



SELECTION CRITERIA FOR THE 2026 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

MEN'S ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS

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1 INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this document is to outline the process and criteria by which GymCan's Men's Artistic Gymnastics (MAG) Program will select athletes and coaches for the event listed below, in support of the performance objectives outlined in Section 1.1 and GymCan's [Win+ Strategic Plan](#).

The World Championships in Rotterdam, Netherlands from October 12 to 26, 2026.

1.1 PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

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

- Finish in the top 12 as a team;
- Qualify to All-Around Finals; and
- Qualify to Apparatus Finals.

1.2 DELEGATION SIZE AND FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The funded delegation for this competition will be composed of:

- Five (5) competing athletes;
- One (1) travelling alternate;
- One (1) team head coach;
- Up to two (2) personal coaches;
- One (1) therapist;
- Two (2) judges; and
- One (1) team leader.

1.3 KEY DATES

September 10, 2026	Commitment Form deadline (Section 12)
September 11 & 13, 2026	Selection Competition (Montreal, QC)
September 15, 2026	Internal team nominations
September 17, 2026	First nominative registration deadline
September 22, 2026	Deadline for appeals
October 5, 2026	Second nominative deadline
October 12, 2026	Arrival in Rotterdam
October 26, 2026	Depart from Rotterdam



2 DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY

GymCan staff, in consultation with the Men's Program Committee (MPC), are responsible for developing and approving the selection process and procedures for this competition.

The selection of athletes and coaches is the responsibility of the MAG Selection Working Group (SWG), which comprises the MAG Program Committee. Any member who has a direct relationship with athletes and/or coaches under consideration is ineligible to participate due to a conflict of interest and will be replaced, as required, by an appropriate representative from their respective group.

The Program Committee consists of:

- Program Director (PD) (Chair);
- High Performance Director (HPD);
- Program Assembly (MPA) Chair;
- National Team Coaches Council (NTCC) Representative;
- Athlete Representative;
- Judging Chairperson;
- Member at Large #1;
- Member at Large #2; and
- Member at Large #3.

2.1 DECISION MAKING ON SITE

The Team Leader will provide direction to the Canadian delegation at the competition. They will consult with Team and personal coaches, and Head of Delegation on site, but will ultimately have decision-making authority over the Canadian delegation.

For any situation requiring a medical opinion (injury or illness), the Integrated Support Team (IST) on site will provide their professional recommendation to the Team Leader, who will have ultimate decision-making authority to recommend the substitution or removal of an athlete.



3 ELIGIBILITY

3.1 ATHLETES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR SELECTION TO THE TEAM PROVIDED THAT THEY:

1. are born in 2007 or earlier;
2. are a Canadian Citizen and have a passport that is valid until at least six (6) months following the conclusion of the event;
3. have read, understood, accepted, signed the selection process outlined in this criterion, and they have submitted the online commitment form via the Activity Messenger platform by the required deadline (Section 12);
4. are members of the selection pool for this competition as defined in Section 13;
5. comply with all relevant GymCan and World Gymnastics requirements for eligibility including holding a World Gymnastics license with an expiry date no earlier than the conclusion of the event;
6. have complied in all respects with the Anti-Doping Rules of World Gymnastics, 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;
7. are not subject to any suspension or disqualification imposed by GymCan or any other authority that has jurisdiction over them, including Abuse-Free Sport/the Office of the Sport Integrity Commissioner; and
8. complete all assigned tasks within the oneBadge platform no later than three (3) weeks prior to travel.

3.2 COACHES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR SELECTION PROVIDED THAT THEY:

1. are 18 years or older
2. hold a passport that is valid until at least six (6) months following the conclusion of the event;
3. are the coach associated with one of the team athletes on a regular basis and coached them at the selection event;
4. have read, understood, and accepted the selection process and the conditions associated with the selection for this competition, and they have submitted the online commitment form via the Activity Messenger platform by the required deadline (Section 1213);
5. take part in all planned activities related to this competition unless exempted, in writing, by GymCan and in all GymCan promotional activities associated with these activities unless exempted in writing by the Program Director;
6. agree to be subject to and abide by all GymCan policy and procedures, and its code of ethics;
7. are National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) Competition 3 MAG certified or higher;
8. complete all assigned tasks within the oneBadge platform no later than three (3) weeks prior to travel;
9. comply in all respects with the Anti-Doping Rules of World Gymnastics, the Canadian Anti-Doping Program, 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;



10. are not subject to any suspension or disqualification imposed by GymCan or any other authority that has jurisdiction over them.

