



## **WOMEN'S ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS**

**World Championships 2022**

**Selection Criteria**



# Women’s Artistic Gymnastics 2022 World Championships 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 Women’s Artistic Gymnastics (WAG) Program of Gymnastics Canada/GymCan to select athletes and coaches to the 2022 World Championships, with the goal of selecting the best possible gymnasts to meet the objectives for the program.

### 1.1 PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The objective of this selection process and procedures is to select the best possible delegation for these championships who will be capable of achieving the following targets:

1. Win a medal in an apparatus or All-Around final
2. Top six team finish
3. One athlete in top 8 AA or finalist in apparatus final

Consideration will be given to ensuring that at least one athlete competes on four apparatus in the Qualification and is eligible for the All-Around Final.

### 1.2 DELEGATION SIZE AND FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The maximum number of athletes in the delegation is six. A maximum of four athletes per country may compete on each apparatus in the Qualification. Maximum two athletes per country in a final.

The Canadian WAG Team will be composed of:

- 5 competing athletes; one travelling reserve athlete
- 2 team coaches will be identified + individual coaches may attend (*maximum* 1 coach per club)
- 1 or 2 judges as assigned by the JDWG
- NTHC or designate
- WAG PM or designate
- Therapist as assigned by IST
- Designated Head of Delegation

Participation is fully funded if the participant meets the usual obligations.

### 1.3 KEY DATES

March 18-22	Elite Canada
May 24 - 31	Canadian Championships
July 7 - 10	Training Camp for Pan Ams
July 10 - 18	Pan Am Championships
July 19 - 24	Paris Training Camp
July 24 - August 3	Commonwealth Games
August TBD	NT Training Camp (may be optional for World Championship pool)
September 15-18*	Final Selection Event (*dependent on 2022 World Championships workplan)
Sept. 20*	Naming of World Championship team by SWG
September (TBD)*	Nominative Registration World Championships
October 20-21	Tentative date Prep Camp INS
October 22	Tentative Travel
Oct 23-28	Training Days Worlds



October 29-Nov 6<sup>th</sup>

World Championships Liverpool

- WAG Qualification- Sub. 1 & 2>Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> Sub. 3-6 Oct.30<sup>th</sup>
- Team Finals Nov 1<sup>st</sup> Ind/AA Finals Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Apparatus Finals -Vault & Bars Nov 5<sup>th</sup> /Bm & Floor Nov 6<sup>th</sup>

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## 2.0 DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY

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The National Team Lead in consultation with the Women's Program Committee (WPC) is responsible for developing and approving the selection process and procedures for World Championships. The final process incorporates feedback submitted during a period of consultation prior to its final publication.

The selection of the athletes and coaches to be selected will be the responsibility of the WAG Selection Working Group. The Working Group will be comprised of:

- PM-WAG or designate (Chair) – Nonvoting
- NTHC or NTL Nonvoting advisory position
- WPC appointed Coach Representative – Jeremy Mosier
- JDWG appointed Brevet judge – Lorraine Curry
- Athlete representative – Brittany Rogers
- Two additional nonpartisan individuals who are familiar with the process appointed by WPC

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## 3.0 ELIGIBILITY

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

- she is a Canadian Citizen and has a passport that is valid until December 31, 2022 (unless host requires lengthier time frame)
- she is born in 2006 or before.
- she is a Senior NT athlete in 2022 or is a former Canadian National Team member currently training and competing for an American University and registered with a Canadian club.
- Follow all relevant FIG requirements for eligibility including possessing a valid FIG license with an expiry date no earlier than December 31, 2022.

A coach will be eligible for selection as team coach if they:

- are the coach associated with one of the team athletes on a regular basis and have coached them at Elite Canada 2022, the 2022 Canadian Championships, or a FIG sanctioned competition in 2022
- athletes registered at an American University
- must be identified by their club to attend with athlete following nomination of pool of athletes (maximum one coach per club)
- have read, understood, and accepted the selection process and the conditions associated with the selection for this competition
- take part in all planned activities related to these Championships unless exempted by the SWG WAG and in all GymCan promotional activities associated with these activities unless exempted by the SWG WAG.
- abide by all GymCan policy and procedures and its code of ethics
- are certified NCCP L4 or have obtained an exemption from the PM WAG or designate
- are a coach in good standing with GymCan and meet the athlete safety requirements as required by GymCan policies



#### 4.0 SELECTION PROCESS

The selection process has been developed to select the athletes with the greatest potential to meet the stated objectives.

