MANITOBA PROVINCIAL TEAM PROGRAM

FOR

RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS



IN PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE

2017 - 2018

WELCOME TO THE

MANITOBA PROVINCIAL TEAM

PROGRAM

2017/2018

Registration and Athlete Agreement must be completed and sent to RGM by October 1, 2017.

Payment of the registration fee must be paid by October 1, 2017.

Medical Statement for Athlete and Birth Certificate (if not already on file) of Athlete must be sent to the RGM office no later than October 1, 2017.

RGM Mailing Address:

Rhythmic Gymnastics Manitoba 145 Pacific Avenue Winnipeg, Manitoba R3B 2Z6

RGM Contact Information:

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Telephone: (204) 925-5739

Have a successful and enjoyable year

on the 2017/18 PROVINCIAL TEAM!

THE VALUE OF TRAINING

The duration of an athletic contest is only a few minutes while the training for it may take many weeks of arduous work and continuous exercise of self-effort.

The real value of sport is not the actual game played in the limelight of applause

but the hours of dogged determination and self-discipline carried out alone,

imposed and supervised by an exacting conscience.

The applause soon dies away, the prize is left behind, but the character you build up is yours forever.

THE PROGRAM

The Rhythmic Gymnastics Manitoba Provincial Team Program is designed to provide performance enhancing opportunities to selected group of athletes who strive for national excellence.

The Manitoba Provincial Team Program has been one of the cornerstone programs of the RGM for the last three decades, delivering programs for the athletes with talent, aspiration and commitment to compete at the national and international levels.

Every year in June, Rhythmic Gymnastics Manitoba selects the six (6) top Seniors (ages 16 yrs and older), six (6) top Juniors (ages 13-15 yrs), six (6) top Novice. The athletes are chosen based on selection criteria taking into consideration results from Elite Manitoba, Western Regional Championships and Provincial Championships. Beginning in 2016, group athletes were included in the provincial team.

Throughout the year the athletes spend 15 - 21 hours per week at minimum cultivating physical fitness and sport specific skills in their own clubs. In addition, these athletes are also involved in performance enhancement programs designed specifically for the Provincial Team members. These programs include ballet classes, sport psychology, nutritional education and skill evaluation delivered by experts in those fields. The Provincial Team Athletes represent Manitoba at the Western Canadian Championships, Canadian Individual Championships and Elite Canada.

Provincial Team Coaches are accountable to Rhythmic Gymnastics Manitoba.

THE FACILITY

The Manitoba Provincial Team Athletes will train through their clubs at the University of Manitoba Max Bell Center Field House. For 3-6 hours, seven days a week, two training areas with in the Field House become a rhythmic gymnastics training facility offering 40 feet ceiling free of obstruction and 15m x 15m Mituffa FIG approved carpets. 15 hours of this time is specifically designated for the Provincial Team.

The Field House also contains weight lifting equipment, a 400 meter track, a sound system (installed for the Rhythmic Gymnastics 1990 Western Canada Games event), and also stores the rhythmic gymnastics carpets for daily access by Rhythmic Gymnastics Manitoba Sponsored Clubs. The facility is utilized for a variety of Rhythmic Gymnastics events of Provincial, National and International caliber.

PROGRAM GOALS

- 1. To aid present National Team/High Performance category athletes to improve their performance in National and International competitions.
- 2. To implement a program for Manitoba Novice, Junior, and Senior Provincial Team athletes who demonstrate the potential for National Team/High Performance.

3. These programs are National Stream Programs. The objective is to provide an environment of excellence encouraging attainment of personal best in rhythmic gymnastics National Stream competitions.

These goals will be attained by:

- Developing athletes in all areas of technical, psychological and physiological development; and
- Ensuring Provincial Team athletes have adequate competitive opportunities of national and international caliber.

THE ATHLETES

This program is open to any gymnast residing in Manitoba who meets Qualification Criteria.