4 SELECTION PROCESS

The selection process has been designed to select the athletes with the greatest potential to achieve the objectives in Section 1.1, based exclusively on official results from the designated selection competition.

Only athletes who meet the eligibility criteria in Section 3 and who are members of the Athlete Selection Pool under Section 13 will be considered for selection.

4.1 CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

Day 1 All-Around results will be used for Priorities 1 and 2 to identify athletes who have demonstrated the ability to perform successfully across all six apparatus in a single competition.

Emphasis is placed on Day 1 performance to reward athletes who demonstrate readiness to compete on demand under competition conditions, consistent with the requirements of World Championships Qualification.

These athletes are expected to provide stable all-around contributions, compete on all six apparatus during qualification, and support GymCan's objectives of achieving a top-12 team finish while creating opportunities for qualification to All-Around and Apparatus Finals.

Only final official results, including any accepted inquiries, corrections, and /or tie breaks, will be used in all calculations. In the event of a tie, World Gymnastics tie-breaking rules will apply.

The predicted team score will be calculated using each athlete's best official apparatus score from either day of competition.

Nominations to the Team will be allocated in the following order of priority:

4.1.1 PRIORITY 1

The athlete with the highest All-Around score from Day 1 will be selected.

4.1.2 PRIORITY 2

The athlete with the second highest All-Around score from Day 1 will be selected.

4.1.3 PRIORITY 3

1. The remaining three (3) athletes will be selected based on their contribution to the highest predicted team score.



2. To ensure that four (4) athletes are available to compete on each apparatus, team selection calculations will be based on a 5-4-4 competition format: five (5) athletes are named to the team, four (4) athletes compete on each apparatus, and the scores of all four (4) competing athletes will count toward the team total.
3. For each step in the selection of Priority 3, the athlete selected will be the eligible athlete whose inclusion produces the highest predicted team score at that step.
4. If two or more athletes are tied in their contribution to the predicted team score at any stage of the selection process, the tie will be broken in the following order:
 - a. the athlete with the higher total of the apparatus scores counting toward the predicted team score at that stage of selection;
 - b. if still tied, the athlete with the highest single apparatus score from either day of competition;
 - c. if still tied, the SWG will apply World Gymnastics tie-breaking principles using the relevant official competition results.
5. All calculations will be performed using the Team Selection Tool, an Excel spreadsheet that assists the SWG with the team score modelling and verified through a manual audit by the SWG. The purpose of the manual audit is to confirm the accuracy of the entered data, the calculations, and the final selection, and not to replace or override the selection outcome produced by the criteria above, except to correct a confirmed calculation or data-entry error.

4.2 RESERVE ATHLETE

The SWG will identify one All-Around athlete (six apparatus) as the travelling reserve. The reserve will be the next-ranked All-Around athlete based on Day 1 results who has not already been named through the process outlined in Section 4.1.

4.3 DETERMINATION OF THE COMPETITIVE APPARATUS AND COMPETITION ORDER

The determination of the apparatus each athlete will compete and the competition order for qualifications will be finalized based on the information used for athlete selection, as well as any information gathered following selection. These decisions may be made up to the deadline for submitting the competition order to the Local Organizing Committee. The Team Leader will consult with the team and/or personal coaches, however, final decision-making authority rests with GymCan staff.

Any modifications to assigned apparatus or competition order due to injury or illness after arrival at the competition will be made in consultation with the Team Leader prior to submission of the competition order.

In accordance with World Gymnastics regulations, the competition order for each apparatus must be submitted no later than 24 hours prior to the start of the competition.



5 ATHLETE VERIFICATION

Athlete verification will be ongoing until the date of departure for the competition. Athletes and coaches will be notified in advance and provided with the specific expectations for each athlete. At the time of verification, athletes must not be injured or ill in a manner that prevents them from performing at the level expected for competition.

