TRAMPOLINE GYMNASTICS

2020 Olympic Games Team Selection Process

JANUARY 2020 - FINAL
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 GymCan to select athletes and coaches for nomination to the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo, Japan with the goal of selecting the best possible gymnasts to help meet the objectives of the program (more fully described in Section 1.2 below).

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1.1 OBJECTIVES

If Canada qualifies quotas (as per the criteria of the Olympic Qualification System), the objective of this selection process and these procedures will be to select athletes who have demonstrated, on the basis of their performances, that they are capable of contributing to or achieving performances that will allow Canada to achieve the following objectives (in priority order):

• Priority 1: Earn a medal
• Priority 2: Qualify for the top 8 Final

1.2 DELEGATION SIZE AND FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Provided that the maximum number of quota spots are qualified by Canada, up to four athletes (two women and two men) may be nominated to the TG Team to participate in the 2020 Olympic Games. There will also be two travelling reserves (one woman and one man). It should also be noted that there is a maximum of two athletes per country in the finals.

On the basis of the above, the Canadian TG Team delegation may be composed of:
• Up to four athletes
• Two travelling reserve athletes (one per gender) who will be considered part of the delegation, but will not have the same accreditation or venue access as the other members of the team, unless necessary
• Up to two coaches for the four competing athletes
• Up to one coach for the reserve athletes training offsite
• Up to one team leader/manager
• Up to one therapist

Official team travel, meals, accommodation, and clothing expenses for the Canadian TG team delegation that are directly related to Games participation are the responsibility of the COC and/or GymCan.

1.3 KEY DATES

February 16-17, 2019  World Cup Baku, AZE
April 20-21, 2019  World Cup Minsk, BLR
September 21-22, 2019  World Cup Khabarovsk, RUS
October 5-6, 2029  World Cup Valladolid, ESP
Nov 28- Dec 1, 2019  World Championships Tokyo, JPN
February 15-16, 2020  World Cup Baku, AZE
2.0 DECISION MAKING PROCESS

2.1 SELECTION PROCESS

GymCan is responsible for developing and applying the internal selection process to nominate athletes and support team members to the Canadian Olympic Committee for final approval. The internal process is as follows:

Team Selection Document: Developed by GymCan staff in conjunction with the Trampoline Technical Program Committee (TTPC) and with consultation with the TG high performance community (including input from the TG athletes through the GymCan Athletes Commission representatives). Final approval of the team selection document is by the Canadian Olympic Committee.

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

- National Team Director – Trampoline Gymnastics (NTD-TG);
- TG Athlete Representative
- TG Program Committee appointed judge/coach representatives

NT coaches with athletes being considered for selection will not be eligible for membership on the SWG due to the potential of a perceived or real conflict of interest. No member of the SWG shall participate in any discussions or decisions regarding the nomination of any athletes with whom they have a perceived or real conflict of interest. Any member of the SWG who considers that they are in a position of a perceived or real conflict of interest must declare such a conflict before any discussions are held or decisions are made and must remove themselves from any meetings until the matter giving rise to the perceived or real conflict of interest has been resolved by the SWG.

GymCan will provide an internal announcement of team selection to its membership upon the final decision by the SWG. This announcement will initiate the start of the appeal period (should it be required). The internal announcement is not the official announcement of the final team – the COC has the right to make the final announcement of team selection.

The GymCan CEO provides oversight to the selection process to ensure adherence to the GymCan policies and procedures. The CEO will also be responsible for managing any appeal process should it be required.

Upon the completion of the internal selection process (and the completion of any appeal process that may be required), GymCan will submit its team nominations to the Canadian Olympic Committee for final approval. Upon final approval from the COC, GymCan and the COC will provide an official team nomination announcement at an appropriate time.
2.2 DECISION MAKING FOR ANY ISSUES ON SITE

The TG National Team Director (NTD) will be the Team Leader for the 2020 team. They will provide direction to the Canadian TG Team at the Olympic Games. The NTD will consult with selected team coaches, personal coaches, and the CEO, on site but will ultimately have decision-making authority over the Canadian TG Team.

For any situation requiring a medical opinion (injury or illness), The IST lead Therapist will provide professional recommendation to the 2020 Lead (NTD) who will have ultimate decision-making authority to recommend the substitution or removal of an athlete on the basis of an injury or illness.

