



Men's Artistic Gymnastics

2024 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 Men's Artistic Gymnastics (MAG) Program of Gymnastics Canada to select athletes and coaches to the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris, France with the goal of selecting the best possible gymnasts to help meet the objectives of the program.

1.1 OBJECTIVES

The main performance objective of this selection process and procedures is to select the best possible delegation to qualify a Team into the Team Finals at the 2024 Olympic Games. The secondary performance objective is to create the best possible results in either the All Around and/or Apparatus Finals at the 2024 Olympic Games if Canada does not qualify a full team to Paris.

1.2 DELEGATION SIZE AND FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The maximum number of athletes in the Canadian MAG delegation is five. The competition format is 5-4-3 for qualifications.

The Canadian MAG delegation numbers will be dependent on Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) allocated accreditations and will be composed of, at minimum:

- Five (5) gymnasts
- One (1) named reserve gymnast.
- Three (3) Team Coaches, including the National Team Head Coach (NTHC)
- One (1) MAG therapist
- One (1) Team Manager

1.3 KEY DATES IN 2024

February 13	Canadian Olympic Committee accreditation deadline
June 3–9	Canadian Championships hosted by Unigym in Gatineau, QC
June 12	Tentative date of internal team announcement
July 3	COC Team nomination deadline
July 8	Paris Late Athlete Replacement Policy in effect
July 13–20	Pre-Olympic Camp in France
July 20	Arrival in Paris, FRA
July 24	MAG Podium Training
July 27	MAG Qualifications
August 9	Return to Canada

2.0 DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY

The Men's Artistic Gymnastics Program Manager (PM-MAG) and the MAG National Team Head Coach (NTHC), in consultation with the Men's Program Committee (MPC) are responsible for developing and approving the selection process and procedures for the 2024 Olympic Games. The process incorporates feedback submitted by the MAG program athlete representative and involved athletes and coaches during a period of consultation prior to its final publication.

The selection of the athletes and coaches will be the responsibility of the MAG Selection Working Group (SWG). The Working Group will be comprised of the MAG Program Committee:

- Program Manager – Men's Artistic Gymnastics (PM-MAG) (Chair);
- MAG National Team Head Coach (NTHC);
- MAG Program Assembly (MPA) Chair
- National Team Coaches Council (NTCC) Representative
- Athlete Representative
- MAG Judging Chairperson
- Member at Large #1; and
- Member at Large #2

Any member of the SWG that has a direct relationship with the athletes and/or coaches being considered for selection will not be eligible for membership on the SWG due to conflict of interest. A suitable alternative representative will be selected from their represented group as a replacement.



3.0 ELIGIBILITY

3.1 ATHLETES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR SELECTION TO THE TEAM PROVIDED THAT:

1. They are a Canadian Citizen and have a passport that is valid until at least February 11, 2025;
2. they are born in 2006 or before;
3. they are a Senior NT athlete in 2024 or a Canadian National Team member currently training and competing for an American University and registered with a Canadian gymnastics club;
4. they are in compliance with all relevant GYM CAN and FIG requirements for eligibility including possessing a valid FIG license with an expiry date no earlier than August 9, 2024;
5. they have read, understood, and accepted the selection process outlined in this criterion, and they have signed and returned the athlete commitment form (Appendix 1) to the PM-MAG by the required deadline;
6. They have read, understood, and signed the COC Athlete Agreement and IOC Confirmation of participation by June 21, 2024;
7. Senior aged athletes who have competed internationally as a Junior in 2024, are not eligible for the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris.
8. Comply in all respects with the Anti-Doping Rules of the International Gymnastics Federation (FIG), the Canadian Anti-Doping Program (“CADP”) and the Anti-Doping Rules of any other Anti-Doping Organization that has authority over them, and must not be serving a period of ineligibility for an anti-doping rule violation;
9. Are or will be in compliance with the vaccination policies and requirements of GymCan, the COC, the FIG, the IOC, and the host country of the event (if applicable);
10. Are not subject to any suspension or disqualification imposed by GymCan or any other authority that has jurisdiction over them, including Abuse-Free Sport/the Office of the Sport Integrity Commissioner; and
11. Sign and submit an Abuse-Free Sport Participant Consent Form if requested to do so by GymCan or the COC.

