

## Canadian women's artistic gymnastics team qualifies for Tokyo 2020

STUTTGART, GER (October 5, 2019) – The Canadian women's artistic gymnastics team has officially qualified a full four-person team for the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo following the completion of the qualifying rounds at the 2019 FIG Artistic Gymnastics World Championships in Stuttgart, GER.

The team, composed of Ellie Black of Halifax, NS, Brooklyn Moors of Cambridge, ON, Shallon Olsen of Surrey, BC, Ana Padurariu of Whitby, ON, and Victoria Woo of Brossard, QC, finished the qualifying rounds in fifth place with a total score of 162.922, qualifying them for both the team finals which take place on Tuesday, and garnering them that coveted team spot for the Tokyo Olympics.

“I'm really proud of the work our team was able to do in the qualifications,” said Black who is participating in her sixth World Championships for Canada. “(Qualifying) was a main goal for this year, so to be able to achieve that, and to be sending a full team to Tokyo next year is just incredible. It really shows all of the work we've been doing here, and back home, and so it's a really special process to go through and we're just going to keep getting better, and improving as we work towards Tokyo next year.”

The USA was the top qualifying team after the qualifying rounds with a total score of 174.205. China finished second with a score of 169.161, and Russian rounded out the top-3 with a score of 168.080.

Black and Moors have both qualified for the all-around finals which take place on Thursday, while Black also qualified for the beam finals and Moors qualified for the floor finals – both events take place on Sunday.

Olsen, the reigning silver-medallist on vault from the 2018 World Championships, has qualified for the vault finals on Saturday while Padurariu, also a silver medallist from the 2018 World Championships on beam, qualified for the beam finals on Sunday.



Next up for Canada is the men's team competing in sub-division 5 of the men's qualifying rounds which take place on Monday morning. The top-9 teams - minus China, Russia, and Japan who booked their spots at the 2018 World Championships - will qualify a team for Tokyo.

For full results, please visit: <https://live.gymnastics.sport/live/14274/womensqual.php?app=tm>

### **ABOUT GYMNASTICS CANADA**

First established in 1969, Gymnastics Canada has been supporting the mastery of movement in Canada for five decades as the national governing body for the sport of gymnastics in Canada. We work closely with the twelve provincial federations and 700 local clubs to provide a broad range of programs and services to meet the needs of all participants. From athlete development, to coach and judge education, Gymnastics Canada sets the operating standards and practices for the sport in Canada. Our mandate is to promote and provide positive and diverse gymnastics experiences through the delivery of quality and safe gymnastics programming. Visit [www.gymcan.org](http://www.gymcan.org) for more information, or follow us @gymcan1. From here, we soar.

-30-

#### **For more information, contact:**

Julie Forget

Director, Communications and Marketing

Gymnastics Canada

613.748.5637 x 233

Cell: 819.210.2064

Email: [jforget@gymcan.org](mailto:jforget@gymcan.org)

