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Technical Rules and Regulations**

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Section 1: Objectives and Purpose of Technical Regulations

1.1 Objectives

The objective and purpose of the Technical Program of Gymnastics Canada (GCG):

- a) Coordinate and supervise the technical aspects of all national and international gymnastic activities of GCG;
- b) Establish and elaborate the technical regulations for Canada in accordance with the technical rules of the Federation Internationale de Gymnastique (FIG);
- c) Plan and conduct competitions, clinics, courses and schools related to the program of GCG;
- d) Conduct and determine the scope of examinations for instructors, coaches, judges and other officials at the national and international level;
- e) Select national compulsory exercises and their distribution and interpretation;
- f) Introduce, approve and promote articles or literature of technical content and instructional materials to be published under the authority or with the sanction of GCG;
- g) Establish and provide full conduct of the National Team program.

1.2 Purpose of Technical Regulations

The purpose of the Rhythmic Technical Regulations is to ensure a common understanding and consistent application of the regulations related to the conduct of rhythmic gymnastics (RG) in Canada and to outline the structure and function of the GCG Technical Programs.

1.3 Rhythmic Program Documents

In addition to these technical regulations, the Rhythmic Program follows the FIG Code of Points as well as the following documents which are available on the GCG website:

- GCG RGI & RGG Development Program (National Novice Program included)
- National Team Program Documents
- Judge Rules and Regulations
- Safe Sport Initiatives
- Hosting Requirements for Elite Canada and Canadian Championships

Section 2: Eligibility to Participate in Gymnastics Canada Events or Activities

2.1 Eligibility

Athletes competing in GCG competitions or activities, and in Eastern or Western Regional Championships must be:

- An amateur as outlined by the regulations of GCG, FIG and the International Olympic Committee (IOC) governing amateur status;
- Registered with PTO and GCG ;
 - The geographic location of the gymnast's residence determines the province of registration of the gymnast. If a gymnast lives in one province and trains in another, then the gymnast may choose which province she competes under for that competitive season.
 - If a gymnast moves to another province during the competitive season, she must request registration with the new PTO within 5 business days of moving to the new location
- In good standing with GCG with no outstanding invoices or debts and no sanctions;
- A Canadian citizen OR Permanent Resident;

- Approved by their PTO, and meet PTO specific and GCG qualification requirements for each competition;
- Eligible to compete or participate as per the specific criteria for each event (refer to the specific competition or event for its criteria).

2.2 International Eligibility

Gymnasts representing Canada internationally must follow the rules outlined in the FIG Statutes and the IOC rules published on the FIG website. They must be Canadian citizens and approved by GCG to acquire a FIG license. Please refer to the FIG Statutes for other circumstances.

2.2.1 Participation of Gymnasts who represent non-Canadian Countries at FIG Events

A Dual Nationality (DN) or Permanent Resident (PR) gymnast who has chosen to represent their non-Canadian country at FIG competitions may compete at GCG events provided they meet the qualification criteria and submits an approval letter from the National Federation the gymnast represents. The gymnast will be identified at Canadian events with their federation code and/or flag.

- Should the “DN” or “PR” athlete be ranked first, the athlete cannot be named Elite Canada or Canadian Champion. Therefore the next ranked Canadian gymnast will be named Elite Canada or Canadian Champion, and the two gymnasts will share first place, and both will receive first place medals.
- Should the “DN” or “PR” gymnast be ranked in the top 15 at Elite Canada or Canadian Championships, the next ranked gymnast who is not “DN” or “PR” will move up one place. For example, if the DN gymnast is ranked 5th, then the 6th place gymnast will move up and be ranked 5th as well and receive awards accordingly. All gymnasts following will be moved up one rank.
- “DN” or “PR” gymnasts who place in the top 15 are eligible to compete in Competition B and will not take the place of a Canadian gymnast. They will not be named High Performance or to the National Team, and therefore will not receive a HP certificate.

2.2.2 Visiting Gymnasts at GCG Events and Regional Championships

- For Elite Canada and Canadian Championships, refer to section 3.1 and 3.2, respectfully.
- For Regional Championships, visiting gymnasts may request GCG approval by submitting a letter from the federation of the country they represent to the National Team Director (NTD) – RG in advance of the registration deadline.

2.3 Age of Gymnasts

The age of the gymnast is based on the year of competition (i.e. the age the gymnast will be anytime between January 1 and December 31). For example, a national stream gymnast who turns 13 at any time during the calendar year will compete as a Junior.

National Program:

Novice 10, 11, 12 years

Junior 13, 14, 15 years (note: FIG rules apply to age category)

Senior 16 years and older (note: FIG rules apply to age category)

Development Program (formerly called “Provincial Stream”):

As per GCG Rhythmic Gymnastics Individual Development (RGI) and Rhythmic Gymnastics Group Development Program (RGG).

2.4 Eligibility of Coaches

A coach residing permanently in Canada participating in an RG National Level competition must be a duly affiliated member of his/her P/T association and of GCG (based on the province of residence).

The coach must be a member in good standing (not currently sanctioned) with GCG and his/her PTO association. A coach wishing access to the training, warm up or competition floor must be certified NCCP Level 3 or Competition Development 2 for **National Stream** competitions and NCCP Level 2 or Competition Introduction certified for **Developmental Stream** (Provincial)

All gymnasts at GCG RG (CC, EC, and Regional Championships) events must have a coach from their club registered as their “competition coach”. Any agreement between clubs to coach other club’s athletes must be approved by their Provincial Office and submitted with the registration forms.

Only accredited coaches and managers are allowed entry to the orientation meeting prior to the start of competition unless noted otherwise.

A maximum of 2 accredited coaches are allowed on the field of play/ competition area at one time.

2.4.1 Exemption to Coaching Level

Exemption requests must include the \$50.00 Administration Fee payable to GCG, and must be submitted by December 15th for the upcoming season. A late exemption request with an additional \$25.00 Administration Fee must be submitted a minimum of four weeks in advance of CC or EC to allow sufficient processing time by GCG. Other requests may be considered in extenuating circumstances (for example, last minute major illness).

