



# **Men's Artistic Gymnastics Operations Manual**

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# 1. Generalities

This document is to be read in conjunction with the following documents:

- Gymnastics BC [Complaint Management Handbook](#)
- Gymnastics BC [Coaching Education Operations Manual](#)
- Gymnastics BC [Committee Policies and Procedures](#)
- Gymnastics BC [Registration Handbook](#)
- Gymnastics BC [Team BC Handbook](#)
- Gymnastics Canada [Technical Regulations](#)
- Gymnastics Canada [Elite Pathways](#)
- Gymnastics Canada [Provincial Pathways](#)
- Gymnastics Canada [Provincial 1 & 2 Pathways](#)
- F.I.G. [Men's Artistic Gymnastics Code of Points](#)

Throughout this document, sections may have bubbles next to them. These bubbles are to indicate whether the section is referencing a board policy or third-party, or not.

## 1.1 Program Objectives

The Gymnastics BC (GymBC) Men's Artistic Gymnastics (MAG) Program's goals and objectives are to,

- a) Coordinate and supervise technical aspects of the provincial, national, and international gymnastics events where GymBC participates.
- b) Determine technical rules and procedures as they are applied in the Province of BC, in respect with Gymnastics Canada (GymCan) and FIG rules.
- c) Organize competitions, clinics, training camps, and seminars to aid in the development of our athletes, coaches, and officials.

## 1.2 Men's Technical Committee Policy

The Men's Technical Committee (MTC) is composed of seven (7) voting members and up to three (3) non-voting members.

- Chair; is also a member of the GymBC Board of Directors.
- Vice Chair
- Judging Chair
- Coaching Chair
- Athlete Representative
- Two (2) Members-at-Large
- GymBC Men's Program Manager (non-voting)
- GymBC Men's Provincial Performance Advisor (non-voting)

Further information regarding the Men's Technical Committee may be found in the [Committee Policies and Procedures](#) document (Section 7.3).

### 1.3 Integrated Performance System (IPS) 3<sup>rd</sup> party

Gymnastics has been recognized by viaSport and by the Canadian Sport Institute Pacific (CSI-P) as a *targeted sport*; this means gymnastics is a sport in which there is a strong potential for BC athletes to be named to national teams. GymBC programs benefit from funding used to benefit all national-level athletes, in addition to providing specialized services to the list of targeted athletes.

The list of targeted athletes is determined following Canadian Championships. In some categories or instances, national team members are identified by Gymnastics Canada at a different time of the year. Athletes named to a national team at a different time will be added to the list when they are confirmed as a national team member. The list is in effect from 1 September to 31 August.

The targeted athlete list selection criteria can be found by selecting Gymnastics BC [here](#) on the CSI-P website.

### 1.4 Training Camps

The men's program has two streams of training camps: provincial and elite. Athletes wishing to attend a training camp must be accompanied by their regular, primary coach. Should that coach not be able to attend, that athlete's secondary coach—who is familiar with the athlete's training program—must attend. If no coach is able to accompany the athlete, accommodations may be made, though this is not guaranteed.

Camps will normally be held in zones 3, 4, and 5. Travel funding to these training camps will not be provided by GymBC. Athletes and coaches are encouraged to contact their zone chair to request funding for provincial and elite camps.

### **1.4.1 Provincial Camps**

These camps are open to all athletes in Provincial 2-4, and Provincial Open. They may be split by age and category, and focus will largely be on the MAG Passport.

### **1.4.2 Elite Camps**

These camps are open to all athletes in National Open, Aspire, Junior, and Senior. Priority will be given to targeted athletes, who will also have a subsidized registration fee if they have completed the CSI Pacific requirements.

## **1.5 Annual Awards**

Unless otherwise specified, all awards will be based on points collected by athletes as per the two tables in section 2.4.1.6.

### **1.5.1 John Tutte Award**

Awarded to the athlete that shows exemplary leadership in all aspects of men's artistic gymnastics in the province. It is based on an athlete that is involved in competing, judging, and coaching. Eligible athletes must have attended BC Championships (unless exempted). The award will be based on the athlete who has achieved the most points as based on only the coaching and judging points table in section 2.4.1.6.

### **1.5.2 Mits Ikeda Award**

Awarded to the coach(es) with the strongest high-performance men's program. Based on athletes in the Aspire, Open, Junior, and Senior categories.

### **1.5.3 Stan Wilkes Award**

Awarded to the coach(es) with the strongest provincial pathway men's program. Based on athletes in the Provincial 1-4 and Provincial Open categories.

### **1.5.4 Owen Walstrom Award**

Awarded to the top high-performance athlete of the year, and their coach. For athletes in the Junior, and Senior categories.

### **1.5.5 Richard Ikeda Award**

Awarded to the top provincial athlete of the year, and their coach. For athletes in the Provincial 4, Provincial Open, and National Open categories.

### **1.5.6 Bill Mackie Award**

Awarded to the top developmental high-performance athlete of the year, and their coach. For athletes in the Aspire category.

## 2. Athletes

### 2.1 Amateur Status Policy

All athletes competing in a GymBC sanctioned event must abide by the regulations of GymBC, GymCan, F.I.G., and the International Olympic Committee governing amateur status.

### 2.2 GymBC Membership Policy

An athlete must be registered in the appropriate category and be in good standing to participate in GymBC sanctioned events. It is each club's responsibility to ensure that its athletes are registered in the correct levels and categories by the set deadline as determined by the GymBC staff. More information regarding membership and registration may be found in the [Registration Handbook](#).

In MAG, athletes participating in a club's pre-competitive program are considered recreational athletes.

Interclub categories fall under "Gymnastics for All".

If an athlete participates in a GymBC sanctioned event without being registered as a competitive member or in the correct category, the athlete's club will be fined \$200.

### 2.3 Competition Attire

#### 2.3.1 Warm-Up

Men's gymnastics longs or shorts along with a shirt or singlet must be worn during all warm-up sessions (no bare chests will be allowed during warm-up times).

#### 2.3.2 Competition

Competitive singlet (no bare chest will be tolerated on the competition floor; a deduction may be taken without warning), gymnastics longs or shorts. As per Gymnastics Canada (GymCan) regulations, dark coloured longs (including black and



dark blue) are not allowed. Competition longs and shorts must be one solid colour. Competition footwear must be as per FIG regulations.

No loose jewellery should be worn during competition or warm-up. Stud earrings are allowed.

### **2.3.3 Team Competition**

Members of a team must wear identical uniforms for team competitions.

## **2.4 Funding**

### **2.4.1 Athlete Assistance Program (AAP)**

Athletes who meet the requirements below may apply to receive AAP funding. AAP funding is processed in the fall of each year.

