

MEMORANDUM



To: Member Associations

From: Ian Moss, CEO; Amanda Zevnik, Director of National Events

Date: March 18, 2020

Subject: Update – 2020 Canadian Championships in Gatineau, QC

Given the current state of affairs with the coronavirus (COVID-19), we are having on-going discussions with the local organizing committee for the 2020 Canadian Championships regarding the options available to us if we need to adjust the dates for the 2020 Canadian Championships. A major concern for all is the suitable preparation time for competing athletes given that many clubs across the country have been forced to shut down for the foreseeable future.

The following is an update on the options and considerations at this point in time:

- The LOC has confirmed that all of the facilities for the competition will be available should the competition dates need to be adjusted by 2 weeks. They will also look at the possibility of later dates in June if required.
- The LOC is currently confirming hotel availability for any adjusted dates. We don't anticipate this being a problem, but it still requires confirmation.
- GymCan staff technical leads are meeting with their respective technical committees this week to get recommendations on the appropriate time required for training prior to re-entering competition. We will come together on Friday to discuss these recommendations further.
- GymCan staff are also discussing alternate considerations for Olympic selection requirements should this become necessary due to conflicts with timing and Canadian Olympic Committee selection requirements. It remains our preference to use the Canadian Championships for this purpose in the disciplines required.

We believe it is important to continue with plans to host the Canadian Championships. Given the news from the LOC, we are not planning to cancel the event, but are now looking at all the options required to postpone the competition for up to 4 weeks. Given the fluidity of our current situation, we may need to re-assess that 'window' as the coronavirus situation develops.

We hope to be able to make a final decision on dates for the Canadian Championships by next Monday so that all can adjust accordingly. Please do not make any direct changes to travel plans until we have provided this update. This correspondence is to provide you with an update as to the state of our discussions as of today.

Thank you for your patience.



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