3.0 FIG QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

The qualification process for the 2020 Olympic Games as set out by the FIG can be seen by clicking here.

The maximum number of athletes that Canada can qualify for the 2020 Olympic Games is 4 athletes + 2 reserve athletes (1 per gender):

1. 2019 World Championships:
   - Canada can qualify 2 athletes (1 man and 1 woman) + 2 reserve (1 man and 1 woman) by placing in the top 8 Final (Men and Women after the qualification round)

2. 2019-2020 World Cup series (Baku, Minsk, Khabaroski, Valliodid, Baku, Italy):
   - Canada can qualify a maximum of 2 athletes (1 man and 1 woman) + 2 reserve (1 man and 1 woman) by placing in the remaining allocated spots as per the World Cup ranking (after reallocation of points following the 2019 World Championships).

3. 2020 Continental Championships (Only if a quota is not earned for the continent in 3.1 or 3.2):
   - Canada can qualify a maximum of 2 athletes (1 man and 1 woman) + 2 reserves (1 man and 1 woman) by placing an athlete in first place after the final (maximum 1 quota per continent)

4.0 ELIGIBILITY

Athletes are eligible for nomination to the Team provided that:
- they are a Canadian Citizen in accordance with Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter and have a passport that is valid until at least February 9, 2021;
- they are born on December 31, 2002 or earlier;
- they are a Senior NT athlete for individual trampoline at the conclusion of the 2020 Canadian Championships
- comply in all respects with the Anti-Doping Rules of the 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; and
- not be subject to any suspension or disqualification imposed by GymCan or any other authority that has jurisdiction over them;
- they are in compliance with all relevant GymCan, FIG, COC, and IOC requirements for eligibility including possessing a valid FIG license with an expiry date no earlier than August 31, 2020.
- 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 NTD-TG by the required deadline; and
- they have signed and submitted the COC Athlete Agreement and Eligibility Conditions Form by the required deadline.

Any athlete receiving Host Country and/or Tripartite Commission Invitation places must have participated at the 2019 World Championships.

Coaches are eligible for selection provided that they:
- have signed and submitted the COC support and Eligibility Conditions Form by the required deadline
- have read, understood, and accepted the selection process and the conditions associated with the selection for the Games
- take part in all preparation activities for the Games and in all GymCan related promotional activities unless exempted by the NTD-TG;
- abide by all GymCan policies and procedures and its Code of Conduct and Ethics;
- are fully certified NCCP/Comp Level 4 or have obtained an exemption from the NTD-TG in conjunction with the COC;
- are a coach in good standing with GymCan and have fulfilled GymCan's risk management requirements including up to date criminal record check, and completion of Respect in Sport, True Sport Clean 101, and Making Headway; and
- are in good standing with the Professional Coaching Program of the Coaching Association of Canada, either as a Chartered Professional Coach or Registered Coach.

5.0 QUALIFICATION SCENARIOS

5.1 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019

Should Canada place in the top 8 at the 2019 World Championships (men's and women's event), 2 athletes (1 man and 1 woman) will qualify for the 2020 Olympic Games. These spots are not nominative. The SWG would select an athlete (or athletes) using the process outlined in section 6.0.

5.2 ADDITIONAL BERTH OPTION: 2019-2020 WORLD CUP SERIES

Canada could also earn 2 quotas (1 man and 1 woman) through the 2020 World Cup Series. These spots are not nominative. The SWG would select an athlete (or athletes) using the process outlined in section 6.0.

5.3 ADDITIONAL BERTH OPTION: 2020 CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (PAN AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS)

Canada could also earn 2 quotas (1 man and 1 woman) through the continental Championships only if the continent has not qualified a quota at the 2019 World Championships or through the 2019-2020 World Cup series. The 2020 Pan American Championships will be used to select the top placing man
and woman from the continent. These spots are not nominative. The SWG would select an athlete (or athletes) using the process outlined in section 6.0.

5.4 SELECTION FOR WORLD CUPS AND PAN AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

GymCan recognizes the importance of selection for the World Championships, World Cups and Pan American Championships. Teams are selected using the National Team selection criteria that can be found here http://www.gymcan.org/uploads/content/trampoline%20en/2019%20national%20team%20selection%20-%20%20august%202012.pdf

It is important to note that the athletes that qualify the quota places for Canada through the World Cup series or Pan American Championships are not guaranteed a spot on the 2020 Olympic Team.

