

2017 RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS PROGRAM ASSEMBLY**June 17 2017 – 12:00 EST****Minutes****1. Welcome****Provincial Representatives:**

BC	Sashka Gitcheva	Voting
AB	Diane Gun	Voting
SK	Dalena Juarez	Voting
MB	Zdravka Tchonkova	Voting
MB	Laura Thomas	Non-voting
ON	Ekaterina Kharlip	Voting
QC	Josee Gelinis	Voting
NS	Lisa Hopper	Voting
NS	Heather Leither	Non-voting
NB	Stephanie Legere	Voting
NB	France Roman	Non-voting

Program Committee Members:

Joan Jack	Program Assembly Chair
Camille Martens	National Team Coach Council Representative
Adrienne Arnold	Member at Large
Gail Whittemore	GCG Judging Technical Coordinator

GCG Staff

Teresa Orr	National Team Director
Brihana Mosienko	Program Coordinator

Regrets

Katrina Cameron	Athlete Representative
Marta Kroupa	Member at Large, Coaching Education

GCG Staff Update

High Performance Director to be announced soon

Additions to the Agenda

No additions

2. Follow up from the 2016 AGM Minutes**Elite Canada Qualifying Structure**

- Initial proposal presented to working group
- Recommendations were made by working group
- Program Committee reviewed and approved the proposal May 19
- Distributed to PTO's June 5th

Motion: To adopt the Elite Canada Qualification Structure

Moved: BC

Seconded: MB

For: BC, SK, AB, MB, ON, QC, NS, NB – Opposed: 0

3. RG Program Overview & Updates

A power point was presented during the assembly.

2018 Event Hosts

- Elite Canada: QC (Feb. 7 – 11)
- Eastern Regionals: QC(April 19-22 2017)
- Western Regionals: MB (April 19-22 2017)
- Canadian Championships: BC (May 16 – 20)

Pan American Championship Updates

- 2016 & 2017 Pan American Championships combined junior and senior Individual & Group

Updates: Pan American Championships

- 2018 “Jr.” Pan American Championships will be Individual qualification for Youth Olympic Games
 - Event to take place between April-July according to FIG
- 2018 “Sr.” Pan American Championships will be qualification for Pan American Games - Aug. TBC

National Judges Courses

- Most likely to occur late September or early October
ACTION: GCG to meet with Caroline Hunt to finalize dates and details

4. Motions/Recommendations

Motion 1: Have National and Provincial Groups perform their prescribed routines two times at Eastern Regionals and Western Regionals as per the Technical Rules and Regulations.

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Rule:

Competition A:

Individual: All registered gymnasts compete in the All Around competition.

Groups: 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 Provincial stream groups will perform their prescribed routines two times.

Rationale: It states that National and Provincial groups will perform their prescribed routines two times. We have been sending provincial groups for the past 2 years and only perform once. Has this rule been changed, or is it just not being followed?

Submitted by NB

No motion required

GCG Recommendations:

- Eastern and Western Regionals LOC are required to forward their draft schedule/rotation to be approved by GCG prior to distribution to the clubs/provinces
- **ACTION:** Statement regarding number of routines will be strengthened in the 2018 RG Technical Rules and Regulations

Motion 2: To have a committee put together to re-evaluate our competition structure for the provincial stream athletes and national stream athlete's nationals' qualification to be sure we are following our LTAD as well as creating the best opportunities for all levels of athletes.

The committee's main goals could include:

- **Best interest of Provincial athletes**
- **Best interest of national athletes**
- **Being in line with LTAD (even if it just includes updating vocabulary)**
- **Feasible events (financially: both for hosts and for athletes attending)**

This committee could make recommendations this fall with goals for the changes to be implemented for the 2018 season or alternately with implementations for 2019.

Rationale: A five-day Western Canadians is not sustainable or in the best interest of the athletes/judges/coaches; running an eastern's with only provincial stream is not realistic financially; having our national stream athletes together multiple times could create opportunities for camps.

Submitted by BC

No motion required

GCG Recommendation:

- This proposal would have to be considered for the 2019 season and not 2018
- **ACTION:** Camille Martens to put together a "working group" to pull recommendations together to be reviewed by JDWG, NTCC, Program Committee, PTO's, GCG etc.
- The "working group" is to produce a document for review by December 1 2017 to allow enough time for recommendations to be circulated to the appropriate groups for feedback

Motion 3: To clarify the following: That the GCG judging assignments, including the JR and travel arrangements to the event, are for the National level portion of the competition only. Hosting PTO's are responsible for organizing the JR for the provincial level portion (with approval by GCG for upgrading purposes)

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Submitted by SK

No motion required

GCG Recommendation:

- **ACTION:** Rule will be strengthened in the 2018 Judging Rules and Regulations and 2018 RG Technical Rules and Regulations

Motion 4: To clarify the following: Whether or not Junior and Senior National Groups of 5 shall receive awards for each routine/apparatus, in addition to AA awards

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Submitted by SK

No motion required

GCG Recommendations:

- **ACTION:** Rule will be clarified and strengthened in the 2018 GCG RG Technical Rules and Regulations

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2018 RGI & RGG Athlete Development Program

- Option for provinces to adapt ADP program specific to issues experienced in their own provinces (example NS would like to have 2 apparatus for A categories)
- RGI & RGG Athlete Development Program to be amended and distributed to PTO's with the minutes

2018 National Group Program Apparatus Designation

Junior FIG: Rope and Clubs

Junior Development: Ribbon (in preparation for 2019)

Open Group: Hoop

(Hoop size: minimum 70cm, 200g)

Senior Development Group: Hoop & Clubs

Eastern/Western Regionals Championships

- Discussed during motion presented by BC in regards to putting a working group together to review the competition structure of national and provincial stream athletes

Scoring Program

- In discussion with various parties regarding the possibility of a new scoring program
- **ACTION:** GCG to look into logistics of the new program
- Request that a written proposal for new scoring program be sent to GCG for review

5. Provincial Reports

BC: to send written report to GCG

- Membership growing
- New clubs developing

- Conducting level 2 NCCP course at the end of June (coaches from SK, AB attending)

AB: to send written report to GCG

- Training many coaches
- Re-formatting competitive structure to match LTAD model
- Involved in school and indigenous programming

SK: to send written report to GCG for circulation

- More than 1 club qualified to Canadian Championships
- Hosted 2017 Westerns

MB: to send written report to GCG for circulation

- Beginning to prepare for Western Regionals
- Hoping to host NCCP Level 2 course during the long weekend in September (tentative)

ON: to send written report to GCG for circulation

NB: to send written report to GCG for circulation

- Growing and proud to be back attending Canadian Championships
- Hosting foundations, discipline specific
- Hosting multi-sport A & B course in October
- Hoping to host National event in the next few years
- Hosting camp with International expert in August

NS: to send written report to GCG for circulation

- Continuing to grow
- Focus on training judges
- Hoping to bring someone to the province in the fall to conduct a course

Motion: That the 2017 RG Program Assembly meeting be adjourned.

AB/BC

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm ET