The following Qualification Criteria were used in the following order to select the Eligible Provincial Team Individual Athletes:

- 1. Athletes that qualify for and compete in the individual competition at Canadian National Championships will be given the top ranking(s) in their age division.
- 2. Athletes returning from National Team Group or Individual will be given the next top ranking(s) in their age division.
- 3. Remaining spots, as selected by RGM, will be awarded through qualification via rankings at the Western Regional Championships. Positions will not be offered to athletes ranked lower than tenth among Manitobans in the Senior, Junior, Novice categories.

 *New for 2017 and not yet Board Approved.

PETITION PROCESS THROUGH RGM.

Petition for a spot on the Provincial Team shall be administered according to the RGM Technical Regulations and Operational Guidelines Reg. 2.5.

RANKING SYSTEM CALCULATION TO SELECT INDIVIDUAL PROVINCIAL TEAM ATHLETES

The following Qualification Criteria were used in the following order to select the Eligible Provincial Team Group:

1. The top Manitoba group that qualifies for and competes in the group competition at Canadian National Championships will be given the title of Provincial Team Group.

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

The Elite Development Director is responsible for delivery of the Elite Development and Provincial Team Program. The Elite Development Director is accountable to the RGM Board of Directors for effective and efficient delivery of the Provincial Team program with an approved budget and consistent with RGM mission, vision and core values.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- **1.** Develops short and long term plans for the Provincial Team Program, under the direction of the RGM Elite Development Director.
- **2.** Establishes annual budget and monitors expenditures.
- **3.** Sets fees on yearly basis.
- **4.** Develops long term funding strategies.
- **5.** Ensures the Provincial Team Program Athletes have access to facilities that meets high performance criteria.
- **6.** Develops strategies to increase public awareness of rhythmic gymnastics and the role the Provincial Team has in development of the high performance athletes.

THE COACHES

Shari Hebert has been identified as the Provincial Team Coach for 2017/18. Athletes may choose to train with any NCCP Level 3 (or above) coach that is in good standing with Rhythmic Gymnastics Manitoba.

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- 1. 2017-2018 PROVINCIAL TEAM FEE \$250.00 per athlete to be paid and delivered to the RGM office prior to October 1st, 2017. (Fee includes membership with RGM & Gymnastics Canada.)
- **2. PROVINCIAL TEAM BENEFITS** Provincial team athletes will have access to the following benefits:
 - Access to performance enhancement sessions conducted by the experts in the field at no charge.
 - Entry Fees to the Western Canadian Championships, Canadian Individual Championships and Elite Canada paid for by the Provincial Team Program.
 - Access to Travel Subsidies to Western Regional Championships and Elite Canada paid for by the Provincial Team Program.
 - Access to the Directed Financial Support.
 - Access to Other subsidies.
 - Access to new Provincial Team uniform every four years.
 - Team manager or Chef de Mission funded for Elite Canada and the Canadian Championships

3. PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION FEES

The RGM will pay for the following registration fees for individual competition to the following events for provincial team athletes that qualify.

- a) Elite Canada Registration Fee (\$175.00 estimate)
- b) Western Canadian Championships Registration Fee (\$175.00 estimate)
- c) Canadian National Championships Registration Fee (\$175.00 estimate)

4. TRAVEL SUBSIDIES

The RGM will provide travel subsidies for individual competitors to the following events for provincial team athletes that qualify for these events. Athletes are responsible to pay for their own expenses up front. The travel subsidies will be issued after completion of each event.

- a) Elite Canada (\$100.00)
- b) Canadian National Championships (\$100.00)

5. <u>DIRECT FINANCIAL SUPPORT (DFS) FOR THE PROVINCIAL TEAM ATHLETES</u>

RGM will make a financial contribution to gymnasts attaining the following placing at the Olympic Games, World Championships or National Championship:

PRIORIT	IES RANKING	AWARD
1	Top 8 in the World	\$1500
2	Top 4 L10 Senior at Nationals	\$1500
3	Top 4 L10 Junior at Nationals	\$750
4	5 th -10th L10 Senior at Nationals	\$1000
5	5 th -10th L10 Junior at Nationals	\$500
6	Top 4 L9 Junior and Senior at Nationals	\$300
7	Top 4 Novice at Nationals	\$500
8	5 th -10th Novice at Nationals	\$250

8	Provincial Champions JuniorH & SeniorH	\$200
Q	Provincial Champions Novice Junior O & Senior O	\$100

This support will be provided for the following competitive year provided that the athlete accepts the terms and conditions of becoming a Provincial Team Athlete.

