

## MEMORANDUM



**To:** Member Associations

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

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**Subject:** Update – 2020 Canadian Championships in Gatineau, QC

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The last few days have seen another monumental shift in the world's sporting landscape with news just received yesterday that the International Olympic Committee has officially postponed the 2020 Olympic Games to 2021.

The COVID 19 pandemic shows no signs of slowing down and continues to impact our daily lives in profound ways. With every province now facing business closures, and all Canadians being asked to stay at home, sport needs to take a backseat while we ensure the health and well-being of our society.

Over the last week, our high-performance technical leads have had many conversations with their advisory committees about our domestic events, and what timelines would be acceptable to ensure the proper training and preparation of our athletes. What is clear to all of us is that holding the Canadian Championships this spring or summer is simply not an option.

Therefore, we have made the difficult decision to postpone the 2020 Canadian Championships presented by Bell that were scheduled for May 19-24 in Gatineau, QC.

“This was an incredibly difficult decision for all of us as we know how hard everyone in our community was working towards this event, and we know how hard our partners at Unigym were working to make this event a success,” said Ian Moss, CEO of Gymnastics Canada. “However, I feel confident that all will agree that this was the right decision to ensure the safety of our athletes, our coaches, our support staff, and our fans. We will now move our focus towards helping our athletes safely prepare for the return of national and international competitions.”

Please continue to consult the Gymnastics Canada website for all updates as it continues to be updated as new developments arise.

“Thank you all for your patience and support during this trying time,” added Moss. “Together, we will come back stronger than ever.”

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