



TO: BC Clubs
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 Subject: Eligibility and zone qualifications for the 2016 GBC Championships

Hello everyone,

The 2016 GBC Championships will be hosted by Flip City Gymnastics from April 15 to 17 at the Langley Event Centre.

This memo is to provide additional information regarding the eligibility and zone trial process for the event.

2016 BC Games (Penticton)

For the WAG competition, two categories are invited to BC Games – JO Level 7 and Level 8. In previous Games, there were many complaints because some of the top provincial athletes were moving down to CPP Level 3 for the Games and returning to P4 or P5 after the Games. Eligibility for the Games has changed and will also impact registration for the GBC Championships.

The restrictions apply only if the athletes have competed at the Games, including wildcards. Participation at zone trials do not limit participation at the GBC Championships.

Level	Age	Number and Eligibility	Wildcards	Competition format
JO 7	Born in: 2001-2006	3 athletes per zone Eligibility: Athletes registered with GBC in JO 5, 6, 7 or Aspire 1. Athletes who compete at BC Games in Level 7 WILL NOT BE ALLOWED to register for BC Champs in Level 8+ or Aspire 2.	8 wildcards available for the province.	Day 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team - combined L7 and L8, 4 scores to count on each apparatus All Around
JO 8	Born in: 2001-2006	3 athletes per zone Eligibility: Athletes registered with GBC in JO 8 or Aspire 2 Athletes who compete at BC Games in Level 8 WILL NOT BE ALLOWED to register for BC Champs in Level 9+ or Aspire 1.	Priority will be given to JO 8, according to AA score at trials	Day 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apparatus Finals, top 8 on each apparatus

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Deadline to change category: As in previous years, clubs have until March 1 to confirm the category of their athletes. Athletes will be locked in their category from March 1 until after the GBC Championships. This applies to athletes in JO 5 to 10, Aspire and high performance programs. Athletes in JO Level 1-4 can move up and down throughout the season, without restrictions.

Registration for JO Level 7, 8 and Aspire: Please note the eligibility restrictions following BC Games. These will apply to athletes who compete at the Games as a zone team member or as a wildcard.

Participation for JO 5 and 6: Athletes in JO 5 and 6 must qualify on a zone team to attend BC Champs.

[Deadline for zone trials: March 13, 2016](#)

Level 5:

- Born in 2009 minimum
- Zone team: 6 athletes
- Wildcards: number to be determined following registration, up to maximum 48 athletes
- Total number of Level 5 athletes: up to 48 athletes

Level 6:

- Born in 2009 minimum
- Zone team: 20 athletes, any birth year (up to 160 athletes)
- Wildcards: up to 20 athletes
- Total number of Level 6 athletes: 180 athletes

Athletes will be split in age groups following registration.

Following the trial, the zone must submit a copy of the results as well as the list of athletes who have agreed to attend championships. Once zones have identified their 20 zone team members, an additional 20 wildcards will be available. Spots will be determined according to the All Around score of the athletes at their zone trial. Additional athletes will be invited as wildcards to a maximum of 180 athletes in Level 6.

As a reference, everyone who wanted to compete in last year's GBC Championships in Levels 5 and 6 had a spot.