

	<b>2019 Canada Winter Games Selection Policy</b>	<i>Approved by:</i> <i>SSM PTMC:</i> November 28, 2017 Board of Directors: January 22, 2018  # of pages: 5
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### **Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to describe the procedures and criteria that will be used by Synchro Swim Manitoba (SSM) to identify the 2019 Canada Winter Games Team competing in Red Deer, Alberta. The Team will consist of 10 athletes: including two solos and two duets.

### **Overview**

Selection to the 2019 Canada Winter Games will be based on a two-phase selection process, as described and detailed in this document.

### **Eligibility**

- 1) Athlete must train and compete at the National Stream level, with a SSM member club, in the 2017-18 season to be eligible to enter trials
- 2) Athlete must train and compete at the National Stream level, with a SSM member club, in the 2018-19 season to maintain a place on the team and train a minimum of 15 hours with their club outside of the CWG programming and required training.

### **CLASSIFICATION:**

Competitors 21 years of age or under as of December 31, 2019.

Competitors 15 years of age or over as of December 31, 2019.

**YEAR OF BIRTH:** 1998-2004 inclusive.

Excluded from the Canada Games are:

- Athletes who have competed internationally at a Senior World Championships or major multi-sport Games;
- Athletes holding an SR, SR1 or SR2 Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Program card\*;
- Athletes who do not meet the date of birth requirements as determined in section 3 of this document (Exemptions found in Appendix 1)
- Athletes that have been National Senior Team members (as defined by Synchro Canada and approved by the Canada Games Council) at any time;

No athlete can be rendered ineligible within 90 days of the opening of the Games due to carding status or National Team status (i.e.: no athlete will be

excluded if they become National Senior Team members for the first time or are granted carding status after November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018).

\* Athletes who hold a C1 card (as defined by Sport Canada's Athlete Assistance program) or are in their first year of Senior National Team status may be deemed eligible on a case by case basis. Requests must be submitted to the respective Provincial/Territorial Chef de Mission and approved by the Canada Games Council's Sport Committee.

### **Authority for Selection**

The final decision-making authority to determine which athletes will be selected to the 2019 Canada Winter Games Team rests with the Canada Games Management Committee as described in the Phase 2 Final Team Selection portion of this document.

The Canada Games Management Committee (CGMC) is comprised of SSM's:

- CWG Head Coach
- CWG Assistant Coach
- Executive Director
- Technical Chair
- Chief Judge
- Athletes' Representative
- President (ex-officio)

### **CGMC Decision-making:**

Four committee members shall constitute a quorum. If a quorum cannot be achieved due to various circumstances including conflict of interest, the Board of Directors will arrange for another individual to be a part of a decision-making committee.

All decisions are rendered by majority vote.

If any decision requires a policy change, it must go to the Board for approval.

Any decisions, which are not identified within or would alter the approved budget must be submitted in advance to the board before proceeding.

The Athletes' Representative will stay in contact with CWG Team Members to ensure that athlete needs are being addressed.

Minutes of the meetings of the committee must be taken and presented to the Board at the next Board meeting.

The SSM Board of Directors is responsible for ensuring that the process outlined in this document is properly followed and that the selection process is fair and equitable for all candidates. Since the selection process outlined in this document is partially based on judge evaluations, the CGMC will verify that the final scores have been calculated accurately.

### **Unforeseen Circumstances**

There may be, in rare situations, unforeseen circumstances that do not allow the process for selection as described in this document to be applied according to policy. The CGMC reserves the right to determine an appropriate course of action should such a situation arise. Depending on the circumstances, such course of action may involve implementation of an alternate process for team selection.

### **Appeals Process**

Decisions on Canada Winter Games Team Selections are subject to appeal pursuant to the Synchro Swim Manitoba Appeal Policy.

### **Dismissal from the 2019 Canada Winter Games Team**

The CGMC may remove an athlete from the Team in any of the following circumstances:

- a) Inability to meet performance expectations
- b) Inability to perform due to injury, illness or for other medical reasons as determined by the CGMC (refer to Injury Policy)
- c) Violation of the Provincial Team Code of Conduct (refer to Appendix A)
- d) Exhibits conduct that is deemed by the CGMC to be detrimental to the image of the Provincial Team program and Synchro Swim Manitoba.