NOTE: For all coaching related information, including equivalency requirements, please refer to the GCG website “Coaching”.

2.4.2 Coaches who are assigned to Judge at Elite Canada and Canadian Championships

Coaches who are assigned to judge at Elite Canada and/or Canadian Championships are allowed to coach their club athletes during podium training as long as podium training is held prior to the Judges course/meeting. Coaches who are assigned to judge are allowed to observe others training from the audience seating area and not from the judges table.

Section 3: Risk Management Requirements

All coaches, support staff (head of delegation, chef de mission, team manager, and chaperone) and integrated support team (IST) who will participate in CGG national competitions must have completed the following requirements. Failure to do so will result in a withholding of the accreditation and denial of access to the field of play, competition and training venues.

Requirements	Comments
Completed Enhanced Background Check, Canada-wide and/or International Police Checks http://sterlingbackcheck.ca/cac_ace	Must be issued within 12 months of the date of the event being attended. Cost is the responsibility of the individual. Required for coaches, support staff, judges and IST.

Complete <i>Respect In Sport</i> online e-learning module package http://gymcan.org/resources/respect-in-sport	Cost is the responsibility of the individual. Check with your respective province/territory as some may cover the cost. Required for coaches, support staff, judges and IST
True Sport Clean101 UNTRACKED e-learning course http://cces.ca/truesportclean101untracked	Free module. Required for coaches and IST.
CAC Making Headway online learning module. www.coach.ca/concussion	Free module – will be included in coach NCCP records on the Locker. Required for coaches and IST.

Please note, the aforementioned risk management requirements are subject to change pending Safe Sport Policy approval.

Section 4: GCG RG Competitions and Events

The official GCG competitions are Elite Canada and Canadian Championships. The location of these events will alternate between Eastern and Western Canada, but are dependent on approval of the successful bid.

For all GCG competitions, gold, silver and bronze medals are given for places 1, 2 and 3, and ribbons for places 4 to 8 inclusive. If there is a tie, the gymnasts or groups will share the place, and the next place is omitted. See Section 2.2 for Dual Nationality situations.

For all National stream competitions the rotation order of the competition will be made by a random draw from all registered gymnasts in that level. If the number of gymnasts in a category is large, the athletes will be divided into Flight A and Flight B as shown below under Elite Canada and Canadian Championships. The draw will be done for Flight A and Flight B separately. The two flights must follow each other in the competition schedule.

The order of apparatus follows FIG, with the Free routine first when applicable. General department of the coaches and gymnasts, judging, carpet and apparatus requirements, display of scores, etc., are as stated by FIG.

Spare Apparatus

GCG has spare apparatus to place around the carpet as per FIG regulations. GCG will provide the official spare apparatus with FIG and manufacturer logo for CC and EC. For Regional Championships, hosts may request to use the GCG spare apparatus and would be responsible for the rental (\$100) and shipping charges to and from the venue. FIG & GCG measurements will apply for Regionals Championships, however manufacturer logo will not be required.

Line & Timer Judges

Two line judges and 2 timers are required for individual and group as per the FIG rules.

If there are GCG assigned “Alternate Judges” to the competition, they will be a Line Judge for part of the competition as outlined in the GCG Judge Rules.

The host club is responsible to recruit Line judges and Timers, if not assigned by GCG.

- It is recommended that these volunteers are individuals aged 18 or older.
- Be minimum Provincial Club or Provincial Level Judges.

- If there are not enough judges available, former athletes who are at least 18 years of age, or other knowledgeable and responsible individuals may perform the Line Judge duties.

The host must ensure that ALL line judges, timers and apparatus judges are available for instruction. The host must also ensure that there are individuals identified for back up in case of illness or replacement if requested by the JR or JA. All minor officials should be in their assigned position before the start of each rotation. Details regarding anti-doping controls for competitions held in Canada will be provided to competition hosts as appropriate.

4.1 Elite Canada

Elite Canada is held annually in February or early March. The purpose of Elite Canada is to:

- Provide a National level competitive opportunity for developing individuals and groups;
- Declare Elite Canada Junior and Senior Champions;
- Identify the 15 High Performance Junior and Senior Individuals for direct entry to the Canadian Championships;
- Initiate the selection process for GCG RG Junior and Senior Individual National Teams;
- Identify and assign gymnasts to strategic International competitions using published selection criteria;
- Provide a National level competitive opportunity for gymnasts in their final year of Novice;
- Declare Elite Canada Group Champions;
- Establish Elite Canada ranking of Senior and Junior groups of 5 for the purpose of assignments using published selection criteria;
- Provide an opportunity for GCG Senior Group to meet requirements for their training and competition plan.

Qualification from the previous Canadian Championships is required to be invited to participate at Elite Canada for Junior and Senior athletes, or via the petition or extenuating circumstance rules as outlined below.

Please note, for 2020 Elite Canada Qualification, minimum AA scores will be applied. Information to follow prior to 2019 Canadian Championships.

Elite Canada is an OPEN competition for all National stream groups and for Novices who turn 12 in the year of competition.

Junior athlete qualification:

a) Up to 45 athletes qualify from the previous year's Canadian Championships (CC) provided they completed 4 routines at the previous CC:

1. National Team / High Performance Junior from previous CC
2. Novice who have turned Junior Age who placed in the top 15 at the previous CC
3. Junior athletes in order of ranking from previous CC to make the total of Junior athletes competing at Elite Canada a total of 45
4. If after the above 3 criteria have been applied there are not 45 Junior athletes, then additional Novices who have turned Junior age will be invited based on their Canadian Championships ranking

b) In addition to the 45 athletes from the above 4 categories:

- If a province had athletes compete all 4 routines at CC but none of those qualified in the 45 athletes as described above, then that province will be invited to send one athlete.

