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## Oakville gymnasts book trip to China

The Oakville Gymnastics Club will be front and centre when Canada competes at the 9th Acrobatic Gymnastics World Age Group Competition in Putian, China, March 23– 29. Twelve of the 18 athletes named to the Canadian team are members of the OGC. The team, was chosen following a selection competition held at the Power Cheer Toronto gym in Mississauga, ON, Dec. 12. Athletes for the world event are 11 years old to 19 years old.

Competing in the Mixed Pair event in the 11-16 age group are Juliana Summers (Oakville) and Theodore Rots-Chan (Oakville) while Allison Attard (Oakville), Ally Swanepoel (Oakville), and Emma Shemko (Oakville), Tessa Chiricosta, (Oakville), Daniela Mendoza (Burlington), and Jenelle Coutinho (Oakville) will test the Women's Group in the same age bracket.

In the 12 to 18 age division in the Women's Group will be Charlotte Penner (Oakville), Alexandra D'Souza (Oakville), and Erin Oswald (Oakville). Challenging in the 13 to 19 division's Women's Group will be Tessa Hickey (Oakville), Kelsey Horn (Oakville) and Sophie Lake (Burlington).

“Attending this competition is a great opportunity for these athletes and coaches to compete against some of the top young talent in the world in this growing gymnastics discipline,” said Cathy Haines, Chief Technical Officer for Gymnastics Canada. “Acrobatic gymnastics is a relatively young discipline in the Canadian gymnastics family, and the experiences this group brings back will be invaluable for helping it to grow in Canada.”

The World Age Group competition for acrobatic gymnastics is held every two years, and features three different age groups from 11 to 19. Canadian gymnasts will compete in the women's pair, mixed pair, and women's group categories. The event directly precedes the 25th Acrobatic Gymnastics World Championships held at the same venue.

