

2019 CANADA GAMES TEAM PLAN

Fall 2017 Canada Games Team Training Pool Selection Criteria

Fall 2017 Canada Games Team Training Pool - Overview

In anticipation of the 2019 Canada Winter Games, Synchro Swim Ontario has introduced an innovative and comprehensive 2-year Canada Games Training and Development Program. This 2-year plan is intended to monitor and develop a larger pool of athletes in Year 1 (2017-18) and select the final team early in Year 2 (2018-19). SSO has previously announced that the Summer 2017 Provincial Teams (13-15 & Junior) will be a component of this 2-year Canada Games Training Program; this Selection Criteria document provides further information on the next component – the ***Fall 2017 Canada Games Team Training Pool***.

One of the goals of the *Fall 2017 Canada Games Team (CGT) Training Pool* is to develop athletes and bridge the gap between Club programming & the Regional Training Centre – Ontario. Given this vision, those athletes who are registered members of RTC-ON for the 2017-18 season are not eligible for the *Fall 2017 Canada Games Training Pool*. It is the intention of SSO to align and cross-over CGT Training Pool & RTC-ON Programming wherever possible, and the two training groups will be merged prior to Canada Games Team Selection in Year 2 (2018-19). As determined by Synchro Canada, only athletes aged 15-21 as of December 31, 2019 will be eligible for the Fall 2017 CGT Training Pool & the 2019 Canada Games Team (athletes born between 1998-2004).

The Fall 2017 CGT Training Pool will incorporate monthly development sessions that will facilitate ongoing assessment and feedback for athletes and will assist with building routine and figure skills, identifying areas for additional training, and building the Team Ontario vision and goals for 2019.

Please see *Appendix A* for a full timeline of the 2-year 2019 Canada Games Team Plan.

Note on Canada Games Final Team Eligibility:

The Selection Criteria for the Final Canada Winter Games Team will be posted by **October 31, 2017**. This criteria will be dependent upon the release of Synchro Canada's Technical Package for Canada Winter Games. However, as per Synchro Canada's communication dated March 20, 2017, please note that eligibility for the 2019 Canada Games Team will differ from previous years, in that:

- Junior National Team Members will be eligible
- Synchro Canada supports the inclusion of NextGen athletes who hold C1 Cards (athletes will need to go through an approval process in order to be deemed eligible)

Program Plan:

The *Fall 2017 Canada Games Team Training Pool* will include a maximum of 24 selected athletes. Athletes will participate in the following monthly development sessions held between September 2017 and February 2018:

Event	Dates	Times (Tentative)	Location
Fall 2017 Canada Games Team Training Pool Kick-Off Weekend	Friday September 15, 2017	9:00am – 4:00pm	TPASC
	Saturday September 16, 2017	9:00am – 4:00pm	
	Sunday September 17, 2017	10:00am – 5:00pm	
CGT Fall Training Pool Development Session #1	Sunday October 15, 2017	10:00am – 5:00pm	
CGT Fall Training Pool Development Session #2	Sunday November 12, 2017	10:00am – 5:00pm	
CGT Fall Training Pool Development Session #3	Sunday January 28, 2018	10:00am – 5:00pm	
CGT Fall Training Pool Development Session #4	Monday February 19, 2018 <i>*Family Day Holiday</i>	9:00am – 3:30pm	

Fees:

Athlete Registration Fees will cover the cost of providing an enhanced training program for the Fall 2017 Canada Games Training Pool (facilities and coaching costs for September 2017 – February 2018 Development Sessions). Final registration fees will be released in the coming weeks pending confirmation of all SSO programming for 2017-18.

**Payments can be made in instalments in August 2017, November 2017, and February 2018 (details to follow in registration package).*

Selection:

Selection to the *Fall 2017 Canada Games Team Training Pool* will be based on athlete results from 2016-17 competitions and selection to Summer 2017 Provincial Teams Programming. A maximum intake of 24 athletes will be invited to participate. Specific selection will be as follows:

Eligibility:

- Athletes must be registered members in good standing with Synchro Swim Ontario
- As per Synchro Canada's eligibility criteria, only athletes who are 15-21 years of age as of December 31, 2019 are eligible for the 2019 Canada Games Team and the *Fall 2017 Canada Games Team Training Pool*:
 - Athletes aged **13-15** as of **December 31, 2017** (who competed 13-15 in 2016-17) and who will be 15, 16 or 17 in the Canada Games Year (December 31, 2019)
 - Athletes aged **16-19** as of **December 31, 2017** (who competed Senior/Junior FINA in 2016-17, or are age-eligible Provincial Stream athletes) and who will be 18, 19, 20 or 21 in the Canada Games Year (December 31, 2019)
- Athletes who are registered members of the Regional Training Centre-Ontario in the 2017-18 season are not eligible for the *Fall 2017 Canada Games Team Training Pool*.

