

RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS
2017 Summer Universiade, Taipei, Taiwan
August 19-August 30 2017

Team Selection Criteria

1. Introduction

The 2017 Summer Universiade is an official FIG event that provides an opportunity for Senior National Gymnasts to gain a high level international competitive experience in a major games environment. The Rhythmic Gymnastics Program is planning to attend with two individual gymnasts and one coach under the jurisdiction of USports Canada (formerly CIS).

2. Performance Objectives

The RG Program priorities for 2017-18 are to increase the difficulty (D) scores and execution (E) scores of Canadian gymnasts to be comparable to the top 8 countries in the world.

Specific objectives for the Universiade competition are:

- To present a positive image of Canadian Rhythmic Gymnastics to the international community through the consistent performance of well-executed routines showing advanced difficulty with all apparatus.
- To perform with no major errors in each routine.
- To rank 1 gymnast within the top half of the field in the All Around competition

3. Eligibility

To be eligible for selection to the 2017 Summer Universiade RG Team, athletes must meet all of the following criteria:

- Is at least 17 and less than 28 years of age on January 1, 2017;
- Is a Canadian citizen and has a Canadian passport that is valid until at least February 28, 2018;
- Is an athlete in good standing with GCG;
- Is a named member of the GCG RG High Performance Pool or Top 3 National Stream following 2017 Elite Canada;
- Is 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.
- Possesses a valid FIG license with an expiry date no later than September 15, 2017.
- Is in compliance with all relevant FIG requirements for eligibility.
- Has confirmed her intent in being part of the selection process, with the approval of her personal coach by submitting a \$200 intent to participate fee to Gymnastics Canada.
- Competes as a Senior athlete at both 2017 Elite Canada and 2017 Canadian Championships; if an athlete is injured and does not compete at Elite Canada she must present an official form from a Medical Sport Doctor to Gymnastics Canada's National Team Director (NTD) respecting the NT athlete agreement deadlines. The National Team ranking rules will apply. (Minus 5% from the 2016 Canadian Championships AA total). All gymnasts must compete at the 2017 Canadian Championships.

- Complete the FISU Certificate of Academic Eligibility and send the original, signed document by post to USports Canada to be received at USports Canada no later than July 5 2017.

4. Participation Costs

4.1 Basic Costs

The 2017 Summer Universiade is a self-funded event for all athletes and coaches. A description of projected costs and a payment schedule is provided in Appendix 1. Note that that numbers are not final, and may vary due to currency variations, or other factors, beyond the control of GCG.

4.2 Additional Costs

All international judges are nominated by FIG. Participating countries must participate in covering the cost (travel, accommodation, full board and a per diem according to the FISU-FIG partnerships agreement) of the international judges from FIG (cd. Art. 11.10) according to the pro-rata of athletes registered. The judges' costs that are assigned to GCG by FIG-FISU will be divided equally between the named gymnasts on the team and invoiced as part of the self-funded expenses.

The ITO contribution fees agreed upon with the Taipei Organizing Committee is 310 euro/athlete which will covered by GCG. These fees must be paid by the Head of Delegation, or equivalent, during the accreditation process upon arrival at the Athletes Village.

5. Athlete Selection Process

Eligible athletes are those individuals who have confirmed their intent by email to the GCG National Team Director with their \$200 deposit no later than Tuesday, March 14 2017.

Athlete selection will be based on the total All Around results from 2017 Elite Canada Competition A + B (8 routines) valued at 35% plus the 2017 Canadian Championships A + B (8 routines) valued at 65%. Note: If injured for Elite Canada a Medical Form from a Sport Medical Doctor is required and results will be used from the 2016 Canadian Championships minus 5%.

If gymnasts are tied following the National Team ranking process, the Difficulty (D) score for each apparatus from the 2017 Canadian Championships will be used to differentiate between gymnasts. The gymnast with the highest Difficulty (D) score will be ranked above a gymnast with a lower D score, where overall scores are equal.