#### **2.4.1.1 Requirements**

To qualify for the Athlete Assistance Program, athletes must,

- a) be in good standing with GymBC;
- b) be registered to compete in the current competitive year;
- c) fill out and return the completed AAP application form;
- d) attend BC Championships in one of the following ways:
  - a. compete
  - b. judge
  - c. coach
  - d. take part in a demonstration with full or partial routines
- e) be properly attired in club or Team BC uniform as per GymBC and GymCan regulations at provincial and interprovincial events;
- f) have competed and ranked at the preceding Canadian Championships, Elite Canada, Western Canadian Championships, Canada Games, and/or represented Canada internationally as selected by the national team program; and
- g) agree to support and participate in all initiatives of GymBC programming (e.g., attend technical committee designated camps, attempt to qualify for appropriate Team BC events, etc.).

Athletes accepting AAP funding agree to abide by the Gymnastics BC [Code of Conduct](#) or otherwise be subject to funding repercussions. Athletes who have a valid injury or illness petition at the time of BC Championships must still participate in some capacity to be eligible for AAP funding, unless the nature of the injury or illness prevents them from being present.

#### **2.4.1.2 Petitions**

Refer to Appendix B.

#### **2.4.1.3 Absentee Requests**

All exemption requests must be submitted to the MTC 14 days prior to any BC Championships event. Reasonable exemptions may include athletes assigned by GymCan for an international assignment. Athletes who are approved for exemption must make themselves available to fulfill another obligation, such as a special appearance on behalf of GymBC.

#### **2.4.1.4 Grouping**

Athletes will be placed into two groups. Sub-groups within group 2 will be established according to percentile.

- 1) Junior & Senior National Team (including Aspire Squad)
- 2) Athletes ranked according to the point system

Athletes will be placed into Groups 1 based on Gymnastics Canada's national ranking list.

Athletes will be placed into Group 2 based on the Gymnastics BC points chart ranking outlined below. Each athlete will earn points based on their competitive season results. This ranking will act as the final grouping for athlete assistance consideration. Events considered for points include,

- All international events representing Canada;
- All international events attended by National Team members;
- National Team selection competitions;
- National and Provincial multi-sport games;
- Canadian Championships, Western Canadian Championships, and BC Championships; and
- Coaching and officiating courses.

Each member within a group and/or sub-group will receive the same amount of funding.

### 2.4.1.5 Injury Petitions

Refer to Appendix B.

### 2.4.1.6 Points Chart

The following two charts will be used for athlete ranking for AAP Group 2 and for the MAG GymBC Annual Awards. Points in this section will be collected between July 1 – June 30, each year.

20 points =	Take National judging course
18 points =	Become Comp 2 Certified
12 points =	Take Provincial judging course
12 points =	Take Comp 2 coaching course
12 points =	Become Comp 1 Certified
10 points =	Judge at least one session at a competition
8 points =	Take Comp 1 coaching course
8 points =	Take Club judging course
5 points =	Take Entry judging course
5 points =	Take Gymnastics Foundations coaching course
2 points =	For each session judged throughout the year

POINTS	International			National				Westerns		Provincial	
	Final at Tier 1 Competition	Final at Tier 2 Competition	Final at Tier 3 Competition	SR/JR AAF at CC/EC/CWG	SR/JR AF at CC/EC/CWG	E4/Open AAF at CC/EC/CWG	E4/Open AF at CC/EC/CWG	AAF at Westerns	AF at Westerns	AAF at BC Champs/Games	AF at BC Champs/Games
100	1-3										
75	4										
50		1		1							
45	5					1					
44		2		2							
40	6	3		3				1			
39						2					
36	7	4		4							
35			1		1	3					
34	8	5		5				2			
33			2								
32	9	6	3	6	2		1				
31						4					
30	10	7	4	7	3			3		1	
29						5	2				
28	11	8	5	8	4						
27					5	6	3				
26	12	9	6	9	6			4			
25					7	7	4		1		
24		10	7	10	8		5	5		2	
23						8	6				
22	13-24	11	8	11			7	6	2		
21				12		9	8				
20		12	9					7	3	3	
19						10					
17			10			11		8			
16						12					
15		13-24	11						4		1
13									5		
11			12						6		
10									7		
8			13-24						8		
75 Points =	Team Canada Member: Tier 1 Competition (Olympic Games, World Championships, Pan-Am Games, Commonwealth Games)										
25 Points =	Team Canada Member: Tier 2 Competition (Major international competition: Pacific Alliance, World Cup, Junior Pan Am Championships, etc.)										
10 Points =	Team Canada Member: Tier 3 Competition (Other international events: Dual Meets, etc.)										
10 Points =	Team BC Member: Canada Winter Games										
7 Points =	Team BC Member: All other inter-provincial or international competitions (Canadians, Westerns, etc.)										

*“Final at Tier X Competition” refers to final placing at that F.I.G. competition; it does not refer to making finals. For example, if an athlete places 12<sup>th</sup> on the Floor Exercise during qualifications, they still receive points even though they haven’t qualified for the apparatus finals.*

## 2.4.2 Team BC Members

At the beginning of the competition season, Gymnastics BC establishes its budget for all Team BC events. Upon establishing this budget, funding may be made available to athletes to subsidize their costs at Team BC events.

Funding for athletes is linked to their participation in mandatory activities. These mandatory activities are listed in each section below.

### 2.4.2.1 Canadian Championships

**Mandatory Activities:** Trial(s) to Canadians & Canadians Preparation Camp

Funding for travel and accommodations will be provided for athletes, coaches, and judges attending the preparation camp.

Base funding will be provided for all athletes at Canadian Championships. This funding pays for coaches and team staff at Canadians, and won't be reflected in funds sent back to athletes, but rather won't be a line item on the athletes' invoices.

Athletes who are self-funded to Canadian Championships will receive base funding, but will not be eligible for any top-up funding.

Top-up funding for Canadian Championships may be offered by Gymnastics BC. When offered, it will adhere to one of the following schemes:

- Flat Funding – everyone gets the same amount
- Tier Based – funding amounts are based on athletes' competition category
- Self Funded – no funding provided

Funding will be reflected on the invoice sent to clubs after the event. The following restrictions apply to receiving funding:

Tier based funding, when used, will follow the below scheme. Each tier is based on the athlete's competitive category and their ranking within that category.