6.0 ATHLETE SELECTION

6.1 SELECTION PROCESS FOR TOKYO

GymCan will select athletes for the Olympic team who have demonstrated, on the basis of their performances, the ability to achieve the performance objectives stated in Section 1.1 above. To assess athletes’ potential to achieve the performance objectives stated in Section 1.1 above, the SWG will consider the following evidence-based factors:

i. Athletes who medaled or were top 8 finalist at the 2019 or 2018 World Championships

The SWG will nominate athletes for all unnamed berths based on the 2020 TG Canadian Olympic ranking list. Athletes considered for selection will be ranked using their best 4 competitions from the following list in terms of points earned based on the table below.

1. 2019 World Championships
2. 2019 World Cup Baku, AZE
3. 2019 World Cup Minsk, BLR
4. 2019 World Cup Khabarovsk, RUS
5. 2019 World Cup Valladolid, ESP
6. 2020 World Cup Baku, AZE
7. 2020 World Cup Brescia, ITA
8. 2020 Canadian Championships
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*Reallocation of points will be as per the FIG rules for World Cup series 2019-2020 without removal of Canadian athletes. Rules for the World Cup series 2019-2020 can be found here [https://www.gymnastics.sport/publicdir/rules/files/en_TRA%20WCup%20Rules%202017-2020.pdf](https://www.gymnastics.sport/publicdir/rules/files/en_TRA%20WCup%20Rules%202017-2020.pdf)*

### 6.2 Medical Exemption

Notwithstanding the process identified in the preceding sections of these Selection Procedures, GymCan recognizes that extraordinary and unforeseen circumstances may occur which would cause an athlete otherwise deserving of consideration for a spot on the 2020 Olympic Team because of their previous competition results to be unable to participate in one or more steps of the selection process.

GymCan and the SWG will allow athletes with a specific injury or illness, which prohibits the athlete from participating in the competitive process, to request a medical exemption for the right to remain.
involved in the selection process and to be considered for the 2020 Olympic Games Team if they still meet the requirements of Section 4.0 (Eligibility).

In order to be considered for a medical exemption an athlete must:
- be able to demonstrate through past results from major FIG international events, the World Championships, or FIG World Cup events in 2019 or 2020 that they would be highly competitive with other athletes considered for selection to the 2020 Olympic Team
- be able to demonstrate through past results from major FIG international events, the World Championships, or FIG World Cup events in 2019 or 2020 that they would contribute to the stated objectives of the team as laid out in Section 1.1
- work with GymCan to develop a “return to play” rehabilitation plan that shows full recovery potential to participate in the 2020 Canadian Championships (Olympic Trials)

Medical exemptions will be considered for approval by GymCan, in consultation with the SWG. Requests for medical exemption must be received by the NTD-TG as soon as practical after the athlete becomes aware of their inability to participate in the applicable competition(s).

6.3 TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE

If two or more athletes are tied on the 2020 TG Canadian Olympic ranking list, priority will be given to the athlete who has earned the most points at international events over domestic events.

6.4 RESERVE ATHLETES

The SWG will name two travelling reserve athletes (1 man and 1 woman) prior to submitting the nominative registration for the Olympic Games. The SWG may also identify one non-travelling reserve athlete. Both will be named using the criteria outlined in section 6.2. The reserve athletes will be required to maintain competition-ready status until the date of the late-athlete replacement deadline.

All reserve athletes will not receive clothing, will stay offsite and will not have access to the village, unless called to compete. The travelling reserve athlete will be required to travel to Tokyo in order to remain ready to compete in the event that a substitution is necessary.

6.5 INJURIES

An athlete that is injured or falls 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 NTD-TG as set out below. Failure to do so may result in the athlete being withdrawn from the TG Team for the 2020 Olympic Games.

Step 1. The athlete and their personal coach must inform the NTD-TG by email, within 24 hours of the injury/illness, if the athlete’s injury or illness could jeopardize their participation or the quality of their performances at any time and provide the following information:
- date when the injury/illness occurred;
- means taken to have the injury/illness evaluated by a physician or specialist; and
- date at which a written detailed report will be provided.

Step 2. The athlete and their personal coach must provide the following written information within 5 days following step 1:
- detailed nature of the injury (documented by physician, or TG- IST therapist) including whether or not this is a new, overuse, or chronic injury;
ability to pursue full training and to compete 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; and
- detailed training plan leading up to date of departure and during Games.