### **Selection Process**

**Phase 1 & 2 – to occur on the same weekend as Crocus Challenge 2018 (or other name as determined/April Competition) if scheduling allows.**

#### **Phase 1: Individual Technical Elements** **(worth 50% of the cumulative results of Phases 1 & 2)**

As per the Synchro Canada 2017 National team selection Criteria:  
5 JUNIOR Elements completed at the Metronome Speed 135 and Counts provided (See attached document)

- Twist Spin
- Manta Ray Variation
- Airborne Rocket Split
- Thrust Bent Knee Spin 180
- Cyclone Variation

Evaluation - Judging:

One panel of three to five judges with at least Level 2 certification will evaluate this event. For a Level 2 judge to be eligible, said judge must have judged at minimum of 2 SSM Competitions in 2018 prior to the selection event.

The high and low marks will be crossed off and the remaining marks will be averaged.

#### **Phase 2: Routine Component:** **(worth 50% of the cumulative results of Phases 1 & 2)**

Trials routine will be the Synchro Canada 13-15 National team Trials from 2016/2107 season (see drop box).

Each athlete will swim the routine component individually. Athletes will compete in a plain black suit and white cap, and will not wear any distinguishing items such as jewelry or nail polish. Visible tattoos should be covered with makeup. The order of swimming the routine component will be determined by random draw.

Evaluation - Judging:

One panel of three to five judges with at least Level 2 certification will evaluate this event. For a Level 2 judge to be eligible, said judge must have judged at minimum of 2 SSM Competitions in 2018 prior to the selection event. The high and low marks will be crossed off and the remaining marks will be averaged.

80% of the Routine Component Score will be comprised of Judges Scores:

The judges will give two marks: one for technical execution and one for manner of presentation.

Technical execution is worth 90% of the overall score.

Manner of presentation is worth 10% of the overall score.

20% of the Routine Component Score will be comprised of Synchronization:

The CWG/High Performance Coach (HPC) and CWG Assistant Coach will evaluate synchronization during the routine event. Each time an athlete is off count, 1 point will be deducted from their synchronization score, up to a maximum of 100 missed counts. Please refer to the attached synchronization chart for information on synchronization deductions (Appendix E).

The top 10 ranked swimmers from Step 1 and 2 will comprise the 2019 Canada Winter Games Team. Announcement of the CWG Team will be made no later than 7 days following selection. The team will train at specified training sessions from June 2018 – February 2019.

The CWG team routine will be selected by the CGMC in conjunction with the CWG Head Coach. Considered for selection will be: national level team routines competed by Manitoba athletes in 2017 and 2018. A national level team routine will not automatically be selected if it is deemed unsuitable for the CWG competitive level. If there are no suitable team routines an earlier team routine may be considered.


After the Top 10 are named to the 2019 Canada Winter Games Team, the CWG Head Coach will decide which 8 athletes will be swimming on the team and which two will be alternates. This decision may be announced as late as the CWG entry deadline.

**Solo and Duet Selection:**

The 2 solos and 2 duets must come from the 10 athletes named to the CWG team.

The two solos and the two duets will be named following a competition in January 2019 - any of the 10 athletes can enter. The competition will consist of: Phase 1 – Technical Routine 50% and Phase 2 – Free routine - 50% to produce a championship score of which the top 2 are selected.

## APPENDIX A - ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT

	<p><i>Canada Winter Games Team Athlete Code of Conduct</i></p>	<p><i>Approved Date: January 22, 2018</i></p>
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As a member of the Synchro Swim Manitoba (SSM) Canada Winter Games (CWG) Team, it is my intention to represent SSM, my club and my province with dignity and with a positive image in and out of competition. With this in mind, I understand and will conform to the following agreement.

- I am a member in good standing with SSM
- I will conduct myself at all times in a manner beneficial to SSM, my club and Team Manitoba. As a team member I will remember that I am representing SSM, my club and the Province and that my conduct is a reflection on everyone involved in the program.
- I agree to abide by the athlete code of conduct and follow the training program designed and implemented by the coaching staff.
- I am willing and committed to improving my synchro skills.
- I will maintain a high level of fitness through the duration of my participation on the team.
- In the event that I am selected as a team athlete, I agree to attend and participate fully in the training program schedule developed by the coaching staff.
- I will participate in the program camps and competitions as designated by the coaching staff.
- I will dress in uniform, when required, and will abide by the attached SSM and Team Manitoba policies and procedures, which will include Code of Conduct, Discipline and Injury policies among others.
- I agree to accept SSM's decisions regarding the selection of the members who will participate in the team, duet, solo and combo events and the members who are chosen as alternates.
- I will be familiar with the rules/regulations affecting athletes/competitions.
- I will take instruction and direction from the team staff and respect their leadership.
- I will strive to show sportsmanship in all situations.
- I will participate in fundraising activities when requested.
- I will abide by established rules and the law.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to the above Canada Winter Games Team Athlete Code of Conduct.

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Signature of Athlete

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Date

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Signature of Parent  
(if athlete is under age of 18)

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Date