The chart below indicates how points will be awarded based on Difficulty scores for each apparatus.

Hoop D	Hoop Points	Ball D	Ball Points	Club D	Club Points	Ribbon D	Ribbon Points
1	3	1	3	1	3	1	3
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
3	1	3	1	3	1	3	1

Selection of the Reserve Athlete

One eligible reserve gymnast will be identified. Selection of the reserve gymnast will follow the same process, and the third ranked All Around gymnast will be the reserve. The reserve gymnast will not travel to the Games.

The analysis of results and team selection will be done at the conclusion of 2017 Canadian Championships. The NTD will announce the team members and reserve athlete by June 1 2017 (7 business days following Canadian Championships).

6. Coach Selection Process

The coach must be certified NCCP Level 3 or above in Rhythmic Gymnastics. Exemption requests for this requirement will not be permitted by GCG.

The named personal coach for the athlete with the highest total points from the combined AA results from Elite Canada (Competition A + B) 35% and Canadian Championships (Competition A + B) 65% will be selected as the Team Coach.

Note: If their athlete is injured for Elite Canada, a Medical Form from a Sport Medical Doctor is required and results will be used from the 2016 Canadian Championships minus 5%.

GCG will identify the Team Coach as the Team Leader for onsite communication with USports Canada.

The named personal coach of the second ranked athlete will be identified as the alternate Team Coach. The alternate Team Coach will not travel to the Games.

Expectations for Team Coach:

- Provide support to both gymnasts and to work together as a collaborative team.
- Travel with the athletes to and from Taipei.
- Complete a final report of the competition and provide a full set of results to GCG and USports Canada no later than September 15 2017.

7. Inability to Compete due to Injury or Other Unforeseen Circumstance

In the case of injury or illness, the reserve athlete will only replace another athlete if the injury or illness occurs prior to departure to Taiwan. If an injury or illness occurs after departure, the team will compete with only the remaining athlete.

After the team has departed Canada, the decision to remove a gymnast from the competition will be based on the following considerations:

- the nature of the injury or sickness, and;
- the possibility of continuing training or competition on-site without the risk of aggravating the injury/sickness or incurring an injury;
- the possible short and long term consequences on the athlete's health and wellbeing if training/competition is pursued.

The performance objectives set for the event NEVER take precedent over the wellbeing of the athlete and are never used as a justification to maintain, in training or competition, an athlete that should be removed.

A recommendation or decision by the Canadian Universiade core medical team to remove an athlete from training or competition is always abided by.

If the Canadian Universiade core medical team personnel do not deem removal necessary, the final decision to remove an athlete from training or competition will be taken by the named coach based on

the evidence provided by the local medical personnel and after consultation with the athlete. In case of disagreement, the NTD, following consultation with the coach and athlete, will make the decision.

8. Reconsideration, Internal Review or Appeal and Modification to the Process

8.1 Reconsideration, Internal Review or Appeal

Reconsideration: an athlete who is in disagreement with a decision made in the application of the process may request reconsideration.

8.2 Modification to the Process

GCG reserves the right to make changes to this documents in case of:

- major changes to the information provided by the FIG, FISU or USports Canada
- injuries to athletes on the short list
- 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 RG NTD from fairly applying the process as written. The RG NTD may take into consideration any factor or circumstance that deems relevant.

Any changes to this document will be endorsed by the RG Program Committee and will be communicated directly to the coaches and athletes involved in the process.

In the event of an appeal, Gymnastics Canada's Appeals policy, which is in affect at the time of the appeal, will be followed.

9. Team Image

Team members are expected to behave according to the GCG Team Image:

GCG wants to promote and sell a product (Canadian gymnastics) with a strong and positive image to several key groups (Canadian and foreign public, judges, media, sport organizations, etc.) during training, competitions, demonstrations and other activities.

10. Disciplinary Procedures

- a) Failure to comply with the FIG and/or GCG rules, regulations, policies or directives will be addressed by the designated Team Leader 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.