By June 30, 2022, a pool of up to 14 athletes will be identified by the SWG based on:

- a) national and FIG sanctioned competition results from Sept 1, 2021 – 2022 Canadian Championships.
- b) demonstrated competitive stability and consistency of performance
- c) demonstrated ability to perform under pressure

**Demonstrated potential for Worlds Team selection will be assessed based on results** obtained at Senior domestic and FIG international competitions between Jan 1, 2022 up to and including the World Selection Trial Event.

Selection to the delegation will be based on an athlete’s potential to meet or contribute to the following objectives:

- 1. Win a medal in an apparatus or All-Around final, taking into consideration the two finalist per country rule
- 2. Top six team finish
- 3. One athlete in top 8 AA or finalist in apparatus final, taking into consideration the maximum number of athletes permitted to compete for Canada per apparatus

**Table of Target Scores\* to Determine 2022 Worlds Medalist and Finalist Potential**

	Two Vault Average	Bars	Beam	Floor	AA
2021 Worlds Bronze Score	13.966	14.633	13.733	13.833	54.566
2021 Worlds 8 <sup>th</sup> Place Qualification (with 2 per country)	13.516	14.133	13.400	13.100	52.765
2022 Worlds Medalist Targeted Scores	13.675+	14.45+	13.85+	13.9+	54.999+
2022 Words Finalist Targeted Scores	13.116+	13.933+	13.600+	13.300+	53.000+

\*Extrapolated from 2021 Worlds results, 2022 FIG Code of Points, and 2022 international results to date



Athletes' AA and apparatus scores will be considered from the following competitions:

**1 Best score from Group A competitions held in 2022 (Each best score may be taken from different competitions or different days of one competition):**

- Canadian Championships
- Commonwealth Games
- Pan Am Championships
- Other FIG sanctioned competition between Jan. 1 and World Championships Trials Event

**2 scores from:**

- 2 days of World Championships Trials Event\*

\*In the event of injury/illness that prevents an athlete from competing at one or both day(s) of competition at the World Championships Trials Event, the athlete may petition the SWG to consider 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> (as needed) best scores from up to any two days of a **Group A** competition or two days of 2022 Elite Canada (virtual competition).

To distinguish closely ranked athletes, competition results will be ranked in importance according to:

1. In-person competitions more important than virtual
2. Frequency of obtaining the highest scores (having more occurrences is more important)
3. Date of competition (more recent is more important)

The Selection Working Group with selection working tool will analyze the results from the competitions as listed above and name the World Championship team by Sept 20, 2022 or earlier to meet the nominative deadline.

#### 4.1 RESERVE ATHLETES

One travelling alternate will be named during the team selection. There is no obligation to name additional non-travelling reserves. The SWG may identify at one or more non-travelling reserves on or after Sept. 20. She will be identified based on the criteria used for the selection of the athletes on the team. The non-travelling reserve athlete(s) will not have the status, privileges and obligations of a team athlete.

#### 4.2 ATHLETE VERIFICATION

Verification of athletes will be on-going. Specific dates, locations, and means of verification will be at the prerogative of the SWG and the NTHC or designate.

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 the World Championships. They must perform their usual routines with full difficulty (at a minimum, the level of difficulty that was demonstrated during the 2022 Canadian Championships as determined by the SWG) in a simulated competition environment in line with FIG equipment standards. At the discretion of the SWG, modified landing mats may be permitted during a verification.

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

### 4.3 ATHLETE SUBSTITUTION

Following the athlete selection, the following conditions must be met prior to official registration:

- the athlete is still eligible for selection; and
- the athlete is healthy and able to compete, and
- the athlete can perform, at the time of a verification, at the level that warranted their selection; and
- the athlete is successfully verified according to the process described in 4.2.

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

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

### 4.4 INJURIES

An athlete injured or ill at the time of the 2022 Canadian Championships must provide an official medical report/certificate no later than *June 30, 2022*, to the PM-WAG or designate. The report must include the information stated in Steps 1 and 2 below.

An athlete who becomes injured or ill after *June 30, 2022*, must follow the directives stated below. Failure to do so may result in the athlete's name being withdrawn from the list.

