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Note To: Gymnastics Membership in Canada/Provincial/Territorial Associations
Note From: Ian Moss, Chief Executive Officer
Reference: Update – Coronavirus (COVID-19) and its programming impact

Thank you for your patience as we have made every effort to become educated on the facts regarding the current spread of the coronavirus throughout the world. We now have a level of professional and organizational input on this matter from our colleagues in the national and international sport system that we can make decisions and recommendations to the membership respecting the impact of this outbreak on our collective activities in the foreseeable future. As such, please find below a summary of our position to date (understanding that this may need to be updated regularly depending upon the continued severity of this outbreak):

International Competition and Travel: We strongly recommend a refrain from international travel to countries that have been identified as having high outbreaks of the coronavirus for the foreseeable future. Gymnastics Canada is making the following decisions regarding upcoming international competitions (to be updated weekly):

- WAG Jesolo Cup (Italy) – has now been cancelled by the Italian Gymnastics Federation.
- RG World Cup (Italy) – We await a decision by the Italian Gymnastics Federation and FIG as to whether it will be cancelled – we should have that information by March 9th latest.
- TG World Cup (Italy) – We await a decision by the Italian Gymnastics Federation and FIG as to whether it will be cancelled – we should have that information by March 9th latest.
- WAG World Cup (Japan) – We await a decision by the Japanese Gymnastics Federation and FIG as to whether it will be cancelled – we should have that information by March 9th latest.
- AG World Cup (Azerbaijan) – No change of plans.
- AG World Cup (Qatar) – No change of plans.
- WAG World Cup (Germany) – No change of plans.
- WAG World Cup (Great Britain) – No change of plans.
- MAG International Jr (Germany) – No change of plans.
- RG World Cup (Bulgaria) – No change of plans.
- RG World Cup (Uzbekistan) – No change of plans.
- RG World Cup (Azerbaijan) – No change of plans.
- PAC RIM (New Zealand) – No change of plans.
- Pan Am Championships (USA) – No change of plans.
- ACRO World Championships (Switzerland) – No change of plans.

Our Program Leads are working with coaches to determine alternate plans for competitions that may or have been cancelled – they will communicate directly with the discipline membership accordingly. Please note that Gymnastics Canada will be updating its club international travel sanction requirements to include considerations for the coronavirus matter. Although GymCan has approved travel sanctions for clubs to attend International events, it is up to the individual clubs to monitor the Government of Canada's travel advisories and be vigilant as to the event status. It is also up to the clubs and PTO's to stay informed and make travel decisions in the best interests of their teams.

National Competitions: To date, there has not been a need to change any planning for national competitions in Canada. Naturally, there remains a heightened level of vigilance and hygiene considerations as this situation evolves but there is not an imminent public danger for sporting competitions in Canada to date.

We will continue to monitor this situation closely with the FIG and our national sport and government partners and will provide you with updates either through collective or discipline specific communication. Should you have any further or specific questions, please feel free to contact either myself or our Program Leads.

Sincerely,



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