11. Unforeseen Circumstances

In situations where unforeseen circumstances do not allow the 2017 Summer Universiade Team selection criteria to be fairly and objectively applied, the RG NTD and the GCG High Performance Director (HPD) will rule on an appropriate course of action.

APPENDIX 1: PARTICIPANT RESPONSIBILITIES AND COSTS

Summary of Timelines:

February 28 2017:	GCG to sign the Memorandum of Understanding
March 14 2017:	Confirmation of declaration of interest form and \$200 deposit
March 15 2017	GCG announces short list of athletes
March 16-19 2017:	Elite Canada – Toronto, ON
April 9 2017:	GCG to submit Individual Sport Deposits (\$200/person for athlete, coach, support staff)
May 17-21 2017:	Canadian Championships – Edmonton, AB
July 5 2017:	GCG will submit individual entry documents to USports Canada Team Member deadlines for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• payment of all participant costs – process to be confirmed later• submission of all forms and participant travel details• complete of online CAMP medical questionnaire
August 19-30 2017:	Travel days to Taipei (exact dates TBC)
August 27-29 2017:	RG Competition
August 31 2017:	Depart Taipei

All forms for athletes and staff will be posted to the USports Canada Unversiad website in the Team Member Information section.

The deadline to submit all required documentation to USports Canada is July 5 2017. Documents can ONLY be sent electronically to: canada@universitiesport.ca (unless otherwise indicated below):

Athletes must submit the following information electronically:

1. Team agreement
2. Medical questionnaire (CAMP)
3. Academic eligibility form signed and sealed by registrar (graduates in 2016 must provide a photocopy of their diploma/degree) – ORIGINAL MAILED TO USPORTS CANADA OFFICE
4. USports Canada athlete biography
5. Photocopy of the picture page of passport (passport valid until February 29 2018)
6. Passport style photo – MUST MEET REQUIREMENTS ON WEBSITE
7. Flight itinerary
8. All fees payable to USports Canada (USports Canada fees, accommodation fees, judge fees).
Exact process to be confirmed at a later date

Coach (and judge if applicable) must submit the following information electronically:

1. Team agreement
2. Medical questionnaire (CAMP)
3. Photocopy of the picture page of passport (passport valid until February 29 2018)
4. Passport style photo – MUST MEET REQUIREMENTS ON WEBSITE
5. Flight itinerary
6. All fees payable to USports Canada (USports Canada) fees, accommodation fees). *Exact process to be confirmed at a later date.*

Participant costs

1. USports Canada participation: \$925 CAN for participants affiliated with a USports institution

\$1025 CAN for non-affiliated participants

This includes feeds for full Mission support, physician support, FISU entry fees, official team uniform and all overhead costs for Summer Universiade programming. This list of USports Canada member institutions is found on the USports Canada website.

2. Accommodations: The accommodation cost per day is 10 euro per participant. This includes all local ground transportation, meals, accommodations and on-site services. We estimate that 8-10 days of accommodation will be needed.

3. Airfare: Approximately \$2300 CDN
All team members must arrive and depart from Taipei on the same days. All travel arrangements must be made with the GCG Travel Agent, Boulevard Travel or coordinated together.

Travel itineraries must be finalized by June 15 2017.

Total cost per participant: Approximately \$3500 + Judges Costs

Note that this number is not final, and may change due to currency variations, or other factors beyond GCG's control.

MAILING ADDRESS FOR ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY FORM

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APPENDIX 2: DECLARATION OF INTEREST AND PAYMENT COMMITMENT FORM

**2017 SUMMER UNIVERSIADE GAMES
DECLARATION OF INTEREST AND PAYMENT COMMITMENT FORM**

Athlete/Coach Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

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 Gymnastque, a copy of which I have in my possession.
- b) I am interested in being selected in the Selection Pool and potentially be named to the Team for the 2017 Summer Universiade 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