- c) **A maximum of 5 spots in addition to the 45 athletes invited in section a) above may be approved by GCG. (Note, the cost of the Request to Participate application is \$50/athlete and is non-refundable.)**
 - Medical petitions for athletes who qualified for CC but were not able to attend and followed the RG Medical Petition rules
 - If not all of the 5 spots are used by medical petitions, then GCG will consider participation for “extenuating circumstances”. An extenuating circumstance must be approved by the program committee. In this case, the athlete must submit a video of 4 routines by December 1st each year. Routines will be assessed by two members of the JWG who are Brevet Level in the current cycle and non-affiliated. The AA score must be equal to or higher than the last gymnast that qualified under categories #1, 2 and 3 from the previous year CC. Athletes applying under this category will be ranked by the AA score given by the assigned judges, and once approved, will be invited based on the ranking until the 5 spots are full.

- d) **An additional 2 spots are available for “Visitors”**

The spots will be first awarded to visiting gymnasts who are training in Canada on a student visa. These gymnasts must submit a video by December 1st and meet the petition requirements in section c and invited by GCG in rank order. If these two spots are not filled in this manner, requests by national team members of other countries’ federations will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis.

Senior athlete qualification:

- a) **Up to 40 athletes qualify from the previous year’s Canadian Championships (CC) provided they meet completed 4 routines at the previous CC:**
 1. National Team / High Performance Senior from previous CC
 2. Juniors who were National Team / High Performance at the previous Canadian Championships who are Senior age
 3. Senior or Junior athletes who are now senior age, in the order of the Competition A scores from the previous CC (scores are merged and athletes re-ranked)

- b) **In addition to the 40 athletes from the above 4 categories:**
 - If a province had athletes compete all four routines at Canadian Championships but none of those qualified in the 40 athletes as described above, then that province will be invited to send one athlete.
 - Athletes who were members of the GCG Senior Group in the previous season and are now returning to individual competition will be invited

- c) **A maximum of 5 spots in addition to the 40 athletes invited in section a) above may be approved by GCG. (Note, the cost of the Request to Participate application is \$50/athlete and is non-refundable.)**
 - Medical petitions for athletes who qualified for Canadian Championships but were not able to attend and followed the RG Medical Petition Rules
 - If not all of the 5 spots are used by medical petitions, then GCG will consider participation for “extenuating circumstances”. An extenuating circumstance must be approved by the program committee. In this case, the athlete must submit a video of 4 routines by December 1st each year. Routines will be assessed by two members of the JWG who are Brevet Level in the current cycle and non-affiliated. The AA score must be equal to or higher than the last gymnast that qualified under categories #1, 2 and 3 from the previous year CC. Athletes applying under this category will be ranked by the AA score given by the assigned judges, and once approved, will be invited based on the ranking until the 5 spots are full.

d) An additional 2 spots are available for “Visitors” .

The spots will be first awarded to visiting gymnasts who are training in Canada on a student visa. These gymnasts must submit a video by December 1st and meet the petition requirements in section c and invited by GCG in rank order. If these two spots are not filled in this manner, requests by national team members of other countries’ federations will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis.

4.1.1 Recommended Competition Schedule

The competition should run from Friday to Sunday inclusive, with podium training on the Thursday morning and afternoon.

The competition start time should be mid-morning on the first day to provide time for the judge course and meeting. For the remaining competition days, the competition should run from 09:00-20:30. The exact start time will depend on the number of athletes. A minimum of 45 minutes for lunch break is required, plus short breaks in the morning and afternoon. If the competition goes beyond 18:00, a dinner break of a minimum of 45 minutes is required.

ALL modifications to the schedule must be approved by the GCG Events Director and NTD-RG, in consultation with the JR and JA. Please note that healthy breakfast, lunch and dinner should be provided for the judges, along with beverages and healthy snacks during the breaks. The room for the meals and snacks needs to be close to the competition gym to ensure judges have time for their meals. The room cannot be the same as the area used for inquiries.

Draw

GCG will split athletes into Flight A and B if required. The draw is conducted by the LOC by random draw.

The Senior Category should be split into “Flight A” and “Flight B” before doing the draw, as described below:

- Flight A should include:
 - Senior National Team (top 10);
 - Next 5 highest ranked Seniors from the previous Canadian Championships;
 - Junior National Team who are now Senior age
- Flight B: all others

The Junior Category should be split into “Flight A” and “Flight B” before doing the draw as described below:

- Flight A should include:
 - Junior National Team (top 10);
 - Next 5 highest ranked Juniors from the previous Canadian Championships;
 - Novice who are now Junior age who placed in the top 5 at the previous Canadian Championships;
 - Plus enough athletes to make up 50% based on the order of the total score of Competition A from four apparatus of the juniors or former novices from the previous Canadian Championships.
 - Note that this means that the scores from CC for the juniors and novices are combined to create a “ranking” order for assignment to Flight A.
- Flight B: all others

Scripts

All scripts and judge chits (if used) are to be given to the JA immediately after the scores are entered into the scoring program. Two large boxes should be provided to the JA to store these.

The Novice free routine scripts (if used) are to be returned to the registered coach of the athletes for that club at the end of the final day of the competition by the Meet Director. It is imperative that the scripts have the athlete's club name on them. All other judge chits are to be removed.

Day	Time	Draft Program
1	Thursday	Podium Training Orientation/Technical Meeting (maximum 2 accredited coaches/club– no panel judges) No Judges Meetings (TBC)
2	Friday	Judge Course and Meeting Official Welcome by GCG and Host (BRIEF) Junior Individual Competition A – two apparatus Senior Individual Competition A – two apparatus Groups Novice Individual Competition A – two apparatus Meetings (TBC)
3	Saturday	Judge Meeting Junior Individual Competition A – two apparatus Senior Individual Competition A – two apparatus Groups Novice Individual Competition A – two apparatus Awards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Novice Individual Competition A (one set of awards for total score of the 4 apparatus (no individual apparatus awards) & a Champion is NOT declared) • All Groups All Around except Junior 5 & Senior 5 Groups • Meetings (TBC)
4	Sunday	Judge Meeting Certificates acknowledging qualification to Competition B for Junior and Senior Competition B Junior Individual Senior Individual Groups where appropriate Awards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Around Competition A + B Individual and Junior 5 & Senior 5 Groups • Competition B (apparatus finals) Awards • High Performance Athlete Meeting

4.1.2 Elite Canada - Individual

When EC is used as a selection for International Assignments, the athletes must be Canadian Citizens with a passport prior to the start of Elite Canada or as required by the selection criteria.

