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**CANADA**

**Trampoline Gymnastics  
2018 Youth Olympic Games  
Selection Process**

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this document is to set out the process and criteria that will be used by the Trampoline Gymnastics (TG) Program of Gymnastics Canada (GCG) to select the athlete and coach to the 2018 Youth Olympic Games, with the goal of selecting the best possible gymnast 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 Youth Olympic Games that will be capable of achieving the following targets:

- make the final round of competition (top eight) [based on 2017 World Age Group Competition 15-16 Age Group Competition, maximum one per country applied]:

Men	Women
100.470	92.670

- win a medal in the final round (top three) [based on 2017 World Age Group Competition 15-16 Age Group Competition, maximum one per country applied].

Men	Women
56.510	52.465

### 1.2 DELEGATION SIZE AND FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The Canadian Trampoline Team for the Youth Olympic Games will be composed of a maximum of:

- 1 travelling male athlete;
- 1 travelling female athlete;
- 1 coach.

Travel, meals, accommodation and clothing expenses will be covered by the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC).

The COC will provide medical and therapy service through their health care team while onsite at the games, however they may not be present during training or competition, dependent on availability and risk assessment.

### 1.3 KEY DATES – MAY BE REVISED AS INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE

April 19-22	Canada Cup – Selection for Junior Pan American Championships (Self-funded)
June 18-23	Junior Pan American Championships (Partial funding)
July 4-8	Canadian Championships (Self-funded) – Final selection
Oct 6-18	Youth Olympic Games

## 2.0 QUALIFICATION AND DECISION MAKING

The High-Performance Director, the Trampoline Program Manager and the TTPC, in consultation with the COC are responsible for developing and approving the selection process and procedures for the Youth Olympic Games. The final process incorporates feedback submitted during a period of consultation prior to its final publication.

The selection of the athletes and coach will be the responsibility of the Selection Working Group based on the process outline in section 4. The Working Group will be comprised of:

- High Performance Director

- Trampoline National Team Director
- Trampoline Athletes' Representative on the TTPC

In order for Canada to earn a quota spot for the 2018 Youth Olympic Games an eligible athlete from Canada must obtain one of the top two scores\* after the preliminary round (compulsory and optional routines) for athletes born in 2001 or 2002 at the 2018 Junior Pan American Championships. The best ranked athletes at the qualification event will grant a quota place to their National Olympic Committee (NOC) based on one athlete per NOC.

During the Youth Olympic Games, all final decision-making authority will reside with the GCG Team Leader for Trampoline Gymnastics or in the absence of this position, the Head Coach.

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### 3.0 ELIGIBILITY

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

- they are a Canadian Citizen as per Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter, and has a Canadian passport that is valid until at least April 18, 2019;
- they are born between 1 January 2001 and 31 December 2002;
- they are a competitor in the Junior category at the 2018 Canada Cup (unless injured) and participated at the 2018 Junior Pan American Championships;
- be in compliance with all relevant International Gymnastics Federation (FIG) and International Olympic Committee (IOC) requirements for eligibility including possessing a valid FIG license with an expiry date no earlier than December 1, 2018;
- sign, submit and comply with the Gymnastics Canada (GCG) and the COC Athlete Agreement, as well as Buenos Aires 2018 Conditions of Participation Form.

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### 4.0 SELECTION PROCESS

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The selection process has been developed to select the athlete with the greatest potential to meet the stated objectives. Demonstrated potential will be assessed based on results obtained at domestic and FIG international competitions between May 5, 2017 and July 8, 2018\*.

The athlete will be selected by the Selection Working Group for the Youth Olympic Games prior to the final deadline for team nomination to the Youth Olympic Games based on the following criteria:

- i) highest total score of the following:
  - Best preliminary round score
  - Best other compulsory round score
  - Best other optional round score
  - Best final round score

From the following competitions:

- 2017 Canada Cup<sup>^</sup>
- 2017 Canadian Championships<sup>^</sup>
- 2017 World Age Group Competition
- 2018 Canada Cup<sup>^</sup>
- 2018 Junior Pan American Championships
- 2018 Canadian Championships<sup>^</sup>

<sup>^</sup> With the difficulty value removed from the compulsory routine to mimic the FIG Junior Routine Requirements.

- ii) achievement of the Junior National Team score and difficulty requirements.

\*Demonstrated potential is based on proven success in competitions of a similar calibre and a comparison of current results against recent and available competition results from leading countries relative to the competition and as compared against annual National Team scores set.

#### 4.1 RESERVE ATHLETES

A reserve athlete for the Youth Olympic Games will be identified based on the criteria used for the selection of the athlete on the team and will be named at the discretion of the Selection Working Group.

The reserve athlete will not have the status, privileges and obligations of the selected athlete. The reserve may receive a team body suit but will not be provided with Team Canada (Youth Olympic Games) clothing packages unless they are called up to compete. The reserve athlete will not travel to the Youth Olympic Games.