7. OTHER SUBSIDIES

Sport Manitoba Athlete Assistance - Based on the performance at the National Championships and/or present status as a member of the National Team, athletes may be eligible to be nominated for Sport Manitoba Athlete Assistance grants of \$500, \$750, \$1,000, \$1,500 or 2,000. For more information call the RGM office.

8. PROVINCIAL TEAM UNIFORMS

Each new Athlete and every four years thereafter, the Provincial Team Athlete is fitted in September for a Provincial Team competition tracksuit. Provincial Team tracksuits cannot be sold or traded to a non-member of the Provincial Team as the suit signifies earned status on the Provincial Team. The tracksuit becomes the property of the athlete after the competitive year.

9. EXPECTED MINIMUM TRAINING STANDARD REQUIREMENT

Senior Level Athletes - 21 hours per week.

Junior Level Athletes - 18 hours per week.

Novice Level Athletes - 15 hours per week.

10. PROVINCIAL TEAM PROGRESS MONITORING

Testing is incorporated into the athletes' yearly plan to help monitor the athlete's progress within their own training programs. The Athletes' Provincial Team Coach periodically submits these results to the RGM-Elite Development Chair.

14. TRAINING SCHEDULES AND YEARLY PLAN

Provincial Team Athletes have benefit of personalized Annual and Long Term Plans, developed by the Provincial Team Coaches.

15. TRAVEL FEES TO COMPETITIONS

The gymnasts are responsible for their own travel expenses and travel arrangement to out-of-province competitions. These arrangements should be made through your Provincial Team Coach. The expenses include airfare, meals, accommodation and registration for competitions (except as listed above).

16. COMPETITION SIMULATIONS

Provincial Team Athletes and their provincial coach will be provided with an opportunity to perform their program(s) at controls in front of judges. At the conclusion of the routine, the athlete and their provincial coach meet with the judges and are provided with feedback to review and critique the routine. There is the possibility of bringing in out-of-province judges if funding is available.

17. PARENT EDUCATION SESSION

An information session is hosted by RGM for parents to provide information and clarification in all areas of rhythmic gymnastics including, financial responsibilities, budgeting, fundraising, judging, fitness, gymnast education (scholastic), parent-coach

relationships, parent-club relationships, and parent-RGM relationships. These sessions will be coordinated by RGM and will include other parents, coaches, judges and RGM staff as speakers.

18. <u>ATHLETE EDUCATION</u>

The GCG-RG and the RGM continue to support a system to ensure athletes continue their education by monitoring and sharing information provided by the National Sport Centre, and alternate schooling opportunities which deliver programs designed to accommodate the training needs of competitive athletes. Currently athletes attend such a program offered by Vincent Massey Collegiate in Winnipeg.

19. EQUIPMENT

Each gymnast is responsible for purchasing their own equipment and apparatus for her competitive program.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A

Your COPY

ATHLETE AGREEMENT

Revised August 2012

As a member of the Rhythmic Gymnastics Manitoba (RGM) Provincial Team, it is my intention to represent the RGM and my Province with dignity and with a positive image in and out of the gymnasium. With this in mind, I understand and will conform to the following conduct code.

