

2017 PAN AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**Location: Daytona Beach, USA****Date: October 13-15 2017****RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS SELECTION CRITERIA****1. INTRODUCTION**

The 2017 Pan American Championships is a GCG RG National Team program activity. The selection criteria and performance goals reflect the goals of the GCG RG Program for 2017 - 2018 which is to achieve podium results at international events.

1.1 Team Composition and Competition Format

The 2017 Pan American RG Team will be comprised of:

- three (3) Junior individual athletes with a maximum of twelve (12) routines
- three (3) Senior individual athletes with a maximum of twelve (12) routines
- Junior (5 or 6 gymnasts) and Senior Groups (5 or 6 gymnasts)

The competition will consist of a qualification phase and apparatus finals phase.

Event Format: According to PAGU Technical Regulations

All Around Competition: Individuals and Group

Finals per apparatus Competition: Individuals and Group

1.2 Funding

The Pan American Championships is a GCG partially funded competition for the gymnasts and the coaches who are named to the official Canadian RG Team for this event.

2. CANADIAN TEAM PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

- Team Event – Finish in the top 3 teams
- Individual – Place one athlete in the top 3 All Around in both Junior and Senior
- Individual – Place two athletes in the top 10 AA in both Junior and Senior
- Individual – Qualify an athlete in all apparatus finals in both Junior and Senior
- Individual – Medal in two finals in both Junior and Senior
- Junior Group – Medal in the All Around
- Junior Group – Medal in one Final
- Senior Group – Medal in the All Around
- Senior Group – Medal in two Finals

3. ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for selection to the 2017 Pan Am Championships team as an Individual or Group gymnast, all gymnasts must meet the following criteria by May 21 2017.

- Juniors born in 2002, 2003, 2004
- Seniors born in 2001+
- Is a Canadian citizen with a Canadian passport valid until April 30, 2018

- Is an athlete in good standing with GCG
- Will possess a valid FIG license with an expiry date later than October 16, 2017
- Individual gymnasts must be a named member of the 2017-2018 RG National Team

4. SELECTION PROCESS

4.1 Individual Selection Process

Junior Individual

Three (3) Junior Individual gymnasts will be selected on the basis of individual All around (AA) ranking at the 2017 Canadian Championships. The total AA score to be used for selection will be calculated as follows:

$$\text{Competition A (4 routines) + Competition B (4 routines) = AA Score}$$

The top three (3) ranked eligible AA Junior Individual Gymnasts of which minimum one of the three junior gymnasts must be born in 2003 will be named to the team. The 4th ranked eligible junior gymnast will be identified as the reserve gymnast. The reserve gymnast will not travel to the competition unless the GCG National Team Director determines that it is necessary to replace an injured or ill athlete **before** the date of departure.

Senior Individual

Three (3) Senior Individual gymnasts will be selected on the basis of individual All around (AA) ranking at the 2017 Canadian Championships. The total AA score to be used for selection criteria will be calculated as follows:

$$\text{Competition A (4 routines) + Competition B (4 routines) = AA Score}$$

The top three (3) ranked eligible AA Senior Individual Gymnasts will be named to the team. The 4th ranked eligible senior gymnast will be identified as the reserve gymnast. The reserve gymnasts will not travel to the competition unless the GCG National Team Director determines that it is necessary to replace an injured or ill athlete **before** the date of departure.

NOTE: An INTENT TO PARTICIPATE FORM will be sent to all named athletes & coaches to confirm their participation.

Junior & Senior Individual Injury Score

For injuries occurring during the 2017 Canadian Championships, the National Team Director will be responsible for using a substitute score for the missed apparatus. If withdrawal due to injury occurs during the Championships, to receive an injury score it must be supported by an assessment of Gymnastics Canada's RG National Team athletic therapist or Team Dr. on site.

The Pan American Championships Individual Team (Junior and Senior) will be named by **June 9, 2017**.

4.2 Junior Group Selection Process

The Junior Group will be selected on the basis of the Junior Group AA ranking at the 2017 Canadian Championships.

The total AA score to be used for selection will be calculated as follows:

Competition A (2 routines) + Competition B (2 routines) = AA Score

At the 2017 Canadian Championships selection event, **ALL** gymnasts in the Group **MUST** meet **ALL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS** identified in Section 3 above. Note: Exception: FIG Licenses will be processed for any named group member that does not have one.

The Pan American Championships Junior Group will be named by **June 9, 2017**. The second ranked Group will be the reserve Group.

NOTE: An INTENT TO PARTICIPATE FORM will be sent to all named group athletes & coaches to confirm their participation.

4.3 Senior Group Selection Process

The Senior Group will be the 2017 GCG Senior Group

4.4 Monitoring and Tracking

The RG Pan American Championships Team will be required to follow a monitoring and tracking system. The detailed information will be included in the Intent to Participate Form.

5.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (PROVISIONAL)

Tuesday October 10:	Delegation Arrivals
Wednesday October 11:	Training
Thursday October 12:	Training
Friday October 13:	Rhythmic Competition
Saturday October 14:	Rhythmic Competition
Sunday October 15:	Rhythmic Finals
Monday October 16:	Delegation Departures

NOTE: All travel & accommodation bookings for the Pan American Championships team members will be completed by GCG.

5. INABILITY TO COMPETE DUE TO INJURY OR OTHER UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCE

In the case of injury or illness, a reserve individual athlete will replace another individual athlete only if the injured or ill athlete is unable to contribute to the Team at the performance level for which she was selected. The following factors will be considered:

- The nature of the injury or sickness
- 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 well-being if training &/or competition is pursued

The performance objectives set for the event **NEVER** take precedence over the well-being 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 local medical personnel to remove an athlete from training or competition is always abided by.

If the local medical personnel do not deem removal necessary, the final decision to remove an athlete from training or competition will be taken by the GCG RG NTD based on the evidence provided by the local medical personnel and after consultation with the athlete and the personal coach. In case of disagreement, the GCG RG NTD, following consultation with the coaches and athlete, will make the decision.

6. SELECTION OF COACHES

All Individual & Group Coaches assigned or attending the Pan American Championships must be **fully** certified NCCP Level 3 or higher in Rhythmic Gymnastics & have **completed** the 2017 Coach Risk Management requirements.

6.1 Individual Team Coaches

One Junior Individual Team Coach will be named to the official team and will be partially funded by Gymnastics Canada. The coach of the first ranked Junior individual will be named as the Junior Team Coach. A second coach if interested would be self-funded.

One Senior Individual Team Coach will be named to the official team and will be partially funded by Gymnastics Canada. The coach of the first ranked Senior Individual will be named as the Senior Team Coach. A second coach if interested would be self-funded.

6.2 Group Coaches

The coach of the selected Junior Group will be named as the Junior Group Coach and will be partially funded by Gymnastics Canada. A second coach if interested would be self-funded.

The head coach of the GCG Senior Group will be named as the Senior Group Coach and will be partially funded by Gymnastics Canada.

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

7.1 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 from the RG NTD. 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.

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. The request must be in writing and must include the rationale supporting the request and the alleged errors in the **application** of the process.

7.2 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 Pan American Championships in case of:

- Major change to the information provided by FIG or PAGU
- Injuries to athletes who have been named to the team
- 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 deemed relevant.

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

8. 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.

9. DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

Failure of any named member of the team to comply with FIG, PAGU 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.

- a) The nature and extent of the infraction will determine the severity of the sanction.
- b) 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 your home.
- 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.

10. UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

In situations where unforeseen circumstances do not allow the Team selection criteria to be fairly and objectively applied, Gymnastics Canada's RG NTD will rule on an appropriate course of action.