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- |               |   |
|---------------|---|
| <b>Tier 1</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior National Team members (carded &amp; non-carded)</li> <li>• Junior National Team members (carded)</li> <li>• Senior or Senior Next Gen athletes meeting the qualification score on four to five apparatus</li> </ul> |
| <b>Tier 2</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Junior National Team member (non-carded)</li> <li>• Senior or Senior Next Gen athletes meeting the qualification score on three apparatus</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Tier 3</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior/Junior meeting AA qualifying score</li> </ul>   |
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- Top 4 National Open team members
  - Senior or Senior Next Gen athletes meeting the qualification score on two apparatus

**Tier 4** • Remaining National Open team members

**Tier 5** Self-funded

- Any additional athletes offered a self-funded opportunity (e.g., Junior meeting the travelling score but not the funded score)
  - Senior or Senior Next Gen athletes meeting the qualification score on one apparatus
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- Athletes qualifying via apparatus score will only be permitted to compete on the apparatus where they met the qualifying score. Failing to follow this rule will result in sanctions (e.g., loss of funding to the event, loss of travel assistance to the next event or Canadian Championships, etc.). An athlete failing to qualify on an intended apparatus due to medical reasons may petition the MTC for an exemption. Refer to Appendix B for further details.
- Senior and Senior Next Gen athletes who compete on less apparatus than they gained funding for are subject to receiving a fraction of that original funding. (i.e., their club will be additionally invoiced for the difference between the two funding levels.)
- Only athletes who have met the minimum qualification scores will be allowed to receive funding for Canadian Championships.
- National Team athletes and their coaches may attend if they did not meet the qualifying score.
- Official qualification scores will be determined prior to the start of the competition season, on a yearly basis, and published no later than January 1 of the competition year.

### 2.4.2.2 Western Canadian Championships

**Mandatory Activity:** Trial to Westerns & Westerns Preparation Camp

Funding for travel and accommodations will be provided for athletes, coaches, and judges attending the preparation camp.

Funding for Western Canadian Championships may be offered by Gymnastics BC. When offered, it will adhere to one of the following schemes:

- Flat Funding – everyone gets the same amount
- Tier Based – funding amounts are based on set criteria as determined by the men's technical committee

- Self Funded – no funding provided

Funding will be reflected on the invoice sent to clubs after the event.

### 2.4.2.3 Injured Athletes

Top-up funding, if offered, will be limited if athletes have qualified for a Team BC event but are injured and cannot demonstrate full routines prior to departure. This policy is not intended for athletes who are injured on-site.

#### National Team Athletes

Performing on all apparatus	Team BC member funding
Not performing on all apparatus	Team BC member funding, less 20%

If a Junior or Senior athlete has been accepted as a National Team member and has not competed all events at Elite Canada, he will be required to compete all events at a major meet within BC (on a date later than Elite Canada) to receive funding for the Canadian Championships (for himself and his coach).

#### National Level Athletes (incl. Aspire for CC, and Prov. Open, P4, P3, and P2 for WC)

Performing on all apparatus	Team BC member funding
Alternate available	Athlete will be replaced
No alternate available and not performing on all apparatus	Team BC member funding, less 40% (for Canadian Championships) or less 20% (for Western Canadian Championships)

## 2.4.3 Additional Funding

### 2.4.3.1 International Competitions & National Training Camps

Additional funding may be made available to athletes for international competitions and national training camps. This funding is made available on a case-by-case basis. Any athlete wishing to apply for funding must submit their request (or have their coach submit their request) in writing to Gymnastics BC. An intent to participate should be submitted as soon as possible and must include the event name, dates, and approximate costs. This must be followed by a confirmation of participation when it has been confirmed by GymCan. All receipts must be submitted to the GymBC men's program manager. If no receipts are provided, then no funding will be disbursed. The further in advance that notice is given will result in a greater chance of more funding.

### 2.4.3.2 Elite Canada

Depending on the program's budget, subsidies may be distributed to athletes attending Elite Canada. This is determined on a year-by-year basis and is not guaranteed.

### 2.4.3.3 Excellence Funding—Canadian Championships

A total of three (3) grants of \$500 (\$250 to the coach, \$250 to the athlete) will be awarded to the top BC athletes at the Canadian Championships. The grant money will be sent to the club and is to be split 50/50 between the athlete and his personal coach(es). If less than three (3) athletes meet the required (listed) standard, the money is not awarded to any other athlete.

Priority	Category	Rank
1	SR	1 <sup>st</sup> AA
2	SR	2 <sup>nd</sup> AA
3	SR	1 <sup>st</sup> AF (>1 apparatus)
4	SR	3 <sup>rd</sup> AA
5	JR16	1 <sup>st</sup> AA
6	JR16	2 <sup>nd</sup> AA
7	SR	1 <sup>st</sup> AF
8	JR14	1 <sup>st</sup> AA
9	SR	4 <sup>th</sup> AA
10	SR	5 <sup>th</sup> AA
11	JR16	3 <sup>rd</sup> AA
12	JR16	4 <sup>th</sup> AA
13	JR14	2 <sup>nd</sup> AA
14	JR14	3 <sup>rd</sup> AA
15	National Open	1 <sup>st</sup> AA
16	Aspire	1 <sup>st</sup> AA
17	SR	6 <sup>th</sup> AA
18	JR16	5 <sup>th</sup> AA
19	JR16	6 <sup>th</sup> AA
20	National Open	2 <sup>nd</sup> AA
21	Aspire	2 <sup>nd</sup> AA
22	National Open	3 <sup>rd</sup> AA
23	Aspire	3 <sup>rd</sup> AA
24	JR	1 <sup>st</sup> AF

### 2.4.3.4 Excellence Funding—Western Canadian Championships

A total of two (2) grants of \$500 (\$250 to athlete; \$250 to coach(es)) will be awarded to the top BC athletes at the Western Canadian Championships. The grant money will be sent to the club and is to be split 50/50 between the athlete and



their personal coach(es). If less than two (2) athletes meet the required (listed) standard, the money is not awarded to any other athlete.

Priority	Category	Rank
1	P4	1 <sup>st</sup> AA
2	P. Open	1 <sup>st</sup> AA
3	P2	1 <sup>st</sup> AA
4	P3	1 <sup>st</sup> AA
5	P4	2 <sup>nd</sup> AA

### 2.4.3.5 Zones Policy

All other funding for within BC, such as for travel to Gymnastics BC training camps, clinics, courses, etc., may be provided by each zones committee. Further information on zone committees may be found in the [Committee Policies & Procedures](#) document.

## 2.5 External Sport Credit Program for Students 3<sup>rd</sup>-Party

The BC education system provides an opportunity for athletes who are elementary and high school-aged to earn credits toward their high school graduation depending on their depth of involvement in gymnastics. Gymnastics BC administers this program for the government.

Letters of *External Credit* achievement will be automatically generated from the Gymnastics BC office for the following team involvement achievement,

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- |                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| Grade 10 Credits | • Zone Team participant at BC Games  |
| Grade 11 Credits | • Team BC participant at Western Canadian Championships                                  |
| Grade 12 Credits | • Team BC participant at Canadian Championships<br>• Team BC participant at Canada Games |
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Students can expect to receive a letter (or letters) for their accomplishment sometime between January and May of the year following the season of competition. Letters are sent only for the first year of achievement. Be sure a copy of the letter is taken to your high school counsellor upon receipt.