3.2 COACHES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR SELECTION PROVIDED THAT THEY:

1. they are a Canadian Citizen and have a passport that is valid until at least February 11, 2025;
2. are the coach associated with one of the team athletes on a regular basis and coached them at the 2024 Canadian Championships;
3. have read, understood, and accepted the selection process and the conditions associated with the selection for this competition;
4. take part in all planned activities related to these Championships unless exempted by the NTHC MAG and in all GYM CAN promotional activities associated with these activities unless exempted by the NTHC MAG;
5. agree to be subject to and abide by all GymCan policy and procedures and its code of ethics;
6. are NCCP Competition 3 MAG Certified or have obtained an exemption from the PM MAG;
7. be a Registered or Chartered Professional Coach with the Coaching Association of Canada (CAC);
8. are a coach in good standing with GymCan and have fulfilled GymCan’s risk management requirements including; an up to date criminal record check, completion of Respect in Sport, True Sport Clean 101, Making Headway, and submitted a signed OSIC Agreement;
9. Comply in all respects with the Anti-Doping Rules of the FIG, the CADP and the Anti-Doping Rules of any other Anti-Doping Organization that has authority over them, and must not be serving a period of ineligibility for an anti-doping rule violation;
10. Are or will be in compliance with the vaccination policies and requirements of GymCan, the COC, the FIG, the IOC, and the host country of the event (if applicable);
11. Sign, submit, and comply with the COC Support Staff agreement;
12. Are not subject to any suspension or disqualification imposed by GymCan or any other authority that has jurisdiction over them, including Abuse-Free Sport/the Office of the Sport Integrity Commissioner; and
13. Sign and submit an Abuse-Free Sport Participant Consent Form if requested to do so by GymCan or the COC.



4.0 SELECTION PROCESS

In the scenarios list below, “FIG Criteria” refers to the document [“Qualification System – Games of the XXXIII Olympiad – Paris 2024. International Gymnastics Federation \(FIG\). Artistic Gymnastics”](#)

SCENARIO 1 (FIG CRITERIA 2)

The Canadian Men’s Artistic Team qualifies a full team for the 2024 Olympic Games:

PRIORITY 1

At the 2024 Canadian Championships, the top two (2) gymnasts competing in either the Senior Next Gen or the Senior 21+ categories who finish with the highest two-day combined All-Around score, over 12 apparatus, shall be automatically nominated to the COC for selection to the 2024 Olympic Games Team.

Priority 2

The SWG will assess the results from the 2024 Canadian Championships to nominate to the COC for selection to the 2024 Olympic Games Team up to three (3) additional athletes whose scores will best contribute to the stated performance objectives in section 1.1.

SCENARIO 2 (FIG CRITERIA 3)

Canada does not qualify a full team for the 2024 Olympic Games but finishes either 13, 14, or 15 at the 2023 World Championships and therefore qualifies quota for the COC (as opposed to by name) under the FIG Criteria.

At the 2024 Canadian Championships, the gymnast, not having already qualified under FIG criteria 7, competing in either the Senior Next Gen or the Senior 21+ categories who finishes with the highest two-day combined All-Around score, over 12 apparatus, shall be nominated to the COC for selection for the above-referenced quota spot qualified to the COC for the 2024 Paris Olympic Games. The second-place athlete shall be the named reserve in case of injury.

SCENARIO 3 (FIG CRITERIA 4)

At the 2023 World Championships, the eighth highest ranked eligible men’s All-Around athletes based on the All-Around *Qualification* results, will obtain a quota place by **name**, with a maximum of 1 quota place per National Olympic Committee (NOC). Any Canadian athlete that obtains such a result will be nominated to the COC for selection to the 2024 Olympic Games Team.