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. Failure to comply with any such request by GymCan could result in the athlete being replaced on the 2020 Olympic Team.

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 lead therapist or NTD should be notified in advance of travelling. Failure to immediately report injuries or significant illnesses to GymCan may result in the athlete being replaced on the 2020 Olympic Team.

6.6 ATHLETE VERIFICATION UP TO DEPARTURE

In order to ensure that athletes are not injured or ill in the lead-up to the 2020 Olympic Games, and in the interest of ensuring that all athletes are performing at their highest potential, verifications of athletes will be on-going (by video and at camps) until the date of departure for Tokyo. Verification will be led by the 2020 Team Leader ((NTD) but all verifications will be shared with the SWG. At the time of verification, athletes must not be injured or ill in a way which prevents them from performing 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 at the time of selection as determined by the SWG).

The SWG may choose to replace an athlete on the team if, following the verification, or at any time up to the date of departure for the Olympics, as recommended by the 2020 Team Leader (NTD):
  - the athlete is no longer meeting the eligibility criteria; and/or
  - the athlete is unable to meet the expectations stated for the verification; and/or
  - failure to provide the required information in case of illness or injury as stated in section 6.5.

6.7 ATHLETE SUBSTITUTION FOLLOWING DEPARTURE

Following the athlete selection and verifications, the following conditions must be met up until the deadline for official submission of the Olympic Games starting order:
  - the athlete is still eligible in accordance with Section 4.0 above;
  - the athlete is healthy and able to compete;
  - the athlete is able to perform at the level that initially warranted their selection; and
  - the athlete satisfies all verification requirements according to the process described in 6.6.

Failure to meet one of the above conditions may result in the athlete being replaced by a reserve athlete.

For an athlete who has an existing or new injury, which has been cleared to compete by the IST lead therapist, the 2020 Team Leader (Karen Cockburn) maintains the final authority to exercise discretion.
for substitution should the athlete be unable to perform at the Olympic Games at the level that initially warranted their selection.

If, based on the above, an athlete cannot participate in the Olympic Games due to injury or other unforeseen circumstance, the 2020 Team Leader (Karen Cockburn), in consultation with the coaches on site, and the IST lead therapist, will determine where the reserve athlete is best suited to compete.

Substitutions after nomination to the COC are subject to the approval of the COC Team Selection Committee. Any such replacements after July 6, 2020 are also subject to the IOC Late Athlete Replacement Policy.

6.8 Determination of Athlete’s Start Order

Every effort will be made to notify the athletes of their competitive start order as early as possible, but the final determination will be ongoing until the deadline to submit.

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

7.0 Selection of Coaches

7.1 Selection

The SWG will confirm the nomination of the coaches for the 2020 Olympic Games at the same time as the athletes. Coaches must meet the eligibility requirements as set out above in Section 4.

The NTD-TG will provide direction to the Canadian TG Team at the Olympic Games. The NTD-TG will consult with the team coaches but will ultimately have decision-making authority over the Canadian TG Team.

Coach nomination will take the following into consideration:
- Past experience and performance in international competitions and Olympic Games;
- Personal coach of 2020 Olympic qualified TG athletes
- 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; and
- Ability to manage stress and support the needs of team members in high pressure situations.

7.2 Substitution of Coaches

Substitution of a coach may take place if any one of the following situations occurs:
- a coach no longer has an athlete on the Canadian TG Olympic Team (not including reserve athletes);
- a coach is not meeting the expectations associated with the roles, responsibilities, and tasks of a coach as assessed by the TG NT Advisor and the NTD-TG; or
- a coach has missed scheduled activities - including meetings and related GymCan promotional activities during the preparation camps unless exempted by the NTD-TG.

Substitution may only take place within the parameters set by the FIG, IOC, COC and GYMCan.

8.0 ANNOUNCEMENT OF SELECTION OF ATHLETES AND COACHES

The official announcement of team nomination 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. Athletes and coaches will be informed individually prior to the formal announcement.

Official notice of team selection occurs when GYMCan and the Canadian Olympic Committee provide a formal public release to announce a team.

Unofficial announcement will take place within 48 hours of the conclusion of Canadian Championships 2020.