Students who have achieved a certain level as a competitive athlete, coach, or judge may also be eligible for external sport credit. GymBC will send a letter to students

who have achieved the standard and request a letter from the GymBC External Credits coordinator.

For more information, please visit the [Government of BC](#) website.

## 3. Coaches

### 3.1 Dress Code

Coaches must dress according to GymCan's attire guidelines,

- Club or Team BC t-shirt/polo
- Club or Team BC track pants (full length or  $\frac{3}{4}$ ) with or without track jacket
- Sneakers
- No hats, shorts, midriff tops, ripped or torn clothing or similar

Team BC attire may only be worn at Team BC events. Coaches dressed inappropriately will receive a warning from the Competition Head Judge or host club. The coach will have 30 minutes to comply; if the situation is not corrected after 30 minutes, a penalty may be applied.

### 3.2 Funding

#### 3.2.1 Team BC Members

Funding for coaches is linked to their participation in mandatory activities. These mandatory activities are listed in each section below.

##### 3.2.1.1 Canadian Championships

**Mandatory Activity:** Canadians Preparation Camp

Selected Team BC coaches may receive up to the full funding for the event. Personal or individual coaches are not funded by GymBC and a club must request to send personal/individual coaches to GymBC immediately following BC Championships.

Travel funding will be available for Team BC named coaches with the following restrictions:

- One (1) coach per club for up to five (5) athletes (Aspire)
- One (1) coach per club for up to three (3) athletes (Junior or Senior)
- Two (2) coaches for six (6) or more athletes (Aspire or Open team members)
- Two (2) coaches per club for four (4) or more athletes (Junior or Senior)

Clubs will be allowed to send more coaches; however, these coaches will not be funded by GymBC.

### **3.2.2 International Competitions & National Training Camps**

Additional funding may be made available to coaches for international competitions and national training camps. This funding is made available on a case-by-case basis. Any coach wishing to apply for funding must submit their request in writing to Gymnastics BC. An intent to participate should be submitted as soon as possible and must include the event name, dates, and approximate costs. This must be followed by a confirmation of participation when it has been confirmed by GymCan. All receipts must be submitted to the GymBC men's program manager. If no receipts are provided, then no funding will be disbursed. The further in advance that notice is given will result in a greater chance of more funding.

## 4. Competitive Structure

### 4.1 Confirmation of Competitive Categories

All competitive levels must be confirmed with GymBC by March 1 of the current competitive season. An athlete may not change levels after this deadline for GymBC events or club invitationals. All athletes will be allowed to change categories after BC Championships.

There are two exceptions to this rule,

- a) **Elite Canada**—if a gymnast competes at Elite Canada in the Junior or Senior category and does not reach the GymCan qualifying score to compete in that category at Canadian Championships, they will be allowed to move to the National Open category.
- b) **BC Winter Games**—a gymnast who is age eligible and competing in a recognized category (Provincial 1–4, Provincial Open, National Open, Aspire, or Junior) may compete at the BC Winter Games. The athlete may compete in their usual category at any event prior to or following the BC Games and the zone trial events.

#### 4.1.1 Changing Categories

##### 4.1.1.1 Upwards

Athletes should follow the normal progression going from lower level (Level 1, for example) towards higher level categories (Provincial Open, for example).

Prior to March 1, athletes may compete in any level, as long as their choice of category follows the normal progression from their previous year's category. For example, if an athlete was registered in Level 2 during the previous season, he is not authorized to compete or register as a Level 1 during the following season; he must register and compete in at least the Level 2 category.

##### 4.1.1.2 Downwards

Any athlete that wants to register in a category that would not follow the normal progression from year to year (downward) must submit a written request to the MTC at least 30 days before the first trial event of the season. This also includes competitions after June 1. Requests are not automatically granted and are determined on a case-by-case basis. A non-refundable administration fee of \$25.00



All athlete ages are as per their program document. See each separate program's age category chart. GymBC may merge categories if the number of registered participants is insufficient.

### **4.2.1 Provincial 1 Groupings**

Provincial 1 athletes will be grouped as follows:

- Under 10 years old (unranked).
- 10+ (ranked).

### **4.2.2 Provincial 2 Groupings**

Provincial 2 athletes will be grouped as follows:

- 8-9
- 10-11
- 12-13

### **4.2.3 Age Calculation**

Age is calculated by the birth year subtracted from the second year of the competition season (e.g., 2025-2026 competition season: 2026 will be used for calculating age). Athletes born January 1 to December 31 of the same year are considered the same age.

## **4.3 Program Objectives**

### **4.3.1 Canadian Provincial Pathways**

The Canadian Provincial Program is divided into six levels. The first two levels are designed to offer a basic, developmental gymnastics program to ensure the correct path of development and safety of all participants.

Provincial 3, 4, and Provincial Open introduce optional routine choices so each individual may show their strengths on each apparatus. The content is under Gymnastics Canada's jurisdiction and is defined in the [GymCan Provincial Pathways](#).

The sixth level is the National Open category which participates at the Canadian Championships. The content is under Gymnastics Canada's jurisdiction; available through the link provided above.

### **4.3.2 Canadian Elite Pathways**

Gymnastics Canada offers an Elite Program (Aspire, Junior, and Senior). The content is under Gymnastics Canada's jurisdiction and is defined in the [GymCan Elite Pathways](#).

Refer to the GymBC or GymCan website for all current program documentation.

## 5. Provincial Events

### 5.1 Protests

Protests are not allowed for any categories; however, coaches may inquire about the difficulty and execution scores.

### 5.2 Awards—Tie-Breaking

There is no tie-breaking rule. If there is a tie, the following position is skipped. For example; if there are two athletes tied for second place, there will be no third place awarded. The next athlete in rank order will receive the fourth-place award.

### 5.3 Warm-Up Procedure

Refer to Appendix A at the end of this document.

### 5.4 Schedule & Category Groupings

The technical committee strongly recommends that the host organizing committee groups athlete categories in the following manner, especially when hosting Team BC trial events,

- SR, JR, Aspire, National Open, & Provincial Open
- Provincial 4 & Provincial 3 (and possibly Aspire and Provincial Open)
- Provincial 2 (and possibly Provincial 3)
- Provincial 1 & Provincial 2

The following should be taken into consideration when grouping categories,

- Pommel Horse
  - P3 and P4 use mushroom and long horse (pommel horse with no handles/pommels)
  - P1 and P2 use mushroom, long horse, and/or pommel horse
  - Provincial Open, National Open, Aspire, Junior, and Senior all use pommel horse only



## 5.5 Competition Order

Refer to Appendix A.