SCENARIO 4 (FIG CRITERIA 5)

At the 2023 World Championships, the highest ranked athlete on each apparatus in Apparatus Finals qualifies by **name** to the Paris Olympic Games. Any Canadian athlete that obtains such a result will be nominated to the COC for selection to the 2024 Olympic Games Team.

SCENARIO 5 (FIG CRITERIA 6)

At the 2024 Apparatus World Cup Series, the two highest ranked eligible athletes per apparatus, based on the Olympic Qualification World Cup Ranking List, will obtain a quota place by **name**, with a maximum of one quota place by NOC. Any Canadian athlete that obtains such a result will be nominated to the COC for selection to the 2024 Olympic Games Team.

If required, GymCan will hold a selection event in December 2023 for the above-mentioned World Cup Series. GymCan will publish the details about this event by October 19, 2023, via email and on its website by this date.

SCENARIO 6 (FIG CRITERIA 7)

At the 2024 Pan Am Championships, the highest ranked eligible athlete based either on the All-Around Qualifications results or the All-Around Final results (i.e., at the discretion of the respective Continental Union and as outlined in the Directives concerned) will obtain 1 quota place by **name**. Any Canadian athlete that obtains such a result will be nominated to the COC for selection to the 2024 Olympic Games Team.

The 2024 Pan Am Championships Team will be comprised of the top four Senior Next Gen and Senior 21+ athletes on the All-Around ranking list from both Elite Canada and Grizzly Classic combined (four days total of competition). The fifth-place All-Around athlete will be the non-travelling alternate.



4.1 RESERVE ATHLETE FOR A FULLY QUALIFIED OLYMPIC TEAM

SWG will identify one All-Around athlete (six apparatus) as the named reserve prior to submitting its nominations to the COC for selection and registration for the 2024 Olympic Games. This will ensure that all apparatus could be covered in case of injury.

The reserve will be expected to maintain competition-ready status until the date of the late-athlete replacement deadline.

4.2 ATHLETE VERIFICATION

Verification of athletes will be on-going until the date of departure for the Olympics. At the time of verification, the athlete must not be injured or ill to the extent that it would prevent them from competing at the level expected of an athlete preparing for the Olympic Games. They must be able to perform their usual routines with full difficulty (at a minimum, the level of difficulty that was demonstrated during the 2024 Olympics Trials as determined by the NTHC).

The SWG may choose to replace an athlete on the team if, following the verification if;

- the athlete is unable to meet the previously communicated expectations stated for the verification; and/or
- they omit to provide the required information in case of illness or injury as stated in section 4.5

4.3 ATHLETE SUBSTITUTION

Following the athlete selection and verifications, the following conditions must be met up until the deadline for official submission of the competition starting order:

- the athlete is still eligible in accordance with section 3.1 above;
- the athlete can perform at the level that warranted their selection;
- the athlete is successfully verified according to the process described in 4.2; and
- The athlete has submitted their information to the COC by the accreditation deadline of February 13, 2024;
- Substitutions after nomination to the COC are subject to the approval of the COC Team Selection Committee. Any such replacements after July 3rd, 2024 are also subject to the IOC Late Athlete Replacement Policy.
- Should a nominated athlete, at any time between the sport entry deadline of February 13, 2024, and the sport technical meeting for the 2024 Olympic Games, decline their nomination or be declared unable to participate in a competitive manner, that athlete shall be replaced, subject to the approval of the COC Team Selection Committee, IOC Late Athlete Replacement Policy, and FIG regulations, by the highest ranked alternate.
- In the case of an athlete replacement, note that the Canadian Olympic Team privileges will be transferred to the incoming athlete while the privileges of the athlete who is being replaced will be re-evaluated.

The NTHC has the authority to exercise their discretion in the case of an athlete who is slightly injured. Failure to meet one of the above conditions as assessed by the NTHC may result in the athlete being replaced by the reserve.