Competition A: All registered gymnasts compete all four apparatus in the Competition A.

Competition B: Junior and Senior Individuals who place in the top 15 in the Qualifying competition (Competition A) are eligible to compete in the All-Around competition and Apparatus Finals (Competition B). If there is a tie for 15th place in Competition A, both gymnasts will advance to Competition B. If a “DN” or “PR” is in the top 15, the next ranking gymnast will also advance to Competition B. Refer to section 2.2 above regarding these athletes.

Gymnasts who finish in the top 15 in Competition A will receive a certificate recognizing their achievement in qualifying for High Performance (HP) and qualifying to Competition B. A gymnast who places in the top 8 in one apparatus will be eligible to compete in final for that apparatus only, however this score does not count towards the HP AA ranking.

Awards:

- The top 8 Novice from Competition A (based on total of all 4 apparatus) receive All Around awards only. (No champion is named).
- Junior and Senior All Around ranking is based on the cumulative scores from Competition A (4 routines) plus Competition B (4 routines).
- Junior and Senior Elite Canada Champions are named based on the highest ranking All Around score.
- Apparatus awards are given to the top 8 in each apparatus from Competition B.

High Performance athletes

The top 15 Junior and the top 15 Senior athletes based on the Competition A + B All Around ranking are named at the competition as the High Performance (HP) athletes and will have direct entry to Canadian Championships.

Note that ALL other athletes must qualify to Canadian Championships from Eastern or Western Regional Championships. An exception may be granted by GCG if a Canadian athlete is out of the country at a FIG competition as assigned by GCG.

4.1.3 Elite Canada - Group

Open to all National Groups as outlined in the annual GCG National Program.

When EC is used as a selection for International Assignments, the athletes must be Canadian Citizens with a passport prior to the start of Elite Canada or as required by the selection criteria.

When a group has six (6) gymnasts registered for a GCG competition, the FIG RULE will be applied. All 6 gymnasts must compete in at least one of the two routines in both Competition A & B. If a gymnast is injured just before or during the competition and is unable to fulfill this requirement, a medical petition request is required.

Competition A: National Junior 5 (group of 5) and Senior 5 (group of 5) groups perform each of their two prescribed routines once. The GCG Senior group will perform as outlined in the Strategic Plan / Training Plan.

All other National stream groups including Senior Development and Junior Development will perform their one prescribed routine two times.

Competition B: The Junior 5 or Senior 5 groups in the top 8 from Competition A will perform each of their two prescribed routines once. The GCG Senior Group will perform as outlined in the Strategic Plan / Training Plan.

All other National stream groups including Senior Development and Junior Development will perform their one prescribed routine one time. With the exception of the Junior 5 and Senior 5, if there is only 1 group in category, the group may compete in Competition B if they choose, however awards for Competition B will not be awarded (the group will receive only the Competition A All Around).

Awards:

- All groups except Junior 5 and Senior 5 and the GCG Senior Group:
 - All Around ranking is based on the top 8 from Competition A results. The highest ranking is named the Elite Canada Champion for each of the categories.
 - Apparatus Award is based on the ranking from Competition B if 2 or more groups participate.
- Junior 5 and Senior 5 Groups:
 - All Around ranking is based on the top 8 from the addition of all scores from Competition A and Competition B. The Junior or Senior Elite Canada Champion is the highest ranked group.
 - Apparatus awards are given for the top 8 in each apparatus from Competition B.
- GCG Senior Group:
 - The GCG Senior Group does not receive All Around or Apparatus awards. However, they should be recognized by the host committee (for example, given flowers at the time of the awards or one medal).
 - Note that only the GCG Senior Group is considered National Team, and is the only senior group that may represent Canada and compete at FIG sanctioned international events.
This rule may be revised pending further discussion surrounding FISU Games Group eligibility.

4.2 Canadian Championships

The purpose of Canadian Championships is to:

- Provide a National level competitive opportunity for developing individuals and groups;
- Declare the Canadian Champion for:
 - Novice
 - Junior Open (formerly Level 9)
 - Junior High Performance (formerly Level 10)
 - Senior Open (formerly Level 9)
 - Senior High Performance (formerly Level 10)
 - Novice, Junior and Senior FIG Groups of 5
 - Senior Development Group of 5 and Junior Development Group of 5
- Be the final selection process to rank the Junior and Senior Individual (top 10 Junior & Senior) National Team;
- Identify and assign gymnasts to strategic International competitions using the published selection criteria;
- Identify the qualifying gymnasts for the subsequent Elite Canada

4.2.1 Recommended Competition Schedule

The competition should run from Friday to Sunday inclusive, with podium training on the Thursday morning and afternoon.

The competition start time should be 10:00 on the first day to provide time for the judge course and meeting. For the remaining competition days, the competition should run from 09:00-20:30. A minimum of 45 minutes

for lunch break is required, plus short breaks in the morning and afternoon. If the competition goes beyond 18:00, a dinner break of a minimum of 45 minutes is required.

ALL modifications to the schedule must be approved by the GCG Events Director and NTD-RG, in consultation with the JR and JA. Please note that healthy breakfast, lunch and dinner should be provided for the judges, along with beverages and healthy snacks during the breaks. The room for the meals and snacks needs to be close to the competition gym to ensure judges have time for their meals. The room cannot be the same as the area used for inquiries.

Draw

GCG will split athletes into Flight A and B. The draw is conducted by the LOC by random draw.

If there are more than 30 competitors in the junior or senior category, that category must be split into “Flight A” and “Flight B”. For Seniors and Juniors, Flight A will include the 15 High Performance athletes from Elite Canada, plus the top 3 in the relevant level from Eastern / Western Regional Championships.