## 5.6 BC Championships

### 5.6.1 Eligibility

All athletes registered in the following categories are eligible to compete in the Men's Artistic Gymnastics BC Championships (BC Championships),

<b>Provincial</b>	1-4, Provincial Open, & National Open
<b>Elite</b>	Aspire, JR15, JR17, SRNG, & SR21

Athletes who are not required to compete at BC Championships (National Team members) must be present and must demonstrate at least one event during a showcase session (if the schedule allows). Otherwise, these athletes must be in attendance as judges, coaches, or award presenters. No registration fee is required. If they prefer, they can register to compete in their appropriate category (registration fees required).

### 5.6.2 Awards

There are no MAG team awards presented at BC Championships. Only individual awards are presented to athletes at BC Championships.

#### 5.6.2.1 Individual Awards (Provincial 1 - 10+ & Higher)

Medals	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup>	All Around & each apparatus
Rosettes	4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup>	All Around
Ribbons	4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup>	Apparatus
Plaques	1 <sup>st</sup> AA	Each category

#### 5.6.2.2 Individual Awards (Provincial 1 - U10)

Medals	All Around	Gold (deductions don't exceed 10% of the D-Score)
Ribbons	Apparatus	Silver (deductions are between 10-25% of the D-Score)
		Bronze (deductions are above 25% of the D-Score)

**All-Star Recognition:** at the BC Championships, the athlete that receives the top score on each apparatus, in their competition sub-division will receive special

recognition at the end of the awards ceremonies. The host will provide a certificate to reward the athletes.

### **5.6.2.3 Restrictions**

If there is only one competitor, only an all-around award will be given. If there are two or more competitors, all awards will be presented.

## **5.7 BC Games**

BC Winter Games (BCWG) are held every other year, in even-numbered years. Each zone must host Zone Trials before the set deadline. Zones must provide the Provincial Advisor and GymBC Men's Program Manager with their trial procedures by December 15, prior to the games. It must include,

- the date of the selection meet;
- the selection process for the top four (4) athletes (4 boys, plus ranking of potential wildcards);
- the selection process for the team coaches and ranking of potential extra staff; and
- the zone's uniform (who is responsible, etc.).

It is each zone's responsibility to ensure a fair process for the selection of athletes and coaches. Each zone must hold trials to determine their team members. Please refer to the BC Games Technical Package.

## **6. Team BC**

### **6.1 Athlete Selection**

#### **6.1.1 Eligibility**

For all trial events, the following requirements must be met:

- Athletes must fulfill the requirements for Team BC membership.
- Athletes must be registered in their appropriate category with GymBC and in good standing.
- Athletes must register with the host organizing committee of the trial competition within the set deadline and in the appropriate category (completed forms including payment). It is the club's responsibility to register the athletes in the correct category. Any athlete registered in the wrong category will be excluded from any selection process.
- An athlete that cannot attend a trial because they are away at a competition representing Canada, must petition to be considered for a team. Their petition will automatically be accepted and they will be considered for the team.

#### **6.1.2 Late Registration for Trial Events, Camps, & Clinics**

For Team BC trial events and GymBC training camps and tests, late registration will be possible in the 7 days following the deadline. Late fees will be required and can be up to \$20 above the normal registration fee. After 7 days, registration may not be possible. Registration after the late deadline will depend on the event, the space available, and will be determined on a case-by-case basis. Full payment must be received by the start of the event in all cases. Detailed information will appear in all information packages.

All eligible athletes will be granted entry to a trial event. Late fees may apply. GBC will resolve any issue.

#### **6.1.3 Cancellation Fees & Non-Attendance**

Deadline for cancellation is 48 hours before the start of the event. Cancellation due to medical will be accepted up until the event. An administration fee of up to \$20

will be retained depending on the event for all cancellation including for medical reasons.

### **6.1.4 Breaking Ties for Team Selection**

If there is a tie for the team selection, the athletes' potential contributing scores to the team will be considered in the selection process.

### **6.1.5 Minimum Scores for Team Selection**

Refer to Appendix B.

### **6.1.6 Injuries**

Team BC members must immediately notify GymBC in writing of any injury which has one of the following effects,

- Prevents the athlete from performing routines for more than five (5) consecutive training days.
- Prevents the athlete from performing routines within seven (7) days prior to the departure for the competition.
- Requires them to wear a cast.

The MTC may request that the athlete verify routines prior to leaving for the competition. The athlete will need to demonstrate that they can perform routines with comparable difficulty scores to the routines they performed to earn a position on the team. The MTC may remove the athlete from the team if the athlete is not able to perform routines to that level.

If a club fails to report an injury, the club may be required to pay all costs associated with the athlete's competition, including their portion of the expenses for coaches and team managers.

### **6.1.7 Medical Petitions**

Refer to Appendix B.

## **6.1.8 Western Canadian Championships**

Qualification Standards and team size information will be presented each season in a document agreed to by the GBC Men's Technical Committee. This document will be published by January 1 of the competition year.

For further information, please consult the Western Canadian Championships Policy Manual.

### **6.1.8.1 Eligibility**

Any athlete wishing to be considered for a position on Team BC for Western Canadian Championships must compete in the identified trial competition, in the appropriate category.

Specialized selection rules for each year (e.g.: qualifying score, team size, etc.) will be available in the qualifying standards document as prepared by the MTC in the fall of each competitive season. This document will be published, by 1 January of the competition year.

### **6.1.8.2 Categories**

- Provincial Level 2 (10+)
- Provincial Level 3 (12+)
- Provincial Level 4 (11+)
- Provincial Open (14+)

### **6.1.8.3 Support Staff**

- One (1) manager
- Two (2) team coaches per team
- As many chaperones as deemed necessary by the Men's Technical Committee on a year-by-year basis.
- Team coaches and all support staff will be officially determined following the Western trials.

### **6.1.8.4 Medical Petitions**

Refer to Appendix B.

## 6.1.9 Canadian Championships

Qualification standards and team size information will be presented each season in a document agreed to by the GymBC Men's Technical Committee. This document will be published by January 1 of the competition year.

For further information, please consult the GCG MAG Technical Regulations.

### 6.1.9.1 Categories

- Aspire
- National Open (team of 8 athletes)
- Junior 15-16
- Junior 17-18
- Senior NextGen
- Senior 21+

### 6.1.9.2 Selection Process

Athletes (not on National Team) must compete in a minimum of two (2) identified qualifying competitions (one trial event and BC Championships). Selection to the National Open team for Canadian Championships is based on a combined score from three potential trials:

- 40% from 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> trial (whichever AA score is better)
- 60% from BC Championships

### 6.1.9.3 Support Staff

- One (1) manager.
- Two (2) team coaches for full Junior team.
- Two (2) team coaches and one (1) chaperone for a full National Open team.
- One (1) coach per high performance club (possible petition to the MTC).
- As many chaperones as deemed necessary by the Men's Technical Committee on a year-by-year basis.
- Team coaches and all support staff will be officially determined following BC Championships.