Selection Criteria:

For athletes aged 13-15 (as of December 31, 2017):

- 1) Any Ontario athletes selected to the 2017 National 13-15 Team as per the Synchro Canada Selection Criteria (minus any 2017-18 RTC-ON registered athletes).
- 2) The **10 members** of the 2017 13-15 Provincial Team selected as per the 2017 13-15 Provincial Team Selection Criteria (minus any 2017-18 RTC-ON registered athletes).

For athletes aged 16-19 (as of December 31, 2017):

- 1) Any Ontario athletes selected to the 2017 National NextGen Team as per the Synchro Canada Selection Criteria (minus any 2017-18 RTC-ON registered athletes).
- 2) Any Ontario athletes selected to the 2017 National Junior Team as per the Synchro Canada Selection Criteria (minus any 2017-18 RTC-ON registered athletes).
- 3) The **10 members** of the 2017 Junior Provincial Team as selected per the 2017 Junior Provincial Team Selection Criteria (minus any 2017-18 RTC-ON registered athletes).

For all athletes:

- 1) The Synchro Swim Ontario HP/Technical Lead with support from the Sport Development Manager shall have the discretion to identify and select any additional talent identified athletes aged 13-19 as of December 31, 2017 to the program. Selection shall be based on an analysis of figure results from any of the following applicable 2016-17 competitions:
 - a. 2017 Provincial Championships
 - b. 2017 National Qualifier
 - c. 2017 Canadian Open Championships
 - d. 2017 Ontario Open Age Group Championships
 - e. 2017 Espoir Championships
 - f. 2017 Provincial Team Trials

Note: Athletes who were unable to participate or did not qualify for a spot on the 13-15 or Junior Provincial, National, or NextGen Teams are still eligible to be identified and selected to the Fall 2017 Training Pool pending analysis of 2016-17 competition results.

Byes:

The privilege of granting byes will be given at the discretion of the Synchro Swim Ontario High Performance Selection Committee. The bye process must be followed including proper and official written documentation by the athlete requesting a bye (written explanation, doctor's note, etc.).

Authority for Selection:

The final decision-making authority to determine which athletes will be selected to the *Fall 2017 Canada Games Team Training* will rest with the Synchro Swim Ontario HP/Technical Lead. The Sport Development Manager 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. The Sport Development Manager reserves the right to ask other Synchro Swim Ontario representatives to help and support her in this task.

Appeals Process:

Decisions on Fall 2017 Canada Games Team Training Pool selection are subject to appeal pursuant to the Synchro Swim Ontario Appeals Policy (as posted on www.synchroontario.com).

Notification of Selection & Registration:

Selection to the *Fall 2017 Canada Games Team Training Pool* will be communicated by **July 30, 2017**. Notification of successful athletes will be communicated first to the Head Coach and Club President of the Club of the selected athlete. The Head Coach and Club President will then be asked to forward the attached registration package to the athlete and/or athlete's parents (if under 18).

Note on Attendance:

Athletes who are selected to the *Fall 2017 Canada Games Team Training Pool* are expected to commit to the required training and development plan. **Therefore, any athletes who are selected to the Training Pool and choose to decline their spot are opting out of the Canada Games Team and will not be permitted to attend Phase 1 of Canada Games Team Selection.** Athletes who accept their placement in the Training Pool are expected to attend all development sessions – if an athlete must miss a session due to unforeseen circumstances, the bye process outlined above must be followed (including proper and official documentation).

Appendix A – Canada Games Team 2-Year Plan
Timelines Chart

Phase/Event:	Date:	Selection:	Notes:
2017 13-15 and Junior Provincial Team Selection	June 2017	Junior Provincial Team and 13-15 Provincial Team as per 13-15 and Junior PT selection criteria	
Summer 2017 Training & Competition for 13-15 and Junior Provincial Teams	July 2017	As per 13-15 and Junior Provincial Team Selection Criteria	13-15 & Junior Provincial Teams to compete at 2017 SYNC Invitational
Canada Games Team Training Pool Selection	July 2017	Training Pool Selection finalized by April 30, 2017	Training Pool invitations will be sent by July 30, 2017
Canada Games Team Training Pool Development Sessions	Sept 2017 to Feb 2018		Development sessions will facilitate ongoing assessment and feedback from the CGT Coaches, work to build routine and figure skills, identify areas for additional training, and build the Team Ontario vision and goals for 2019
Phase 1 of 2019 Canada Games Team Selection*	February 2018*	Selection Criteria under development and will be posted by October 31, 2017	*TBC – 3-phase selection timing planned to be similar to past/ongoing Provincial Team selection process
Phase 2 of 2019 Canada Games Team Selection*	April 2018*	Note: Selection will be open to all athletes (not just those selected to the Training Pool)	
Phase 3 of Team Selection* (select final team of 10)	June 2018*		
Canada Games Team Training	July 2018 – Feb 2019	Solo, Duet and Alternate selection as per Selection Criteria that will be posted by October 31, 2017	Specific training plan and schedule will be built with CGT Coaches
2019 Canada Winter Games	Feb 14-22, 2019	n/a	Synchro is scheduled for week 1 of the 2019 Canada Winter Games