Day	Time	Draft Program
1	Thursday	Orientation/Technical Meeting (maximum 2 accredited coaches/club– no panel judges) No Judges Meetings TBC
2	Friday	Judge Course and Meeting maximum 90 minutes Official Welcome by GCG and Host (BRIEF remarks) Novice 2 apparatus Lunch Novice & Senior Groups – 1 st performance Senior 2 apparatus Junior 2 apparatus Junior Groups
3	Saturday	Novice 2 apparatus Lunch Novice & Senior Groups – 1 st performance Senior 2 apparatus Junior 2 apparatus Junior Groups Novice Individual & Group AA Awards & Trophies; Novice Apparatus Awards Junior Open AA and Apparatus Awards Senior Open AA and Apparatus Awards
4	Sunday	Certificates acknowledging qualification to Competition B for Junior and Senior Junior Competition B – Four Apparatus National Novice, Junior & Senior Groups of 5 – Competition B - 1 st Apparatus National Junior & Senior Groups of 5 – Competition B - 2 nd Apparatus Senior Competition B – Four Apparatus Junior Individual & Group All Around and Apparatus Awards & Trophies Senior Individual & Group All Around and Apparatus Awards & Trophies

Scripts

All scripts and judge chits (if used) are to be given to the JA immediately after the scores are entered into the scoring program. Two large boxes must be provided to the JA to store these.

The Novice free routine scripts (if used) only (all other judge chits to be removed) are to be returned to the registered coach of the athletes for that club at the end of the final day of the competition by the Meet Director. It is imperative that the scripts have the athlete's club name on them.

4.2.2 Canadian Championships – Individual

When CC is used as a selection for International Assignments, the athletes must be Canadian Citizens with a passport prior to the start of Elite Canada or as required by the selection criteria.

National Novice, Junior and Senior athletes must qualify to compete at Canadian Championships either from Elite Canada, or from Eastern / Western Regional Championships. Exceptions will only be considered by GCG for athletes who were out of country on a GCG assignment, or for injury or illness as per the rules set out in the Appendix.

- a) Elite Canada: The top 15 All Around in Junior and Senior qualify for direct entry to Canadian Championships as High Performance. (They do not have to compete at Eastern / Western Regionals in order to qualify).
- b) Eastern / Western Regionals: The top 10 from Easterns and the top 10 from Westerns plus two from each province in the National Novice, Junior and Senior Open categories qualify to Canadian Championships.

Competition A: All registered gymnasts compete all four apparatus in Competition A.

Competition B: Junior and Senior Individuals who place in the top 15 in the Qualifying competition (Competition A) are eligible to compete in the All-Around competition and Apparatus Finals (Competition B). If there is a tie for 15th place in Competition A, both gymnasts will advance to Competition B. If a “DN” or “PR” is in the top 15, the next ranking gymnast will also advance to Competition B. (refer to section 2.2 above regarding these athletes)

Gymnasts who finish in the top 15 in Competition A will receive a certificate recognizing their achievement in qualifying for High Performance (HP) and qualifying to Competition B. A gymnast who places in the top 8 in one apparatus will be eligible to compete in final for that apparatus only, however this score does not count towards the HP AA ranking.

Awards:

- Competition A:
 - Novice receive awards for top 8 in each apparatus and for the top 8 combined overall scores
 - Junior Open receive an award for top 8 in each apparatus and for the top 8 combined overall score
 - Senior Open receive an award for top 8 in each apparatus and for the top 8 combined overall score
- Novice National Canadian Champion is the highest ranked Novice.
- Competition B:
 - All Around ranking based on the top 8 from the addition of the scores from Competition A four routines plus Competition B four routines.
 - The Junior and Senior Canadian Champions are the highest from the above All Around ranking

- Apparatus awards are given for the top 8 in each apparatus from Competition B.

Keeper Trophies:

Keeper trophies are to be provided by the host for Canadian Championships to the Novice, Junior and Senior Canadian Champions

Perpetual Trophies:

The Perpetual trophies are the property of GCG RG Program and will be retained at the GCG office.

The trophies are awarded as listed below. The description for each trophy is in the GCG Awards Manual and should be included in the program for Canadian Championships.

Novice National Champion “Future Cup”	Russell Okano Trophy
Junior National Champion	Evelyn Koop Trophy
Senior National Champion	Spieth Anderson Trophy
Team Award	Tamara Bompa Team Award Trophy

4.2.3. Canadian Championships - Group

When CC is used as a selection for International Assignments, the athletes must be Canadian Citizens with a passport prior to the start of Elite Canada or as required by the selection criteria.

When a group has six (6) gymnasts registered for a GCG competition, the FIG RULE will be applied. All 6 gymnasts must compete in at least one of the two routines in both Competition A & B. If a gymnast is injured just before or during the competition and is unable to fulfill this requirement, a medical petition request is required

Open to all National Novice, Junior and Senior Groups of 5, and Senior and Junior Development Groups.

Competition A: Novice Groups of 5 and Junior and Senior Development Groups perform their one prescribed routine twice. National Junior 5 and Senior 5 perform each of their two prescribed routines one time. The GCG Senior Group will perform as outlined in the Strategic Plan / Training Plan.

Competition B: The Junior 5 or Senior 5 groups in the top 8 from Competition A will perform each of their two prescribed routines once. The GCG Senior Group will perform as outlined in their Strategic Plan / Training Plan.

Awards:

- Novice Group of 5:
 - All Around ranking is based on the top 8 from Competition A results (two performances), and the Novice Group Champion is the highest ranked Novice Group.
- Senior and Junior Development Groups:
 - All Around ranking is based on the top 8 from Competition A results. No National Champion is declared.
- Junior 5 and Senior 5 Groups:
 - All Around ranking is based on the top 8 from the addition of all scores from Competition A and Competition B. The Junior or Senior Group Champion is the highest ranked group.
 - Apparatus awards are given for the top 8 in each apparatus from Competition B. If there is only one Junior or Senior Group, apparatus awards are not presented.
- GCG Senior Group:

- The GCG Senior Group does not receive All Around or Apparatus awards. However, they should be recognized by the host (for example, given flowers at the time of the awards or a medal).
- Note that only the GCG Senior Group is considered National Team or HP, and is the only senior group that may represent Canada, and compete at FIG sanctioned international events.
This rule may be revised pending further discussion surrounding FISU Games Group eligibility.