Step 1. The athlete and her club's head coach must inform the PM-WAG or designate by email **within 24 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 PM-WAG or designate. See 5.5 regarding failure to meet this requirement.

Step 2. The athlete and her club's head coach must provide the following written 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

If requested by the NTHC or designate, the coach must provide an updated training plan for the next four weeks.



To be considered as part of the pool, an injured athlete must provide a medical certificate that states that the athlete has returned to full training by the Worlds Selection Trial Event.

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.

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## 5.0 SELECTION OF COACHES

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### 5.1 SELECTION

The SWG will confirm the selection of the team coaches at the same time as the athletes. Coaches must meet the eligibility as set out above (section 3.0) and the requirements set out within the National Team Handbook.

The SWG will confirm the selection of the coaches and team coaches at the same time as the athletes. Coach nomination will take the following into consideration:

- Prior experience and performance in international competitions
- Ability to work well in a team setting, to work well with other team coaches, and to contribute to team cohesion
- Ability to identify and resolve potential team issues related to the management of the team on the floor as they arise
- Ability and willingness to communicate openly and in a constructive manner with members of the delegation
- Ability to manage stress and support the needs of team members in high pressure situations
- **Must** have at least **1 female named** as team coach
- Clubs will be **required to identify one coach** (following World Selection Trial Event) wishing to be considered by the SWG as **team coach**.

### 5.2 SUBSTITUTION OF A COACH

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

- i) a coach no longer has an athlete on the team;
- ii) a coach is not meeting the expectations associated with the roles, responsibilities and tasks of a coach as assessed by the NTD and the PM-WAG.
- iii) a coach has missed scheduled activities - including meetings and related GCG promotional activities - during the preparation camps unless exempted by the PM-WAG or designate.

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

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## 6.0 ANNOUNCEMENT OF SELECTION OF ATHLETES AND COACHES

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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 GCG partners with a multi-sport organisation (i.e.: Canadian Olympic Committee, Commonwealth Games Canada, U Sport) to formally announce a team.

Final nomination must be made no later than September 27<sup>th</sup> , 2022 or earlier to meet nominative deadline.





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

### 7.1 RECONSIDERATION

An athlete who disagrees 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 SWG will then review the request and make a ruling on the request. The SWG shall give written reasons for the decision to the athlete within two working days from 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 to Section 39 (available on website) – 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 the unofficial announcement of the list of athletes and coaches who have been selected, or two days following the decision rendered because 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

GymCan reserves the right to make changes to this document to ensure the identification of the best delegation possible for the 2022 World Championship in case of:

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

**NB>** Any changes to this document must be endorsed by CEO of Gymnastics Canada 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 GymCan rules, regulations, policies, or directives will be addressed by GymCan CEO or designate 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) We will follow the three-rule system... 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, including global or Canadian response to the COVID pandemic, do not allow the Team selection criteria to be fairly and objectively applied, Gymnastics Canada's CEO will rule on an appropriate course of action. In any case of discrepancies between the English and French versions of this document, the English version will take precedence.

## 10.0 NTD

At the time of finalizing this selection process, GymCan was without a NTHC and WAG PM was on personal leave. The selection process was finalized after the completion of 2022 Canadian Championships.

## 11.0 CHANGE LOG

Version	Date	Change(s)
1.0	2022-06-07	Amended by Lorie Henderson as initial draft
2.0	2022-06-09	Amended by Lorie Henderson and Joe Stouffer with input from WPC
2.1	2022-06-10	Targeted scores chart created by Joe Stouffer
2.2	2022-06-14	Selection process options created by Joe Stouffer
2.3	2022-06-15	Option A for selection process modified by Joe Stouffer
2.4	2022-06-16	Options A1 and A2 for selection process modified by Joe Stouffer
3.0	2022-06-18	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Addition of 2 target score table options for vote and approval of WPC</li> <li>2. Selection and modifications to A2 Option in 4.0 as per vote of WPC – changes to wording in ‘*’ for clarification of petitioning athletes who cannot compete in trials event</li> <li>3. Insertion of COVID clause to 9.0 unforeseen circumstances</li> <li>4. Addition of updated GYM CAN logo to cover and header of document</li> </ol> By Joe Stouffer
3.1	2022-06-20	Target scores table as per vote of WPC by Joe Stouffer