5.1 INJURIES

An athlete who is injured or ill at any time prior to selection, or after team selection, must provide an official medical report or certificate to the GymCan PD as outlined below. Failure to do so may result in the athlete being withdrawn from the selection process or team.

Step 1. The athlete and their club's head coach must notify the IST Lead and GymCan PD by email within 24 hours of any injury or illness that may jeopardize the athlete's participation or performance at either competition. Receipt of the notification must be acknowledged in writing by GymCan staff. The following information must be provided:

1. date when the injury/illness occurred;
2. means taken to have the injury/illness evaluated by a physician or specialist; and
3. date at which a written detailed report will be provided.

Step 2. The athlete and their club's head coach must provide the following typewritten information **within 5 days following step 1:**

1. detailed nature of the injury (documented by physician, not by therapist) including whether or not this is a new, overuse, or chronic injury;
2. ability to pursue full training and to compete (all apparatus/some apparatus), as recommended by the physician or medical specialist;
3. recovery/rehabilitation measures;
4. recommendation(s) regarding training and ability to train and/or compete as expected; and
5. expected date for return to partial (specify) and complete training.

Athletes must not arrive at a camp or competition with an unreported injury, regardless of when the injury occurred. Pre-existing conditions must be reported in advance to the IST member or GymCan staff for the assignment or event. Failure to promptly report injuries or significant illnesses to GymCan may result in National Team status being withdrawn.

5.2 ATHLETE SUBSTITUTION

Following the athlete selection and verifications, the following conditions must be met up until the deadline for official submission of the start list:

1. the athlete is still eligible; and
2. the athlete is healthy and able to compete, and
3. the athlete has been successfully verified according to Section 5, and
4. the athlete can perform at the level that warranted their selection.



The SWG, in consultation with team members and team coaches may choose to replace an athlete on the team if, following the verification, or at any time up to the date of departure:

1. the athlete no longer meets the eligibility criteria; and/or
2. the athlete is unable to meet the expectations stated for the verification; and/or
3. they omit to provide the required information in case of illness or injury as stated in Section 5.1.

The SWG has the authority to keep on the team an athlete who is slightly injured by the Nominative Registration deadline if:

1. the athlete and his coach complied with the steps and deadlines in Section 5.1; and
2. the members have received written confirmation from the IST Lead that the athlete will have recovered and be ready to compete before departure for the competition, at that level that warranted selection.

Failure to meet any of the above conditions, as determined by GymCan staff, may result in the athlete being replaced by the travelling reserve. All substitution decisions will be made by the SWG.

If an athlete is unable to participate due to injury or other unforeseen circumstances, the GymCan PD, in consultation with the athlete, team coach(es), personal coach(es), and IST member, will determine whether a substitute or reserve athlete should replace them. If time permits and it is deemed beneficial to the team, adjustments may also be made to the official coaching staff.

6 SELECTION OF COACHES

6.1 SELECTION PROCESS

1. Only one (1) coach per athlete may be named.
2. An athlete's designated coach is the coach identified on the coach's Commitment Form.
3. Coaches will be ranked according to the point system outlined in the table below.
4. In the event of a tie, the coach with the highest-ranked athlete will be selected.
5. Coaches with multiple athletes will receive the sum of all points earned by their athletes.
6. The coach with the highest total number of points will be designated as the Team Head Coach.
7. Only one (1) coach per club may be named as a Team Coach; any additional coaches from the same club may be designated as Personal Coaches.

Athlete Rank	Points awarded for coach selection
1	5
2	4
3	3
4	2
5	1

Coaches must demonstrate the ability to:

1. work effectively in a team environment, collaborate with other coaches, and contribute positively to overall team cohesion;
2. identify and resolve issues related to competition floor management as they arise;
3. communicate openly and constructively with members of the delegation; and



4. manage stress and support team members in high-pressure situations.

These requirements are minimum expectations for appointment and may be assessed based on prior national team involvement and conduct.