Keeper Trophies:

Keeper trophies are to be provided by the host for Canadian Championships to the All Around 1st place Novice, Junior and Senior Groups as outlined in the current GCG National Group program.

Perpetual Trophies: to be updated

The Perpetual trophies are the property of GCG RG Program and will be retained at the GCG office. Metal plates with the name of the champion will be added annually.

The trophies are awarded as listed below. The description for each trophy is in the Appendix “Hosting Canadian Championships or Elite Canada” and should be included in the program for Canadian Championships.

Senior 5 Group Champion	Bermo Trophy
Junior 5 Group Champion	Reddy Trophy
Novice Group of 5 Champion	Victoria Buruiana Trophy

4.3 Non GCG Competitions held in Canada

4.3.1 Eastern / Western Regional Championships

Eastern / Western Regional Championships are not official GCG Competitions, GCG is responsible to ensure that the competitions follow the program set out by GCG, including the levels that may compete, awards structure, qualification to Canadian Championships, and assignment of Judge Responsible and Judge Administrator for the National portion of the event. GCG must approve the Directives, Bulletins, and tentative and final schedules.

It is recommended that the competition be held 4 or 5 weeks prior to Canadian Championships.

The purpose of Eastern / Western Regional Championship is to:

- Provide a National level competitive opportunity for developing gymnasts;
- Declare Eastern or Western Regional Champion for National Novice, Junior and Senior Open Individuals and National Level Groups; Rhythmic Gymnastics Individual Development Stream (RGI Dev) Levels 3B, 3C, 4B, 4C, 5B, 5C, 6B and 6C and Rhythmic Gymnastics Group Development Stream (RGG Dev) Novice, Junior and Senior Group;
- To act as a qualifying competition for Canadian Championships for National Novice, Junior and Senior Open Individuals who are not eligible for direct entry following Elite Canada;

There is no Competition B at Eastern / Western Regional Championships.

Participants

- a) National Stream Individual: Open to all National Novice, and the National Juniors and Seniors who did not qualify for direct entry to Canadian Championships by placing in the top 15 at Elite Canada, including “DN” and “PR” (refer to section 2.2) who wish to qualify for CC. If there is sufficient time available, the hosts may open registration to the High Performance Juniors and Seniors from Elite Canada. If they are included, these gymnasts will pay the full required fee and will compete in a separate category; “hors

concoours" (HC), They will be judged and their scores will be posted. They must be marked "HC" beside their name in the rotation order.

- b) National Stream Groups: Open to all National Groups, and to the "Open Category" group.
- c) RGI Development Stream: Open to levels 3B, 3C, 4B, 4C, 5B, 5C, 6B, 6C.
- d) RGG Development Stream: Novice, Junior and Senior Group.

The top 10 Novice, Junior and Senior Open individuals, plus the next two highest ranking from each level from each province, qualify for Canadian Championships.

Scripts

All scripts and judge chits are to be given to the JA immediately after the scores are entered into the scoring program. Two large boxes must be provided to the JA to store these.

The Novice free routine scripts, if used are to be returned to the registered coach of the athletes for that club at the end of the final day of the competition. It is imperative that the scripts have the athlete's club name on them. All other judge chits are to be removed.

The order of apparatus follows FIG, with the Free routine first where applicable. General deportment of the coaches and gymnasts, judging, carpet and apparatus requirements, display of scores, etc., are as stated by FIG and where applicable, by GCG.

Competition A:

- RGI: All registered gymnasts compete in the All Around competition.
- RGG: National FIG Junior and Senior Groups perform each of their two prescribed routines once. If there is a GCG Senior Group they will perform as outlined in the Strategic Plan / Training Plan. All other National stream and all Development stream groups will perform their prescribed routine two times.

Awards:

- National Individual:
 - Novice, Junior and Senior Open All Around ranking is based on the top 8 from Competition A results. The first ranked in each category is named the Eastern Regional / Western Regional Champion.
 - Novice, Junior and Senior Open Apparatus Awards are based on the top 8 Competition A apparatus results.
 - "HC" athletes (including HP & visitors) will receive an All Around award only, regardless of the number of athletes (no apparatus awards).
 - No other awards or recognition are permitted
- National Groups:
 - All Around ranking is based on the cumulative scores from the two performances / apparatus. The top 8 groups receive apparatus awards and All Around Awards *NOTE: Where there are two or less groups in a category, ONLY All Around awards will be given. (no apparatus awards).*
- RGI Development:
 - All Around ranking is based on the top 8 from Competition A results. The first ranked in each category is named the Eastern Regional / Western Regional Champion.
 - Apparatus Awards are based on the top 8 Competition A apparatus results
 - *NOTE: Where there are two or less individuals in a category, ONLY All Around awards will be given (no apparatus awards)*

- RGG Development:
 - The top 8 (based on the cumulative scores from two performances) groups receive AA Awards.

Hosts must send results within 3 days following the end of the competition to GCG NTD-RG or designate to confirm eligibility of athletes.

4.3.2 Recommended Competition Schedule

It is recommended that the competition start at 09:00am at the earliest and finish by 20:00 each day with a 45 minute hour lunch break and short breaks in the morning and afternoon.

As this is a qualifying competition for the national stream individuals, the schedule must provide this category with the best opportunity for a successful performance. In addition, the national stream competition must be scheduled in the most efficient manner to allow the national stream judges complete their assignment in as few days as possible. The intention is to have different judges for provincial and national streams so that the judges for the national stream are not tired when judging.

The schedule must be reviewed and approved by the GCG National Team Director prior to distribution.

