



## SYNCHRO CANADA GETTING READY FOR BEIJING

**August 27 – Montreal QC** - The last week was very busy for Synchro Canada staff which announced today important news in preparation of the Olympic Games in Beijing.

First of all, following the three days of the first phase of the team selection that will prepare for the Olympic selection tournament which is to be held April 16th to April 20<sup>th</sup> in Beijing, Synchro Canada announced the pool of 14 athletes who will be in training at the Montreal Training Centre until the second phase of selection that will be held before Christmas. The fourteen athletes who qualified themselves in the pool are as follows:

Marie-Pier Boudreau- Gagnon  
Jessika Dubuc  
Marie-Pierre Gagné  
Jennifer Knobbs  
Dominika Kopcik  
Eve Lamoureux  
Tracy Little

Élise Marcotte  
Tanya Matson  
Laura McClemon  
Alison McKenny  
Megan Poss  
Jennifer Song  
Isabelle Rampling

Diane Oligny, Chief Technical Officer, is confident to have selected the best fourteen girls in order to qualify for the Olympic Games. She adds that: "the process was fair and equitable for all and I am completely satisfied with the outcome of the weekend".

Further more, today Synchro Canada announced its coaching team which will work with the fourteen athletes in Montreal. Susan Kemper is hired as the Head Coach. Visionary, Susan holds a level 5 of the NCCP and has a multitude of experience in coaching. She also proved her leadership during last years as a head coach of the National B team. As for her, Denise Sauvé was named as a full-time Assistant Coach. Denise brings to the team of coaches international experience of several years within the program. She also has an enormous artistic potential and a baggage of incredible knowledge acquired through Cirque du Soleil. Lastly, Nathalie Lagrange, who was head coach for the junior team which swept everything at the US Open in Hawaii this summer, was named part-time assistant coach.

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