#### 4.2 ATHLETE SUBSTITUTION

Following the athlete selection, the following conditions must be met as of July 9, 2018:

- the athlete is still eligible for selection; and
- the athlete is healthy and able to compete, and
- the athlete is able to perform, at the time of the decision, at the level that warranted their selection; and
- the athlete is successfully verified according to the process described in 4.3.

The High-Performance Director, in consultation with the SWG, has the authority to exercise discretion in the case of an athlete who is only slightly injured. Failure to meet one of the above conditions as assessed may result in the athlete being replaced by the reserve athlete.

Any athlete substitution made after August 28, 2018 (date subject to confirmation by the International Olympic Committee (IOC)), is subject to the Late Athlete Replacement Policy and no longer at the discretion of GCG or the COC.

#### 4.3 ATHLETE VERIFICATION

Verification of all athletes will be on-going after Canadian Championships. Specific dates, locations and means of verification will be at the prerogative of the Selection Working Group and will be arranged when deemed necessary.

At the time of verification, the athlete must not be injured or ill, in a way, which prevents them from continuing a training program at the level expected of an athlete preparing for these Games. They must perform their usual routines with full difficulty (at a minimum, the level of difficulty that was demonstrated during the Canadian Championships) in a simulated competition environment.

If an athlete cannot participate in a competition due to injury, or other unforeseen circumstance, then the Selection Working Group will determine if a substitution should be made. If it is decided that the athlete should be replaced, the coaching staff, team manager or the High Performance Director will submit the official request for change.

The High Performance Director, in consultation with the SWG, may substitute an athlete if, following the verification or at any time up to the date of departure:

- they are unable to meet the expectations stated for the verification, and/or;

- they omit to provide the required information in case of illness or injury as per the deadline stated in the section below.

#### 4.4 INJURIES

An athlete injured or ill at any time leading up to the selection or once the team has been selected must provide an official medical report/certificate to the GCG Trampoline Program Manger as set out below. Failure to do so may result in the athlete’s name being withdrawn from the process or team.

Step 1. The athlete and their club’s head coach must inform GCG by email within 48 hours if the athlete is injured or ill in a way to jeopardize their participation or the quality of their performances in competition and provide the following information:

- date when the injury or illness occurred;
- means taken to have the injury/illness evaluated by a physician or specialist;
- date at which a written detailed report will be provided.
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Notification of such an injury should require acknowledgement or a read receipt from GCG.

Step 2. The athlete and their 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 (all apparatus/some apparatus), 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 GCG, the coach must provide an updated training plan for the next four weeks.

The Selection Working Group reserves the right to have the athlete examined by a physician or medical specialist selected by the Selection Working Group at the expense of the athlete and by the timelines set by the Selection Working Group.

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## 5.0 SELECTION OF THE COACH

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### 5.1 SELECTION

The High Performance Director, in consultation with the SWG, will confirm the selection of the coach at the same time as the athlete. The coach must meet the requirements set out within the National Team Handbook. Coaches must be in good standing with the Professional Coaching Program of the Coaching Association of Canada.

The coach is selected based on the principle that they are most capable of assisting the athletes in achieving podium performances for these Games.

## 5.2 SUBSTITUTION OF A COACH

GCG reserves the right to substitute the coach for the YOG team should a situation arise that makes it not possible to consider the original coach selection.

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

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## 6.0 ANNOUNCEMENT OF SELECTION OF ATHLETES AND COACHES

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The unofficial announcement of the YOG team will be following the 2018 Canadian Championships. The official announcement of team selection is the responsibility of the COC. All internal verbal or written communication to athletes, coaches, or member associations regarding team selection is considered an “unofficial notice” and is not for public distribution. Official notice of team selection occurs when GCG and the COC provide a formal public “release” announcing the team selection.

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

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### 7.1 RECONSIDERATION/INTERNAL REVIEW/APPEAL:

A request for review or appeal will be dealt with according 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 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.

### 7.2 MODIFICATION TO THE PROCESS

The Selection Working Group reserves the right to make changes to this document to ensure the identification of the best delegation possible for the 2018 Youth Olympic Games in case of:

- major change to the information provided by FIG
- unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of GCG
- a situation which impacts any step of the selection process and prevents the Selection Working Group from fairly applying the process as written. The Selection Working Group may take into consideration any factor or circumstance they deem relevant.

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

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## 8.0 DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

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Failure to comply with FIG and/or GCG rules, regulations, policies or directives will be addressed by GCG the High Performance Director who will follow with proper action or sanction before, during and/or after the competition.

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).

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.

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.

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## **9.0 UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES**

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In situations where unforeseen circumstances do not allow the Team Selection Process to be fairly and objectively applied, Gymnastics Canada's High Performance Director or President/CEO will rule on an appropriate course of action.