MEN’S ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS

SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE
MEN’S SENIOR & JUNIOR NATIONAL TEAMS
FOR THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2019 TO AUGUST 31, 2020
(Based on results from competitions in 2018-2019)
1.0 INTRODUCTION

National Team (NT) status is provided to athletes and coaches in the categories of Junior and Senior who qualify for their respective teams. The Junior category is divided into two age groups, 14-15 and 16-17. Recognition as a NT athlete or coach is conditional to the athlete and their coaches signing and observing the respective NT Agreements.

National Teams are identified following Elite Canada, but may be amended periodically throughout the year. Athletes will be notified of their NT selection prior to official announcement of National Teams by GCG.

2.0 ELIGIBILITY OF ATHLETES

An athlete is eligible for National Team status if:

- they are a Canadian citizen or have permanent resident status and are eligible to compete internationally on behalf of Canada;
- they are available and committed to take part in the NT program;
- the athlete and their coach(es) have signed and returned the Athlete and Coach National Team Agreements by the set deadline;
- the athlete and their coach(es) have signed and returned the Senior NT Performance Agreement by the set deadline;
- they competed at Elite Canada and Canadian Championships in the Junior or Senior categories, unless ill or injured in which case a medical certificate is required, and/or;
- have been identified by the National Team Head Coach based on the criteria listed below.

The status of National Team member is given to athletes who have demonstrated the COMMITMENT and the ABILITY (senior & junior) to:

- excel at the international level;
- provide a significant contribution toward Olympic qualification in 2020 and beyond

3.0 NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION

The number of athletes named to the National Team may vary from year to year, but the number of Senior National Team athletes will normally be up to 14 athletes.

The National Team List is published prior to the start of the new NT cycle on September 1, 2019. The status of National Team athlete is normally valid for the period stated on the list. However, athletes may from time to time be removed or added to the NT list according to the process stated below in this document. The name of an athlete who retired during the gymnastic year or who chooses to represent another country will be deleted from the NT list.

An exception to any of the above statements may be made for special circumstances by the National Team Head Coach (NTHC).
3.1 SENIOR NATIONAL TEAM

Senior National Team members are selected taking the following criteria under consideration:

- Review of an athlete’s D scores, E scores, and final scores obtained in domestic and/or international competition as they compare against the 2019 target scores (Appendix A);
- Any Sport Canada AAP senior carded athlete (C1, SR1/2, SR) for 2019-20;
- Potential to achieve the following at either World Championships or the Olympic Games:
  - Contribute to a top 12 team result or;
  - Make all-around finals or;
  - Make an apparatus final or;
  - Achieve a qualification spot on an individual apparatus or AA for the Olympic Games
- First or second-year Seniors who may be targeted by the NTHC for the 2024 cycle

3.2 JUNIOR NATIONAL TEAM

Junior National Team members are selected taking the following criteria under consideration:

- Review of an athlete’s results from domestic and international competitions;
- Athletes in the Top 4 from age adjusted AAP Ranking List for the 14-15 age category;
- Athletes in the Top 4 from age adjusted AAP Ranking List for the 16-17 age category;
- Up to 6 athletes selected from either age category at the discretion of the NTHC.

3.3 ASPIRE SQUAD

The Aspire Squad will include top ranked Elite 3 and Elite 4 athletes from across Canada. The Aspire Squad will be invited to attend Aspire Camps, and their coaches may be invited to attend additional coach development opportunities. The list will be updated following Elite Canada, and will take the following criteria under consideration:

- Results from Compulsory Routine and Physical Testing Videos (Elite 4)
- Results from Eastern & Western Canadian Championships (Elite 3 & 4)
- Results from Elite Canada (Elite 4)

The Aspire Squad will consist of a maximum of 12 Elite 4 athletes and 12 Elite 3 athletes. Aspire Squad athletes are not considered part of the National Team, but are expected to become NT athletes in the future.

4.0 CONFIRMATION OF NATIONAL TEAM STATUS

National Team status is conditional to National Team agreements arriving at the GCG office by the set deadline. The rationale for all NT nominations must be submitted by the NTHC to the PM-MAG before they are made official.

4.1 REQUEST FOR REVIEW

An athlete or coach who is in disagreement with a decision made in the application of the process may request a review by the MAG Program Manager who will consult with the NTHC who made the initial decision. The request must be made no more than two working days from the day of circulation of the final
nominations. It must include the rationale supporting the request and the alleged errors in the application of the process. The NTHC will then review the request and make a decision. The Program Manager will distribute the written reasons for the decision to the athlete and coach within three working days from the receipt of the written request.

In case of a further disagreement, the athlete or coach may submit an appeal following GCG’s appeal policy (http://gymcan.org/uploads/content/wag_technical/section%2039.pdf).

5.0 CHANGE IN STATUS
NT status may be withdrawn, suspended, placed on hold, or the athlete placed on probation, by the National Team Head Coach at any time if the athlete:

- is no longer eligible or is no longer carded;
- is no longer performing at the level or training in the environment which warranted selection on the National Team;
- does not abide by:
  - the GCG Code of Ethics & Conduct, and Policies and Procedures;
  - the FIG, Sport Canada, COC, CCES, and GCG/MAG policies, regulations and directives.

If an athlete competes for an educational institution in the USA they will be ineligible for AAP Carding, but will not be removed from the National Team.

The process which may lead to an athlete being placed on probation or the status of a NT member being withdrawn may include the following steps:

- a discussion with the athlete and their coaches;
- a letter sent by the National Team Head Coach to the athlete and their coaches stating issues or concerns including the rationale for such evaluation, the expected improvements, and the final evaluation process;
- a final evaluation conducted by the National Team Head Coach according to terms set;
- the final findings and consequences communicated by the National Team Head Coach to the athlete and their coaches in writing.

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 organization (i.e.: Canadian Olympic Committee, Commonwealth Games Canada, U Sport) to formally announce a team.
APPENDIX A   TARGET SCORES FOR 2019 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Floor Exercise:
  • 5.6 D score/8.5 E score. Minimum final score of 14.0

Pommel Horse:
  • 5.6 D score/8.5 E score. Minimum final score of 14.0

Rings:
  • 5.6 D score/8.5 E score. Minimum final score of 14.0

Vault:
  • 5.2 D score/9.0 E score. Minimum final score of 14.2

Parallel Bars:
  • 5.6 D score/8.5 E score. Minimum final score of 14.0

Horizontal Bar:
  • 5.6 D score/8.5 E score. Minimum final score of 14.0