## 6.1.10 Elite Canada

Athletes competing at Elite Canada are representing their club, not their province. Clubs are responsible for registering their own athletes.

### 6.1.10.1 Categories

- Aspire
- Junior 15-16
- Junior 17-18
- Senior NextGen
- Senior 21+

## 6.1.11 Canada Games

Please consult the Canada Games Council's Technical Package, created in conjunction with GymCan.

The MTC will determine and provide the selection process for Canada Games no later than September of the Canada Games competitive season.

## 6.2 Coach Selection

### 6.2.1 Points System

Coaches will be selected according to the points they earn for their club from their athletes' placement at the designated trial competition. The following table shows the relationship between athlete placement and the number of points a club earns.

Athlete's Ranking	Points
1	15
2	12
3	10
4	7
5	5
6	3
7	1

Each club will be placed in ranked order based on its points. For example,

Club A	15 pts.	Ranked 1 <sup>st</sup>
Club B	12 pts.	Ranked 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Club C	10 pts.	Ranked 3 <sup>rd</sup>

- In the case of a tie between two clubs, the club whose athlete(s) has the highest AA rank prevails.

- If the team composition changes, team coaches do not change, unless the team coach does not have any athletes remaining on the team. A coach cannot be a team coach if he/she does not have an athlete on the team.
- In the event that the team coach does not have any athletes remaining on the team, the team coaches will be re-assigned. All re-assignments will be based on points allocated at the time of the final ranking of athletes after the last trial. For example; if Club A no longer has athletes on the team, the next coach would be from Club B, even if the new team configuration gave more points to Club C.
- The club with the most points will name the primary coach and the club with the next amount will name the assistant coach, if the team configuration allows for two team coaches.

In the event of an independent athlete being selected to a team, the athlete's points will not count toward the selection of coaches, nor will the subsequent positions be adjusted upwards in the ranking lists.

## 6.2.2 Individual Coaches

Individual coaches are those who have not been named as a team coach but wish to be accredited for the competition since they have athletes attending.

- Individual coaches are responsible for their own travel and accommodation arrangements unless otherwise arranged with GymBC.
- Individual coaches must attend all training camps and follow the guidelines set out by GymBC and team coaches.
- Individual coaches must purchase a Team BC uniform. Sharing with another member who is at the same event is not permitted.
- Individual coaches must collaborate with Team BC staff (chef, managers, chaperones, and other coaches).
- Individual coaches must follow the GymBC Code of Conduct.
- Individual coaches are not permitted accreditation at Canada Games (as per the Canada Games Council's Technical Regulations).



## **7. Officials**

### **7.1 Eligibility**

Certified or trained judges must be registered with GymBC for the current competitive season in order to judge in BC.

Current or past competitive gymnasts must be a minimum of, or turning, 14 years old during the year they take the Entry Level course.

All others interested in judging must be a minimum of, or turning, 16 years old during the year they take the Entry Level course.

### **7.2 External Sport Credentials Program for High School Students**

The BC Ministry of Education has a program to offer graduation credits for students in grades 10, 11, and 12 who are judges. More information may be found [here](#).

### **7.3 Regulations**

#### **7.3.1 Judges' Committee**

Each Entry level or higher judge who is a member in good standing with GymBC will have one (1) vote at the Judges' Assembly to elect the Judging Chair on odd-numbered years. No proxy votes are allowed.

#### **7.3.2 Judging**

All GymBC judges must receive sanctioning from the Provincial Judging Chair to judge out of province competitions.

### **7.3.3 Petitioning a Judging Level**

A petition for a rating may be submitted, in writing, to the Provincial Judging Chair by 1 September of that competition season. GymCan has guidelines in place for coaches and gymnasts to bypass certain levels depending on their experience.

### **7.3.4 Obtaining Judges for Competitions**

To secure judges for a competition, hosts may either contact them directly or through the current Judging Chair. This procedure is for invitational competitions only. For all provincial sanctioned meets, the Judging Chair is responsible for contacting the necessary number of judges. Provincially sanctioned competitions are

- BC Championships
- Trials to Canadian Championships
- BC Winter Games
- Trials to Western Canadian Championships
- Western Canadian Championships
- Trials to Canada Games

### **7.3.5 Judging Courses**

Judges' courses (Provincial to National) will be held on demand with a minimum of one (1) Provincial course every two (2) years. It is intended that courses be held in the fall prior to the competition season.

The Entry and Club level judging courses are now Gymnastics Canada online courses. Interested participants can access the course through the GymCan website

- Online Entry Level Judging Course <COURSE UNAVAILABLE>
- Online Club Level Judging Course <COURSE UNAVAILABLE>

### **7.3.6 Judging Experience Requirements for New Judges**

Following the completion of an Entry level judging course, all Entry level judges will be required to shadow judge at two (2) competitions before they are considered fully certified Entry level judges. For those shadow judging experiences, Entry level judges must try to judge at multiple levels.

## **7.4 Responsibilities**

### **7.4.1 Competition Head Judge**

#### **7.4.1.1 Pre-Competition**

- Arrive 60 minutes prior to session start
- Take roll call
- Collect and distribute the score sheets
- Present general comments/clarifications of the competition session
- Review special regulations/protocols
- Answer questions that come up. If the questions cannot be answered, it will be their responsibility to clarify with the Judging Chair and/or the Men's Program Manager
- Provide instruction to the judges on logistics for the session (e.g., warm-up procedures)

#### **7.4.1.2 During Competition**

- Through the competition make record of the progress of the competition
- Ensure that the panels are maintaining the flow of competition
- Report specific comments/protests/questions that take place during the session
- Resolve judging disputes, inquiries, etc. in consultation with the apparatus jury
- If also a panel judge, seek assistance from other experienced judges at competition while indisposed
- Assist the floor marshals with control of the floor, if necessary
- In a combined session with WAG, maintain communication with the WAG Competition Head Judge and confirm the arrangements that have been made for sharing of the competition floor or other apparatus
- Inform the scoring room of any changes and verify when all results are final

#### **7.4.1.3 Directly Following Competition**

- Organize a judges and coaches debrief

- Present a report of trends, concerns, and incidents noted during the competition to the assembled coaches and judges at the meeting immediately following each session
- Solicit feedback from each apparatus chair regarding general trends noted during the competition
- Remain for Award Ceremonies as a presenter, if requested.

## 7.4.2 Apparatus Head Judge

Other than the normal judging duties and responsibilities of the Apparatus Head Judge, the following will also be expected:

- During—or directly following—the judges' meeting, the Apparatus Head Judge will meet with the panel and provide an overview of the regulations and clarifications. They will answer event specific questions or refer them to the Competition Head Judge
- Ensure that they have received the apparatus score sheets
- Ensure that all scores from the panel are reasonable and justifiable
- Assist with competition protocol and the floor managers, if requested
- Provide a brief report to the Competition Head Judge at the conclusion of each competition session of any trends, questions, concerns, etc. that may have arisen or been evident during the competition

## 7.5 Judging Record

The provincial Judging Chair will track the competitions and sessions judged by each BC judge. A spreadsheet with these data will be circulated to all judges. It is up to each individual judge to ensure that the spreadsheet is accurate for themselves.

