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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 Rhythmic Gymnastics (RG) Program of Gymnastics Canada 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 championships that will be capable of achieving the following targets:

- Rank in the top 16 AA in the qualification
- Score 13.50 pt. in two apparatus

1.2 DELEGATION SIZE AND FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The Canadian RG Team will be composed of a maximum of:

- 1 travelling athlete
- 1 Team coach

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

COC will provide medical and therapy service through their Health Care Team while onsite at the games, however he/she 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

Feb. 1 - 4	Elite Canada – Selection for JR Pan American Championships
Feb. 5-6	Official Training for top 4 – 2003's
April 30 – May 6	Jr Pan American Championships (funding TBC)
May 16 - 20	Canadian Championships – Final selection
July/August (TBC)	NTD Visitations
Oct 6-18	Youth Olympic Games

2.0 QUALIFICATION AND DECISION MAKING

The Program Coordinator (PC) – Rhythmic Gymnastics and the RG National Team Director (NTD), in consultation with the High Performance Director and the Canadian Olympic Committee 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 gymnast and coach to be selected will be the responsibility of the RG Selection Working Group (SWG) based on the process outlined in section 4.0. The Working Group will be comprised of:

- RG Program Coordinator (RG-PC) – Chair (Non-voting)
- RG National Team Director (NTD)
- NTCC Representative
- RG's top ranked FIG Brevet Judge

In order for Canada to earn a quota spot for the 2018 Youth Olympic Games an eligible gymnast from Canada must obtain one of the top 7 All Around scores for athletes born in 2003 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 (1) athlete per NOC.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY

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

- she is 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;
- she is born between 1 January 2003 and 31 December 2003;
- she is a Junior HP athlete in 2018
- she is a member in Good Standing with Gymnastics Canada;
- she 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 October 31 2018;
- she sign, submit and comply with the COC Athlete Agreement and Buenos Aires 2018 Conditions of Participation Form

4.0 SELECTION PROCESS

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 Junior domestic and FIG international competitions between February 1, 2018 and May 28, 2018.

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

- i) Priority 1: the top eligible AA gymnast after competition A and B (8 routines) at Canadian Championships
- ii) Priority 2: demonstrated ability to score 52 points counting four apparatus;
- iii) Priority 3: demonstrated ability to score 13.500 or more on two apparatus;

* Demonstrated ability 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 NT targets set for international competitions.

4.1 RESERVE ATHLETES

The SWG reserves the right to name a reserve athlete for the Games who will be identified based on the criteria used for the selection of the athlete on the team.

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

4.2 ATHLETE SUBSTITUTION

Following the athlete selection the following conditions must be met as of July 27, 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 her selection; and
- the athlete is successfully verified according to the process described in 4.3.

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 by the SWG may result in the athlete being replaced by the reserve athlete.

Any athlete substitution made after August 23 2018 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 the selected and the reserve will be on-going after Canadian Championships. Specific dates, locations and means of verification will be at the prerogative of the NTD and SWG and will be included in the RG calendar of events.

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

If an athlete cannot participate in a competition due to injury, or other unforeseen circumstance, then the NTD, in consultation with the SWG, 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 PC-RG will submit the official request for change.

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

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

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 PC-RG 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 her club's head coach must inform the PC-RG by email **within 48 hours** if his/her athlete is injured or ill in a way to jeopardize her participation or the quality of her performances in competition and provide the following information:

- date when the injury/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.

Notification of such an injury should require acknowledgement or a read receipt from the PC-RG.

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 (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 the RG NTD, the coach must provide an updated training plan for the next four weeks.

The SWG 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.

5.0 SELECTION OF THE COACH

5.1 SELECTION

The SWG will confirm the selection of the coach at the same time as the athlete. Coaches 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.

5.2 SUBSTITUTION OF A COACH

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

- a coach no longer has an assigned athlete

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

6.0 ANNOUNCEMENT OF SELECTION OF ATHLETES AND COACHES

The official announcement of team selection is the responsibility of Gymnastics Canada. 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 provides a formal public “release” announcing the team selection, or when GCG partners with a multi-sport organisation (i.e.: Canadian Olympic Committee, Commonwealth Games Canada, U Sport) to formally announce a team.

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

7.1 RECONSIDERATION

An athlete who is in disagreement with a decision made in the application of the process may request reconsideration by the SWG. 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 and the PC-RG 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 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.

7.3 MODIFICATION TO THE PROCESS

The SWG 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 NTD and SWG 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 or President/CEO of Gymnastics Canada and the COC and will be communicated directly to the coaches and athletes involved in the process.

8.0 DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

- a) Failure to comply with FIG and/or GCG rules, regulations, policies or directives will be addressed by GCG RG NTD and/or the GCG High Performance Director (HPD) 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.

9.0 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 and the GCG High Performance Director or President/CEO will rule on an appropriate course of action.

10.0 CHANGE LOG

Version	Approval Date	Change(s)
1.0	2017-12-06	Initial document creation.
2.0	2018-04-30	Final version.