4.3.3 Other Domestic Competitions

Canada Winter Games: The Games are held every four years in February. When Rhythmic Gymnastics is included in Canada Winter Games, the Games governing committee will seek input from the NTD-RG or designate. The rules applicable to Games will be published on the GCG and the Games websites.

Western Canada Summer Games: The Games are held every four years. When Rhythmic Gymnastics is included in Western Canada Summer Games, the Games governing committee will seek input from NTD-RG or designate and from the PTO's well in advance. The rules applicable to Games will be published on the GCG and the Games websites.

Section 5: National Team Program

The objective of the GCG RG National Team Program is to identify a pool of athletes to represent Canada internationally and to provide a selection process for athletes to participate in specific events. Selection Criteria for major assignments to international competitions are determined annually and distributed to the provinces, Brevet Judges, National Team athletes and National Team coaches. All individuals & group members wishing to represent Canada at a FIG event must have a Canadian passport, and be prepared to show it at the request of GCG, at the time of the selection event.

The following domestic events are mandatory events for all High Performance & National Team Members to attend. The only exceptions are if an athlete is assigned by GCG to an international event.

- Canadian Championships
- Elite Canada
- Training Camps
- Trials &/or Selection Activities

4.1 Canadian Championships

The Championships are a prestigious annual competitive opportunity for developing HP gymnasts, showcasing top Canadian talent, providing National rankings and declaring Canadian Champions for each category of competition. The Championships also play an important role in the National Team Program. The Canadian

Championships are used as part of the selection process for Major events, National Team Status and Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program Carding when applicable.

4.2 Elite Canada

The primary purpose of Elite Canada is to identify the members of High Performance - Junior and Senior. Elite Canada is also used as part of the individual and group selection for certain Major events, National Team Status for individuals, and Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program Carding when applicable.

4.3 Training Camps

Training Camps are an important part of the National Program. These camps may be organized in a central location, or may periodically take place regionally.

There are three types of camps that may be organized by Gymnastics Canada:

1. Event Preparation Camps - Camps in preparation for a major team competition;
2. Technical Preparation Camps – National Team camps not specific to a competition;
3. Control Trainings - Short duration mini camps by specific invitation or request with groups or individual athletes.

4.4 Trials and Selection Activities

For certain competitions, a specific Trial or Selection event may be identified for the purposes of naming an Official Team to a specific competition. The competition selection working group (SWG) may approve and seek a location for trials for Major Team competitions if stated in the competition selection criteria. For other international competitions, the NTD will specify what domestic competitions &/or camps will be used for selecting athletes to compete.

4.5 National Team Ranking

The National Team for Junior and Senior Individuals will be announced within 10 business days of Canadian Championships. The team ranking is based on the 30% of the “All Around” score from Elite Canada (Competition A plus Competition B), plus 70% of the “All Around” score from Canadian Championships (Competition A plus Competition B).

Section 5: Assignment to International Competitions

The GCG NTD-RG or designate assigns athletes to all Strategic Competitions. Only National Team athletes will be assigned to FIG Strategic Competitions. HP athletes may be eligible to attend FIG International Invitational Competitions.

Section 5.1: Athlete Selection to Major Events

When selecting for a major competition (Olympic or Pan Am Games, World Championships, Commonwealth Games, FISU, YOG, etc.), the objective is to field the best gymnasts which will attain the highest scores. The NTD-RG or designate is responsible for the results of the gymnasts/team. A selection process is put in place for each Major Events.

These events may be fully funded, cost-shared or self-funded depending on budget & importance.

Section 5.2 Athlete: Selection to Other FIG Events

The NTD-RG in consultation with the NT coaches coordinates the participation to other FIG Events based on the gymnast's present ranking, yearly training plan and interest expressed by the deadline dates published, along with an authorization to travel, in the RG Calendar of Events. These events are self-funded.

These events must be approved by the NTD-RG and PC-RG, and all communication is done by Gymnastics Canada, unless stated otherwise.

Section 5.3: International Invitational Competitions – NON FIG

Certain competitions may be club invitational competitions. Participation in these events is not limited to NT members. Athletes may represent their club in an International Invitational event, but must be sanctioned by their Province and GCG within the stated deadlines. Late requests will not be accepted. The "Authorization to Travel form is available on the GCG website www.gymcan.org

The Authorization to Travel Form must be approved by Gymnastics Canada and all communication and arrangements facilitated by the club unless noted.

Section 6: Hosting a FIG Event or International Invitational

Clubs or Provinces interested in hosting International Invitational or FIG Events are required to complete the "Sanction Form to Host an Event" available on the GCG website under "Events". All FIG Events and International Invitationals require a Brevet Judge certified in the current cycle as the Judge Responsible.

Section 7: Appendix 1: Petitions for Medical Exemptions

The athlete's coach and Provincial Office must complete the GCG Medical Exemption Form (available on the website or by contacting the National Team Director) and submit all information and documentation as outlined on the form.

Petitions for other extenuating circumstances will be considered by GCG on an individual basis and all relevant documentation must be provided with the request.

Restrictions:

- National Team members may submit a maximum of one petition each competition season
- National Team members may not submit petitions for consecutive competitions over two seasons.
 - Example: May not submit petition for CC in 2013 and EC in 2014 as these are consecutive. However, may submit petition for EC in 2013 and CC in 2014.
- If a Trial Meet for International Selection is held in conjunction with Elite Canada, a petition will only be accepted from the top two ranked gymnasts at the previous Canadian Championships.
- If a Trial Meet for International Selection is held in conjunction with Canadian Championships, a petition will only be accepted from the top two ranked gymnasts from the previous Elite Canada.
- No petitions will be considered for Groups.