6.2 SUBSTITUTION OF A COACH

Substitution of a coach may occur under the following circumstances:

1. the coach no longer has an athlete on the team;
2. the coach is not meeting the expectations associated with their role, responsibilities, and duties, as determined by GymCan staff;
3. the coach has missed scheduled activities, including meetings and GymCan promotional activities during preparation camps, unless exempted by GymCan staff.

Substitutions are subject to the parameters set by World Gymnastics, GymCan, and/or the local organizing committee.

7 ANNOUNCEMENT OF SELECTION OF ATHLETES AND COACHES

The official announcement of team selection is the responsibility of GymCan. All internal verbal or written communication to athletes, coaches, or member associations regarding team selection is considered “unofficial notice” and is not for public distribution. Official notice of team selection occurs when GymCan issues a formal public release or partners with a multi-sport organization (e.g., Canadian Olympic Committee, Commonwealth Games Canada, U Sports) to announce the team.

8 APPEALS TO THE PROCESS

Appeals against any decisions rendered under this Selection Process must be filed in accordance with [GymCan’s Appeal Policy](#). The Appeal Form is available by here: <https://gymcan.org/policy/appeal-policy/>

Notwithstanding the above, the parties may also agree to resolve the matter using the Early Resolution Facilitation services offered by the [Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada](#) (“SDRCC”).

Alternatively, GymCan and the Appellant may agree to bypass the internal appeal procedure and have the appeal heard directly before the SDRCC.



9 MODIFICATION TO THE PROCESS

GymCan PD, HPD, and/or CEO, in consultation with the SWG, reserve the right to make changes to this document to ensure the selection of the best possible delegation in the event of:

1. A major change to information provided by Pan American Gymnastics Union, the Commonwealth Games Federation, the Canadian Olympic Committee, or World Gymnastics;
2. unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of GymCan; and/or
3. circumstances that impact any part of the selection process and which prevents the SWG from fairly applying the criteria as written.

In addressing unforeseen circumstances, the SWG may consider factors directly relevant to ensuring the fair and objective application of these criteria.

Any changes to this document must be approved by the GymCan Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and/or HPD and will be communicated directly to the affected coaches and athletes. This clause shall not be used to justify changes after a competition or trials forming part of these Internal Nomination Procedures, except in cases of unforeseen circumstances. It is intended solely to correct typographical errors or clarify definitions or wording before they impact athletes.

10 DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

Failure to comply with World Gymnastics and/or GymCan rules, regulations, policies, or directives will be addressed by the GymCan PD, the HPD, and/or the CEO, who may take appropriate action or impose sanctions before, during, or after the competition.

The nature and extent of the infraction will determine the severity of the sanction. In each case, a fair investigation will be conducted, and the respondent(s) will be given an opportunity to respond.

Sanctions may include, but are not limited to, verbal or written warnings or reprimands, suspension from designated team functions or activities during the competition, and/or early return to Canada.

Following the competition, sanctions may include, but are not limited to, written warnings or reprimands, suspension from international representation, suspension of National Team benefits and services, and suspension of eligibility for athlete, coaching, or judging support funding and services, including athlete, coach, and/or club funding, coach recognition funding, and international achievement coach recognition funding.

11 UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

In situations where unforeseen circumstances prevent the Selection Criteria from being applied fairly and objectively, the GymCan PD, HPD, and/or CEO reserve the right to determine an appropriate course of action.



12 COMMITMENT FORM

Athlete *and* coach commitment forms must be submitted no later than **11:59 PM (local time), on September 10, 2026.**

An athlete or coach will not be included in the Selection Pool unless the form has been completed and submitted to GymCan by the deadline specified in this document.

By signing the online Commitment Form, the participant acknowledges that they have read, understood, and accepted the terms outlined in this document.



Scan the above QR code or [follow this link to the Online Commitment Form.](#)

13 ATHLETE SELECTION POOL

The Selection Pool consists of members of the 2026 Senior National Team (Cycle 2: 2026 Canadian Championships to 2027 Elite Canada) who meet all eligibility requirements, have fulfilled all safe sport obligations, and have completed and submitted the required commitment form by the deadline specified in this document.

14 DOCUMENT TIMELINES

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