection of the coaches at the same time as the athletes. RG's minimum coaching qualifications in effect at the time of the 2017 World Championships will apply.

Up to two Senior Individual Coaches will be named to the Team and will be responsible for the 2 Individual Gymnasts. If both gymnasts are from the same club one coach will be selected.

The 2 GCG Group coaches will be named as team coach and coach/manager and will be responsible for the GCG Group gymnasts.

The NTD will provide direction to the team at the Championships, however the Team coaches will have their respective responsibilities outlined at the time of selection.

### 6.1 SUBSTITUTION OF A TEAM COACH

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

- i) a coach no longer has an athlete on the Team;
- ii) a coach is not meeting the expectations associated with the roles, responsibilities and tasks of a coach as assessed by the NTD- RG.
- iii) a coach has missed scheduled activities including meetings and related GCG promotional activities – during the preparation camps, competitions unless exempted by the RG NT Director

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

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## 7. RECONSIDERATION, INTERNAL REVIEW OR APPEAL AND MODIFICATION TO THE PROCESS

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### 7.1 RECONSIDERATION

An athlete who is in disagreement with a decision made in the application of the process may request reconsideration by the RG- NTD and HP Director. 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 RG-NTD will then review the request and make a decision. The RG-NTD shall give written reasons for the decision to the athlete within two working days from the 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 to the team 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 RG- NTD reserves the right to make changes to this document to ensure the identification of the best team possible for the 2017 World Championships in case of:

- major change to the information provided by FIG
- injuries to athletes
- unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of GCG
- an exceptional situation which has a significant impact on any step of the selection process which will prevent the NTD from fairly applying the process as written. The NTD may take into consideration any factor or circumstance that deems relevant.

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

## **8. DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES**

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- a) Failure to comply with FIG and/or GCG rules, regulations, policies or directives will be addressed by GCG RG-NTD who will follow with proper action or sanction before, during and/or after the competition.
- b) 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).
- c) 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.
- d) 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, coaches recognition funding and international achievement coaches recognition funding.

## **9. UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES**

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In situations where unforeseen circumstances do not allow the Team selection criteria to be fairly and objectively applied, Gymnastics Canada's RG NTD and the GCG High Performance Director will rule on an appropriate course of action. In any case of discrepancies between the English and French versions of this document, the English version will take precedence.