## 7.6 Sanctioned Event Policy

Judges can only officiate at sanctioned events if they are current members in good standing with Gymnastics BC.

## 7.7 Honouraria

This section is intended for all judges, evaluators, and host committees to provide them with guidelines on how honouraria are calculated.

Rates apply to all registered judges officiating at GymBC sanctioned events including GymBC hosted meets, club invitationals, high school meets, and BC Winter Games. Judges must be paid either in cash, cheque, or by e-transfer within 15 days of the event.

### 7.7.1 Calculation of Honorarium

All judges' honouraria are paid per session. A session is defined as,

- A subdivision of athletes in one or more categories competing on six (6) apparatus at most once each.
- A maximum of 8 athletes in any rotation.
- No longer than 3.5 hours from beginning of the judges' meeting to the conclusion of the competition session.

If a session exceeds 8 athletes in any rotation or 3.5 hours, the judges will have \$25 added to their honourarium rate listed below. If the session exceeds 12 athletes in any rotation or 4.5 hours, \$50 will be added to their honourarium.

The size of a session is determined after the registration process is closed. Scratches on the day of the competition will not be accounted for.

#### 7.7.1.1 Rates Per Session

Level	Rate
F.I.G.	\$120
National	\$100
Provincial	\$75
Club	\$60
Entry	\$50*
Competition Head Judge	\$20†

\*After two shadow judging sessions completed.

†In addition to their session rate.

## 7.7.2 Meals

The host committee must provide meals for the officials that are assigned to sessions occurring directly before and/or directly after a mealtime. Meals that can be eaten by the judges at home do not need to be provided.

If meals are not provided, a per diem is given by the host committee at the same rate as GymBC's:

Breakfast	\$15
Lunch	\$20
Dinner	\$35

Judges must be informed ahead of time of any meal plan, including if any dietary restrictions will be catered to. In the case that hot meals are provided, but dietary restrictions are not catered to, then individuals with dietary restrictions may request a per diem from the host.

## 7.7.3 Transportation

Judges are asked to carpool if they live more than 40 km (one way) from the competition venue. The Judging Chair, in collaboration with the host committee, will agree ahead of time on the number of cars allowed.

The host committee must pay the GymBC rate for mileage for all judges. Parking, tolls, and ferries must be reimbursed by the host committee upon presentation of receipts.

Any other transportation expense, including car rental(s), must be pre-approved by the host committee.

The Gymnastics BC Expense Form can be found [here](#).

## 7.7.4 Accommodations

Judges are to have their accommodations covered by the host, within reason. Within reason refers to:

- accommodations that are at least 3-stars (unless waived by the judge beforehand)
- accommodations for judges whose place of residence is greater than an hour transport away (one-way)
- judges may be placed in rooms with another judge

Confirmation on which judges require accommodations must be done beforehand and must be done in coordination with the host. When organizing accommodations, hosts must block off at minimum 3 rooms for the MAG judges. Judges may not book their own accommodations and seek reimbursement after the fact, unless this has been organized with the host beforehand.

### **7.7.5 Elite Canada, Westerns, & Canadians**

Judges who are assigned to Elite Canada, Westerns, and Canadians will be given an honourarium for each session they judge there. This will be processed automatically by GymBC.

## **7.8 Selection to Westerns & Canadians**

Selection to Westerns and Canadians is part objective and part subjective. Judges who hold a higher category and are available to judge most, if not all, meets in the province will be held in high esteem and given priority during selection to out of province competitions as a judge. The men's program will strive to create opportunities for younger judges to attend Westerns and Canadians to gain experience. Judges who are punctual, showing up on time for judge's meetings before competitions, will be prioritized over judges that are late or absent.

### **7.8.1 Westerns**

- Restricted to Provincial and higher judges
- Up to 3 judges will be selected and funded by GymBC to Westerns.
- BC must send at least one National or higher judge to Westerns
- An effort will be made to send at least one Provincial judge to gain experience
- In years when Westerns is in BC, more judges will be given the opportunity to attend.

### **7.8.2 Canadians**

- Restricted to National or higher judges
- Up to 4 judges may be selected and funded by GymBC to Canadians
- Priority will be given to current FIG brevet judges

- Priority will be given to the BC judging chair
- Priority will be given to judges who are available to judge all sessions
- An effort will be made to send at least one National judge to gain experience
- In years when Canadians is in Alberta, more than 4 judges may be selected and funded by GymBC
- In years when Canadians is in BC, more judges will be given the opportunity to attend.

## **7.9 Elite Canada Judges**

GymBC does not fund judges to Elite Canada. Any judge wishing to go to Elite Canada does so on a self-funded basis. Anyone interested in judging at Elite Canada must contact the men's judging chair and cc the men's program manager.

## **7.10 Funding International Judging Assignments**

Additional funding may be made available to judges assigned to international competitions by Gymnastics Canada. This funding is made available on a case-by-case basis. Any judge wishing to apply for funding must submit their request in writing to Gymnastics BC. An intent to participate should be submitted as soon as possible and must include the event name, dates, and approximate costs. This must be followed by a confirmation of participation when it has been confirmed by GymCan. All receipts must be submitted to the GymBC men's program manager. If no receipts are provided, then no funding will be disbursed. The further in advance that notice is given will result in a greater chance of more funding.

## **7.11 Recruitment & Development of Judges**

### **7.11.1 GymBC Member Club Expectations**

It is the responsibility of GymBC member clubs running MAG competitive programs to take an interest in the development of young judges.

Clubs should encourage both coaches and age-eligible athletes to become judges through GymCan's online courses.



For BC competitions, clubs should attempt to provide judges based on the following athlete to judge ratios:

- 1–5 competing athletes = provide 0 judges per competition
- 6–10 athletes = provide 1 judge per competition
- 11–15 athletes = provide 2 judges per competition
- 16+ athletes = provide 3 judges per competition

The number of athletes is the total amount a club brings to any one competition. It is expected that a club-provided judge will be available for a minimum of three quarters ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) of the sessions for that competition to count as one judge. Two people can combine to count as one judge.

## **7.11.2 Judge Development**

It is expected that every club will participate in the development of judges. When a course is offered in a club's region, the club is expected to send at least one attendee.

Every effort will be made to combine courses with camps, meets, or other events; especially in the regions outside of zones 3, 4, and 5.

# A. Warm-Up Procedures

Apparatus warm-ups will always be split when there are more than 7 athletes in a rotation.