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

9.1 RECONSIDERATION

An athlete who is in disagreement with a decision made in the application of the process as outlined herein may request reconsideration by the SWG. The request must be made in writing to the NTD-TG no more than two days from the date of unofficial circulation of the decision. It must include the rationale supporting the request and the alleged errors in the application of the present selection process. The SWG will then review the request and provide their decision and rationale. The NTD-TG shall give written reasons for the decision to the athlete within three days from receipt of the written request.

9.2 INTERNAL APPEAL

If an athlete is unsatisfied with the outcome of a “request for review, they may initiate a formal appeal. The appeal process is applied in accordance with Section 39 – Appeals of the GymCan Policies and Procedures Manual in effect at the time of the dispute (http://gymcan.org/uploads/content/wag_technical/section%2039.pdf). The request must be made within 21 days following receipt of the reconsideration decision or, if no request for reconsideration has been made, within 21 days of the date that the athlete received notice of the unofficial circulation of the decision. Subject to either party’s right to appeal to the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada, the results of the Appeal Process are binding on all parties.

9.3 MODIFICATION TO THE PROCESS

GymCan reserves the right to make changes to this document to ensure the nomination of the best delegation possible for the 2020 Olympic Games in case of:
- major change(s) to the deadlines or information provided by the COC or 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;
- This clause is not intended to justify changes to a competition or trials which formed part of this selection process unless it is directly related to an unforeseen circumstance. This clause does allow for changes that may become necessary due to a lack of clarity in a definition or wording before it has an impact on athletes or a significant typographical error.

Any changes to this document must be endorsed by the CEO of GymCan and the Canadian Olympic Committee and will be communicated directly to the coaches and athletes involved in the process.

10.0 DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

Failure to comply with FIG and/or GymCan rules, regulations, policies, or directives will be addressed by the NTD- TG who will follow the relevant rules, regulations, policies or directives and may, to the extent permitted, take the necessary and appropriate action.

11.0 UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

In situations where unforeseen circumstances do not allow the selection criteria to be fairly and objectively applied, GymCan CEO will determine an appropriate course of action, which will be communicated to any individuals that may be impacted by the unforeseen circumstances.
TG COMMITMENT FORM 2020 OLYMPIC GAMES TEAM
SELECTION PROCESS

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ATHLETE

I, _______________________________ declare that:

a) I have read, understood and accepted the selection process established by GYMCAN, a copy of which I have in my possession or that I can access on GYMCAN’s website.

b) I have read, understood, and accepted the regulations, policies, directives and discipline procedures described in the selection process, a copy of which I have in my possession or that I can access on GYMCAN’s website. I agree to abide by such regulations, policies, directives, and procedures at all times and understand that my failure to do so could result in disciplinary action being taken against me.

c) I am submitting my intention in being added into the 2020 Olympic Games Selection Pool and to potentially be named to the Canadian TG Team.

d) I will take part fully in all the activities of the selection process and competition preparation plan and in all GYMCAN and/or FIG promotional activities associated with the preparation plan.

e) I understand that I must abide by the conditions for eligibility and selection stated in the selection process.

f) I will notify, or I will ensure that my Personal Coach notifies the NTD-TG in writing within 24 hours if one of the conditions for eligibility is not met or if I elect to remove myself from the 2020 Olympic Games Selection Pool.

ATHLETE’S PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIANS (FOR MINOR ATHLETES)

g) I have ensured that my child (or the athlete I am the legal guardian of) understands the selection process.

h) I understand that my child must abide by the conditions for selection stated in the selection process and that he/she or his/her personal coach must notify the NTD-TG in writing within 24 hours if one of the conditions for eligibility is not met or if I elect to remove myself from the 2020 Olympic Games Selection Pool.

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COACH

I, ____________________________________________ declare that:

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   f) I have read, understood, and accepted the regulations, policies, directives and discipline procedures described in the selection process, a copy of which I have in my possession or that I can access on GYMCAN’s website. I agree to abide by such regulations, policies, directives, and procedures at all times and understand that my failure to do so could result in disciplinary action being taken against me.

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   j) I will notify the NTD-TG in writing within 24 hours if one of the conditions for eligibility of my athlete or myself is not met or if I elect to remove myself from the 2020 Olympic Games Selection Pool.

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Signature of Coach                               Signature of Club Director

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Name of Coach (print)                           Name of Club Director

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Signature of Witness                             Name of Witness (print)

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