A. CONDUCT CODE

GENERAL:

- 1. I will **conduct** myself at all times in a manner beneficial to the Manitoba Rhythmic Gymnastics Provincial Team Program. Clean and neat appearance and attire is essential. I will wear the Provincial team uniform at the following competitions: Western Regional Championships, Elite Canada, Canadian Individual Championships, Provincial Championships.
- **2. Respect** and **consideration** towards the public, coaches, volunteers and other gymnasts is a must. I will not use foul language in or out of the gym. I will respect all rules of the facility.
- 3. I understand that smoking has harmful health and performance effects and therefore agree not to **smoke**. Any involvement with illegal non-prescription drugs will mean suspension. I am responsible to check against the current **banned substances** and disclose any prescription or non-prescription drugs I am taking.
- **4.** I recognize that consumption of **alcoholic beverages** is forbidden.
- 5. I will not contract with manufacturers, suppliers or retailers (material or financial) without advance **approval** from Rhythmic Gymnastics Manitoba.
- **6.** I will not trade or sell the **Provincial Team Uniform** to a non-member of the Provincial Team.
- 7. I will attempt to cooperate with the **media** whenever possible and where competitive performance is not put at risk. I will not get involved in negative publicity against the program or the Association.
- **8.** I will abide by the **rules** of the F.I.G., the GCG-RG, Rhythmic Gymnastics Manitoba and the Manitoba Rhythmic Gymnastics Provincial Team. I will not break any Provincial, State, or Federal Law.
- 9. I will remember that I am representing all Rhythmic Gymnastics Manitoba members in the Province and that my **behavior** is a reflection on us all as well as the Province.
- 10. I am **liable** for recovery of damage charges should any such charges be levied for damages done to any facility used or occupied by me or any equipment lent to me, either alone or in conjunction with others.
- 11. I understand that the Team Coach & Team Managers are required to submit a report to Rhythmic Gymnastics Manitoba following each event represented by the Manitoba Team, and may be required to assess the conduct and performance of each team member.

PROGRAM

- 1. I will strive to meet my training and competitive **goals**, set out in my annual training plan, to my best abilities.
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- 1. The coach is in full charge of the gymnasts and shall use her/his discretion as to **compliance** with accepted rules of conduct.
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(RGM INC. EXECUTIVE MEMBER)	(DATE)
(POSITION)	

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APPENDIX B

PLEASE RETURN BY: October 1st, 2017

PROVINCIAL TEAM PROGRAM

2017 - 2018 REGISTRATION FORM

GYMNAST NAME:	PHONE:	
ADDRESS:	POSTAL CO	DDE:
DATE OF BIRTH(M/D/Y): _	COUNTRY OF BIRTH: _	
CITIZENSHIP:	MEDICAL HEALTH INSURAN	CE #
MOTHER'S NAME:	PHONE #:	
E-Mail Address:	home	work
FATHER'S NAME:	PHONE #:	_
E-Mail Address:	home	work
PROVINCIAL TEAM COAC	CH'S NAME:	
1 st 2017 and ending August 31, 2 We hereby include payment for the cheque in the total amount of \$2 myself/my daughter a place on the	the 2017-2018 Provincial Team Program re 250.00. I understand that this amount is not the 2017-2018 Provincial Team. Failure to	egistration fee in the form of a on-refundable, and guarantees provide the amount of \$250
and the required forms by Oct team.	ober 1st, 2017 will be taken as a refusal	to accept the position on the
	the above terms of the Provincial Team terms as outlined in the Athlete Agreement	
(Both Parents or Guardian)	Date	
(Witness)	Date	
(Provincial Team Head Coach	Date	

APPENDIX C

PLEASE RETURN BY: October 1st, 2017

RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS MANITOBA

MEDICAL STATEMENT FOR ATHLETES

Name of Athlete:	
Name of Provincial Team Coach:	
	nined and appears to have no medical disability that would bete or would/could result in any future health problem(s).
Physician's comments:	
Physician's signature	Date

THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THIS REPORT SHALL BE HONOURED

MEDICAL EXAMINATION –

All members are required to complete a physical examination by the team doctor or family physician prior to commencement of the season. Return attached form - signed by the doctor, with your registration form.

APPENDIX D

Please return with **Copy of Birth Certificate** by October 1st, 2017

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BIRTH CERTIFICATE OF ATHLETE

A copy of the Birth Certificate for	(Name of Athlete) is attached
herewith.	
Parent Signature	