If based on the above, an athlete cannot participate in a competition due to injury or other unforeseen circumstance then the NTHC, in consultation with the team coach(es), the personal coaches, the IST member, and the PM-MAG, will determine if a substitute or reserve member of the team should replace that athlete. If time permits, and it is deemed to be beneficial for the team a change will be made to the official coaching staff for the team.



4.4 DETERMINATION OF ATHLETE'S COMPETITIVE APPARATUS AND START ORDER

Every effort will be made to notify the team of their competitive apparatus and start order as early as possible, but the final determination will be ongoing until the deadline to submit. The results used for the team selection as well as those obtained in athlete verifications and model trainings will be used to determine which gymnasts will compete on each apparatus to generate the maximum possible team score. The NTHC will consult with the team coach(es), personal coaches, and assigned judges in deciding the start order.

As per FIG regulations, the competing team and order of competition on each event shall be decided no later than 24 hours prior to the competition.

4.5 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 PM-MAG as set out below. Failure to do so may result in the athlete's name being withdrawn from the selection process or from the 2024 Olympic Games Team.

Step 1. The athlete and their club's head coach must inform the Program Manager by email, with acknowledgement or a read receipt from the PM-MAG **within 24 hours**, if their athlete is injured or ill in a way that will jeopardize their participation or the quality of their performances at competition and must provide the following information in writing:

1. date when the injury/illness occurred.
2. means taken to have the injury/illness evaluated by a physician or other specialist; and
3. date at which a written detailed report will be provided.

Step 2. The athlete and their club's head coach must provide the following typewritten information **within 5 days following step 1:**

1. detailed nature of the injury (documented by a medical doctor, not by a therapist) including whether this is a new, an overuse, or a chronic injury;
2. ability to pursue full training and to compete (all apparatus/some apparatus), as recommended by the physician or medical specialist.
3. recovery/rehabilitation measures.
4. recommendation(s) about pursuing training and ability to train and/or compete as expected.
5. 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 following the injury (or shorter period, if applicable based on competition dates). If requested by the MAG NTHC or IST Lead, the coach must provide an updated training plan for the next four weeks (or shorter period, if applicable based on competition dates). GymCan reserves the right to have the athlete examined by a physician or medical specialist selected by GymCan at the expense of the athlete and in accordance with the timelines set by GymCan.

It is not acceptable for any athlete to arrive at a camp or competition with an unreported injury, regardless of when the injury occurred. If a condition is pre-existing, the IST member or Head Coach for the assignment or event should be notified in advance of travelling. Failure to immediately report injuries or significant illnesses to GymCan may result in NT status being withdrawn.



5.0 SELECTION OF COACHES

5.1 SELECTION

The SWG will confirm the selection of the coaches at the same time as the athletes. Coaches must meet the eligibility as set out above (section 3.2) and the requirements set out within the National Team Handbook. Coach nomination will take the following into consideration:

1. Experience and performance in international competitions
2. Ability to work well in a team setting, to work well with other team coaches, and to contribute to team cohesion.
3. Ability to identify and resolve potential team issues related to the management of the team on the floor as they arise.
4. Ability and willingness to communicate openly and in a constructive manner with members of the delegation.
5. Ability to manage stress and support the needs of team members in high pressure situations.

The NTHC will be one of the team coaches and will provide direction to the team at the Games.

5.2 Substitution of a coach

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

1. a coach no longer has an athlete on the team.
2. a coach is not meeting the expectations associated with the roles, responsibilities, and tasks of a coach as assessed by the MAG NT Head Coach and the PM-MAG.
3. a coach has missed scheduled activities - including meetings and related GymCan promotional activities during the preparation camps unless exempted by the MAG NT Head Coach and/or the PM-MAG.
4. Substitution is possible within the parameters set by the FIG, COC, IOC, and GymCan.
5. If a late coach substitution occurs, then it is entirely possible that the substituted coach may not receive an accreditation due to a lack of COC availability of non-athlete accreditations.

