



WOMEN'S ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS

2022 NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The selection document was published in October 2021 during the COVID 19 global pandemic, therefore it is still possible that the current competitive season could still be affected by unforeseen circumstances. If such is the case, Gymnastics Canada would exercise its right to modify the published selection criteria based on the best available information. The notice of modification would be communicated to all affected individuals.

National Team (NT) status is provided to athletes in three High Performance categories: Novice*, Junior, and Senior. Recognition as a NT athlete or coach is conditional to the athlete, their coach(es) and Club, signing and observing the respective NT Agreement.

*Novice athletes in their final year can be named Espoir only. Full NT status is reserved for athletes in Junior and Senior who are eligible for a FIG license and can represent Canada internationally.

National Teams are identified following carding nominations and Elite Canada but may be amended periodically throughout the year.

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, her club and her coach(es) have signed and returned the Athlete and Coach National Team Athlete Agreements by the set deadline;
- they competed at the 2021 and 2022 Elite Canada and the Canadian Championships in the Junior or Senior categories, unless ill or injured in which case a medical certificate is required, and/or excused by the PM WAG or NTL;
- they have been identified by the National Team Head Coach or designate and approved by the National Team Selection working group, on the criteria listed below.

The current interim National Team Head Coach is: David Kikuchi and Lorie Henderson is the National Team Lead for Junior/Novice.

The status of National Team member is given to athletes who have demonstrated the COMMITMENT, the ABILITY and POTENTIAL to:

- excel at the international level;
- provide a significant contribution toward the achievement of the WAG Program performance objectives.

3.0 NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION

The number of athletes named to the National Team may vary from year to year. Athletes who are named to the national team will have been assessed against the circulated WAG Program targets and expectations for D score as well as final score. Program targets are published in selection criteria and guidelines are also included in section 2 of the [WAG Technical Regulations](#).

Athletes named to the National Team are expected to have the ability to achieve podium performances internationally at either the junior or senior level.



2022 WAG NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA

The National Team list is published following Carding nominations, Canadian Championships and Elite Canada. 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 based on the criteria listed in section 5.0. The name of an athlete who retires during the gymnastic year is deleted from the NT ranking list. An athlete who is no longer carded can also be removed.

The National Team Head Coach will nominate athletes for selection to the Working Group, with input from National Team Lead. This working Group will be named annually and will be composed of the WAG PM and two members appointed by the WPC. The 2022 Working Group is:

- Amanda Tambakopoulos, PM-WAG
- Jeremy Mosier - member of the WPC
- Brittany Rogers- member of the WPC and member of the Athletes Commission

3.1 SENIOR NATIONAL TEAM

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

- Any Sport Canada AAP senior carded athlete (C1, SR) for 2022;
- Athletes nominated by the National Team Head Coach and confirmed by the working group as per the guidelines set out below in 3.4.

The number of Senior National Team athletes will normally be between 12 and 16 athletes.

3.2 JUNIOR NATIONAL TEAM

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

- Any Sport Canada AAP development carded athlete for 2022;
- Athletes nominated by the National Team Head Coach and working group as per the guidelines set out below in 3.4.

The number of Junior National Team athletes will normally be between 6 and 8 athletes.

3.3 ESPOIR STATUS

The working group may assign Espoir status to a gymnast who is currently on a watch list for the National Team. An Espoir gymnast may be asked to represent Canada or attend a National Team camp on a self-funded basis. Espoir athletes may be named from Senior, Junior or Novice (final year) HP Lists.

3.4 NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA

Selection criteria for Junior and Senior National Teams will include, but are not limited to the following:

- i) Review of an athlete's D score and Final scores obtained in domestic and/or international competition as they compare against the circulated WAG Program targets and expectations;
- ii) Review of an athlete's ranking obtained according to the Objective Points System as set out in the AAP carding criteria;



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- iii) Review of an athlete's ranking in Canada as they compare to the current pool of HP athletes in their category;
- iv) Review of an athlete's quality of technique and execution as demonstrated in camps or competitions;
- v) Review of data obtained on an athlete through verifications and Hopefuls or Aspire Camps including judge verified D score, observed level of preparedness upon arrival at camp, and results in physical preparation testing;
- vi) Review of tracked improvements made by an athlete over the past year;
- vii) Consideration of athletes who were injured, ill, or assigned by GymCan to an international competition at the time of Elite Canada or the Canadian Championships;
- viii) Consideration of an athlete who has demonstrated the ability to rank among the best in the world, demonstrated podium potential, using the podium result tracker.
- ix) Consideration of an athlete who has demonstrated the ability to rank among the best in Canada using the internal ranking tracker.

4.0 CONFIRMATION OF NATIONAL TEAM STATUS

National Team status is conditional to National Team agreements arriving at the GymCan office by the set deadline. The rationale for all NT nominations must be submitted by the NTL to the Program Manager who will confirm the nominations with the working group and CEO before they are made official.

4.1 REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION

Following the distribution of the NT list, a coach may submit a request for consideration of an athlete who they believe deserves to be named to the National Team. Such a request for consideration will require justification for the athlete based on the performance expectations set out for the athlete's level for the current year. Such requests will be reviewed by the PM, NTL within two weeks of the request.

5.0 CHANGE IN STATUS

The status may be withdrawn, suspended, placed on hold or the athlete placed on probation, by the National Team Lead at any time if the athlete:

- is no longer eligible or is no longer carded;
- leaves the National Team program to compete for an education institution in the USA and forfeits HP status;
- is no longer performing at the level or training in the environment which warranted selection to the National Team;
- does not abide by:
 - the GymCan Code of Ethics, Code of Conduct, and Harassment Policy;
 - the FIG, Sport Canada, COC, CCES, and GymCan/WAG policies, regulations and directives.

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

- a discussion with the athlete and their coach(es);
- a letter sent by Gymnastics Canada to the athlete and their coach(es) stating issues or concerns including the rationale for such evaluation, the expected improvements, and the final evaluation process;



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- a final evaluation conducted by the National Team Coach or designate according to terms set;
- the final findings and consequences communicated by the National Team Coach or designate to the athlete and their coach(es) in writing.

Depending on the nature of the problem or failure, it is not mandatory for Gymnastics Canada to follow every step.

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 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.