## A.1. Provincial Pathways Program

### A.1.1. Provincial 1 & 2

#### General Warm-Up

- 20 minutes
- Athletes are not allowed on the competition floor before the assigned time.
- Athletes may not go on apparatus during the general warm-up.

#### Apparatus Warm-Up (Following March-In)

- Provincial 1
  - One (1) turn per athlete on PH, SR, PB, and HB
  - Two (2) runs per athlete on VT
  - Three (3) minute group warm-up on FX
- Provincial 2
  - Two (2) turns per athlete on PH, SR, PB, and HB
  - Two (2) runs per athlete on VT
  - Three (3) minute group warm-up on FX

### A.1.2. Provincial 3 & 4

#### General Warm-Up

- 20 minutes
- Athletes are not allowed on the competition floor before the assigned time.
- Athletes may not go on apparatus during the general warm-up.

#### Apparatus Warm-Up (Following March-In)

- Ten (10) minute group warm-up on FX, PH, SR, VT, PB, HB

### A.1.3. Provincial Open & National Open

#### General Warm-Up

- 90 minutes
- Athletes are not allowed on the competition floor before the assigned time.

#### Apparatus Warm-Up (Following March-In)

- As per F.I.G. rules
  - 50 second touch warm-up per athlete on FX, PH, SR, PB, and HB
  - Two (2) runs per athlete on VT

## A.2. Elite Pathways Program

A F.I.G. warm-up format should be used for these levels at all BC competitions (BC Championships, trial meets, and club invitationals). The host club must communicate the warm-up procedure to participating clubs in its invitation.

### A.2.1. General Warm-Up

- 90 minutes
- Athletes are not allowed on the competition floor before the assigned time.
- Clubs may offer specific warm-up times for Pommel Horse and Vault since there are different apparatus possibilities (e.g., pommels may be on or off the horse, horse height may be lower than FIG, vault height, etc.)

### A.2.2. Following March In

Athletes will be permitted:

- a) A group 50 seconds per gymnast on Floor Exercise (minimum 3 minutes total).
- b) 50 seconds per gymnast on Pommel Horse, Rings, Parallel Bars, and Horizontal Bar
- c) Two (2) runs on Vault

The monitoring of these various warm-up procedures falls under the duties of the apparatus head judge.

### **A.3. Competition Order**

Once the draw for the groups and starting order is completed, all groups will drop one athlete for each subsequent apparatus. For all meets, rotations are done by dropping one athlete; clubs are not taken into consideration. Should there be more than 7 athletes in a rotation, the group/warm-up will be split.

### **A.4. Draws**

Gymnastics BC will do the official draws for all trial sessions. For multiple categories in one competition session, the groups will be organized by category first, then an apparatus order will be drawn and finally a draw within each group will be performed to determine the order of passage on each apparatus. Every effort will be made to keep clubs grouped within three groups unless there are athletes in more than three categories. Coaches and judges will work cooperatively and efficiently, always considering safety first.

## B. Petition Process

A petition is a request to the MTC to re-evaluate a decision it has rendered.

### B.1. Eligibility

#### B.1.1. Submission Limitations

Petition submissions may only be made by the party affected by the decision, except petitions for athletes may be made by the athlete or their coach. Petitions from parents/guardians will not be accepted by GymBC, except in such cases where the parent/guardian is the coach of an athlete.

Only one petition per individual per event/selection may be made. Any subsequent petitions will not be considered by the MTC.

Petitions must be submitted to the MTC Chair ([director\\_mtc@gymbc.org](mailto:director_mtc@gymbc.org)) and MAG Program Manager ([mag@gymbc.org](mailto:mag@gymbc.org)).

#### B.1.2. Grounds for Petitions

Eligible grounds for petitions include:

- Athlete injury or illness, before or during a selection event
- AAP injury petitions (cannot apply for two years in succession)
- Athlete, coach, or judge selection to a team or event

The MTC will not consider petitions submitted based on the following grounds:

- Technical (field of play) rules
- Matters of GymBC employment
- Matter of budgeting and budget implementation
- Matters regarding Safe Sport (issues of this nature must be managed in accordance with the GymBC Complaint Management Handbook)

### B.2. Timelines

Petition submissions must adhere to the following timelines:

- Athlete injury or illness: see *Timeline for Athlete Injuries & Illnesses* below.
- AAP injury petitions: by 31 August of the competition season.
- Coach/judge selection: within 5 days of official team announcement.
- Athlete selection (not illness/injury): within 5 days of team announcement.

Any petition received outside of the above stated deadlines must be accompanied by a written request stating the reasons for a late submission.

### **B.2.1. Timelines for Athlete Injuries & Illnesses**

Medical petitions must be submitted before the start of the selection event and must include a note from a [medical practitioner](#).

If an injury occurs during the warm-up or competition of the selection event, then the petition must be submitted immediately and prior to the completion of the selection event.

For injuries occurring at the selection event, a medical practitioner's note must be submitted as early as possible. The MTC is aware of the constraints in the health care system of the province of BC and will provide extra time for those showing difficulty in getting a diagnosis in a timely manner.

## **B.3. Decisions**

The MTC has the sole authority to consider and render a decision about the eligibility, validity, and outcome of a petition, and the right to establish provision to petitions as it deems appropriate.

### **B.3.1. Petition Outcomes**

1. Petitions are accepted or rejected based solely on the eligibility criteria outlined herein.
2. If accepted, the petition will be considered by the MTC during the Selection Meeting.
3. During the MTC Selection Meeting, the validity of, or grounds for, all petitions will be considered. For each petition, the MTC will determine if it is allowed, with or without provisions, or denied.
4. **Provisionally Allowed Petitions** The MTC may establish one or more provisions that must be followed for a petition to be allowed. A provisionally allowed petition is treated as a denied petition until all the required

provisions are complete. Provisionally allowed petitions are generally rendered for athletes who have sustained an injury and cannot currently show full routines.

5. **AAP Injury Petitions**      The funding allocation for an injury petition will be based on the athlete's grouping in the year prior, and allocated 70% of the amount that group is receiving in the current year, if the petition is approved. For example, if a group 1 athlete from a year prior is injured in the current year, and group 1 athletes in the current year receive \$1,000, then this athlete will receive \$700. An injury petition for an individual athlete cannot be applied for two years in succession.

### **B.3.2. Notice of MTC Decisions**

All decisions of the MTC in relation to petitions will be relayed to the submitter of the petition in writing by either the MTC Chair or the MAG Program manager. Provisionally allowed petitions will include all provisions required for the petition to be allowed.

The decision of the MTC in relation to petitions is considered final. No further petitions will be accepted by GymBC for that specific athlete, for that specific event.

A petition of the provisions in a provisionally allowed petition will not be accepted.

Further consideration of a decision related to a petition should be directed to the [SDRCC](#).