6.0 ANNOUNCEMENT OF SELECTION OF ATHLETES AND COACHES

The official announcement of team selection is the responsibility of GymCan. 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 GymCan provides a formal public “release” announcing the team selection, or when GymCan partners with a multi-sport organization (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 APPEALS:

Appeals against any decisions rendered under this Selection Process must be filed in accordance with GymCan’s Appeal Policy. Please see the updated GymCan Appeal Policy here: [gymcan.org ... GymCan Appeal Policy.pdf](https://gymcan.org/.../GymCan%20Appeal%20Policy.pdf)

Notwithstanding the deadline to file an appeal indicated in the GymCan Appeal Policy, appeals regarding Olympic selection that are to be heard under the Appeal Policy must be filed no later than June 26, 2024.

Decisions rendered under GymCan’s Appeal Policy may be appealed to the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) and must be filed no later than July 1, 2024.

Notwithstanding the aforementioned, if all parties agree, and provided that an appeal has otherwise been filed in accordance with the GymCan Appeal Policy, GymCan’s internal appeal process may be bypassed and the appeal may be heard directly before the SDRCC as a first and final appeal instance.

A final decision in any appeal must be made no later than July 8, 2024 4:59pm EST. For the avoidance of doubt, a decision is considered to be final where there is no further right of appeal or the party(ies) have waived their right to a further appeal before the SDRCC.



7.3 MODIFICATION TO THE PROCESS

The NTHC, in consultation with the SWG, may make changes to this selection process to ensure the identification of the best delegation possible for the 2024 Olympic Games in case of:

1. major change(s) to the information provided by FIG;
2. unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of GymCan;
3. a situation which impacts any step of the selection process and prevents the SWG from fairly applying the process as written. The NTHC may take into consideration any factor or circumstance they deem relevant.

Any changes to this selection process must be endorsed by the CEO of Gymnastics Canada and will be communicated directly to the coaches and athletes involved in the process.

8.0 UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

Any changes to this document shall be communicated directly to the athletes and coaches. This clause shall not be used to justify changes after a competition or trials which formed part of these Internal Nomination Procedures unless it is related to an unforeseen circumstance. This is to allow for changes to this document that may become necessary due to a typographical error, a lack of clarity in a definition or wording, or modifications made to the qualification, nomination, or selection process by organizations other than GymCan (i.e., the FIG, the IOC) before it has an impact on athletes. In the event of any change to this document, GymCan shall inform the COC, and any impacted individuals, of the changes and the reasons for those changes as soon as possible.

In the event of unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of GymCan that prevents the SWG from fairly implementing these Internal Nomination Procedures as written, the National Team Head Coach, in consultation with the SWG, shall have the full discretion to resolve the matter as they see fit, taking into account factors and circumstances that they deem relevant.

In situations where unforeseen circumstances do not allow these Internal Nomination Procedures to be fairly and objectively applied, the National Team Head Coach, in consultation with the SWG, reserves the right to determine an appropriate course of action.



MAG COMMITMENT FORM 2024 OLYMPIC GAMES TEAM SELECTION PROCESS

Copy to be received by the PM-MAG no later than **September 15, 2023**

ATHLETE / COACH (circle one)

I, _____ declare that:
(Print Name)

- a) I have read, understood, and accepted to be bound by the selection process established by GymCan, a copy of which I have in my possession.
- b) I have read, understood, and accepted to abide by and be bound by all GymCan, COC, FIG, and IOC regulations, policies, directives, and discipline procedures.
- c) I am interested in being part of the selection process and to be potentially named to the Team for the 2024 Paris Olympic Games.
- d) I will take part fully in all the activities of the selection process and competition preparation plan and in all GymCan, COC, and/or FIG promotional activities associated with the preparation plan.
- e) I understand that I must abide by the conditions for selection stated in the selection process.
- f) I will notify, or I will ensure that my Head Coach notifies, the National Team Head Coach in writing within 24 hours if I am injured as per section 4.5.

Signature of Athlete / Coach

Print name of the above signature Date

Signature of Witness Print Name of Witness Date