<p>1. Petition to compete at <u>Canadian Championships for non National Team</u> gymnast unable to compete at <u>Regional Championships</u>:</p> <p>If gymnast is injured prior to or during <u>Regional Championships (RC)</u>, the gymnast may petition to compete at CC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If injured prior to RC, the petition must be submitted prior to the start of the competition. • If injured during RC, the petition must be submitted by the 3rd business day after the last day of the RC. 	<p>Eligibility Calculation: For Junior & Senior GCG will obtain the petitioner’s Competition A score from the previous Elite Canada, and for Novice the Competition A score from the previous CC.</p> <p>For Junior & Senior:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GCG will obtain the scores of the top 10 in the same category from the Regional Championships that the petitioner did not attend, and the scores of the same gymnasts from the previous Elite Canada. • GCG will calculate the average of the RC and EC scores for each of the gymnasts. • The petitioning gymnast’s score from the previous EC will be compared to the average scores as calculated above. If her score is the same or higher than the 10th ranked gymnast from RC, the petition will be granted. <p>For Novice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compare the petitioner’s rank from the previous CC to the top 10 from RC. If her score is the same or higher than the 10th ranked gymnast from RC, the petition will be granted. <p>For all other situations: The coach must request consideration for a petition in writing outlining all details and submit a video of each apparatus to be reviewed by two brevet judges selected by GCG (refer to process and requirements in section 3.1 for Elite Canada. Gymnast’s AA score must be equal to or greater than the 10th ranked gymnast in her category from ERC / WRC</p>
<p>2. Petition for direct entry to <u>Canadian Championships for National Team</u> gymnast unable to compete at <u>Elite Canada</u>; OR for gymnast to remain a member of High Performance if injury or illness occurs <u>during Elite Canada</u>.</p> <p>The petition must be submitted by the 3rd business day after the end of Elite Canada competition.</p>	<p>Eligibility Calculation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GCG will obtain the scores from the routines competed at EC. • GCG will obtain the scores from the previous CC for the routines not competed at EC and deduct 5% from these scores. • Using the above, GCG will calculate a new set of complete scores for the petitioner. • If the petitioner’s new score is the same as or higher than the 15th ranked gymnast from EC, then the petition will be granted to remain as a High Performance athlete, and for direct entry to CC in addition to the 15 HP. • If the petition is not granted, the athlete must compete at RC in order to qualify for CC and to regain National Team ranking. <p><i>Note that all National Team athletes must follow the requirements in the NT agreement and handbook.</i></p>

<p>3. Petition to be ranked for <i>National Team</i> if unable to compete at Canadian Championships.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If injured prior to CC / EC, the petition must be submitted prior to the start of the competition. • If injured during CC / EC, the petition must be submitted by the 3rd business day after the last day of CC / EC. 	<p>Eligibility Calculation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • GCG will obtain the scores from the previous EC for the routines not completed at CC and deduct 5% from these scores • If the petitioner’s new score is the same or higher than the 10th ranked gymnast at the competition she missed, then the petition will be granted. • The petitioner will be ranked on the National Team in the position based on her score. • The National Team will be increased by a maximum of 1 in the event of multiple petitions. • If the petition is not granted, the gymnast must re-qualify at the next opportunity. <p><i>Note that all National Team athletes must follow the requirements in the NT agreement and handbook.</i></p>
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Petitions may be revised pending discussion during 2019 Elite Canada National Team Coach Council and Program Committee.

Appendix 2: 2019 Eligibility for Participation, Ranking and Awards at RG Elite Canada, Canadian Championships, Regional Championships

Event	Canadian Citizen or PR or DN who have not represented another Federation	Dual Nationality (DN) or Permanent Resident (PR) who represent another Federation at FIG Events	Visitors HC “hors concours”
Elite Canada	Eligible	Eligible with Letter from Federation provided she has qualified as per Section 3.1	Eligible with Letter from Federation &/or approval from GCG and subject to section 3.1
	Scored	Scored	Scored
	Ranked	Ranked – shared All gymnasts below move up one rank	Ranked amongst HC only
	HP Certificate Top 15 (A)	No HP Certificate	
	AA Champion (A+B)	Cannot be named Champion. The next ranked moves up to share first & is named Champion	
	AA Awards (A+B) 1 st – 8 th	AA Awards (A+B) shares placement 1 st – 8 th	AA Awards amongst HC only
	Finals (B) 1 st to 8 th	Finals (B) Shares placement 1 st – 8 th	
	HP go directly to CC	Cannot be HP or NT member	
	35% total towards NT	Eligible to progress to CC without competing at ERC / WRC (provided all other criteria for CC met)	
Canadian Championships	Eligible	Eligible with Letter from Federation & approval from GCG and must qualify as per Section 3.2	Eligible with Letter from Federation & approval from GCG and subject to section 3.2
	Scored	Scored	Scored
	Ranked	Ranked – shared All gymnasts below move up one rank	Ranked amongst HC only
	HP Certificate Top 15 (A)	No HP Certificate	
	AA Champion (A+B)	If places 1 st , cannot be named Champion. The next ranked moves up to share first & is named Champion	
	AA Awards (A+B) 1 st – 8 th	AA Awards (A+B) shares placement 1 st – 8 th	AA Awards amongst HC only
	Finals (B) 1 st to 8 th	Finals (B) Shares placement 1 st – 8 th	No Finals
	65% towards NT ranking	Cannot be HP or NT member	
	Provincial Team Award Top 2 Nov., Jr. & Sr.		

Regional Champion-ships	Eligible - Non HP (For HP refer to HC column)	Eligible with Letter from Federation & approval from GCG	Visitors - Eligible with Letter from Federation HP/NT according to rules
	Scored	Scored	Scored
	Ranked	Ranked – shared All gymnasts below move up one rank	Ranked amongst HC only
	AA Champion (A)	Cannot be Champion – shares 1 st	
	AA Awards (A) 1 st -8 th	AA Awards (A) shares placement 1 st – 8 th	AA Awards (A) 1 st – 8 th amongst all HP/NT & visiting gymnasts.
	Apparatus Awards (A)	Apparatus Awards (A) Shares placement 1 st – 8 th	No apparatus awards
	Top 10 Nov. Jr. Sr. + 2 per province qualify to CC's		

Awards: When there is a tie, you skip the next rank. Example tie for 3rd there is no 4th place presented.

Please note, this appendix will be reviewed by the NTCC and Program Committee during 2019 Elite Canada. Revisions will be circulated.