

# **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **Trampoline Athletes and Gymnasts at Canadian Championships**

Twelve trampoline athletes, two women's artistic athletes, and one men's artistic athlete competed at the 2010 Canadian Championships in Kamloops, BC this past week. Cody Briggs is the first time that a men's artistic athlete has represented Okanagan Gymnastics Centre at a Canadian Championships.

Cody Briggs competed in the National Open category in the Men's Artistic Gymnastics discipline. Briggs competed against former Olympians who have returned to the sport to compete at this year's Canadian Championships. Briggs finished in 21<sup>st</sup> place all around with his top event being the pommel horse where he finished in 9<sup>th</sup> place.

Adele Lefevre competed at her first Canadian Championships in the National Novice category in Women's Artistic Gymnastics. Lefevre finished in 7<sup>th</sup> all around. Lefevre's top finish was a fourth place on uneven bars and a fourth overall in the first day of competition. Lefevre finished seventh on the uneven bars and all around after the second and final day of competition.

Makinli Handley also competed in her first Canadian Championships. Handley competed in the National Novice High Performance category. In the first day of competition, Handley finished in eleventh over all and with sixth place finishes on the uneven bars and floor exercise. After the second and final day of competition for Handley, she finished in eleventh over all once again, but finished in fourth place on the uneven bars and floor exercise.

Twelve trampoline athletes represented Okanagan Gymnastics Centre and Team BC at this year's championships. The top Kelowna finisher was TJ Fix who finished in first place in the Men's Novice trampoline event. Fix also competed in the Men's Synchronized trampoline with his teammate Trevor Stirling. The duo finished with a third place in that event. Stirling finished in eighth place in the Men's Youth Individual Trampoline.

Curtis Gerein finished in first place in Men's Youth Synchronized trampoline with his partner from Québec. Gerein also competed in the Youth category and finished in seventh on individual trampoline and sixth on double mini trampoline.

Brittany Falconer earned herself a silver medal in the Women's Open Double Mini Trampoline. Falconer also competed in the Women's Synchronized trampoline with her partner Rachel Morrison. This team finished with an eighth place.

Seven young women competed at their very first Canadian Championships and four of these young women earned their first Canadian Championship medals.

Carli Gruber's top finish was a silver medal on the Women's Novice 10-14 year old individual trampoline event.

Brynn Tucker finished with a bronze medal in the Women's Novice 10-14 year olds on double mini trampoline.

Emma Tucker and Danielle Gruber also earned their first medals at their first Canadian Championships. These two young women earned a bronze medal as partners in the Women's Novice 10-14 year old Synchronized trampoline.

Emma Tucker also finished with a fourth place on the Women's Novice 10-14 year old double mini and Danielle Gruber earned seventh place on Women's Novice 10-14 year old individual trampoline.

Emily Crichton finished with a fifth place on the Women's Novice 15+ double mini trampoline.

Taylor Gretzinger and Crichton competed in the Synchronized event together earning a twelfth place finish.

Rachel Stone's top finish was a sixth place on the individual trampoline in the Women's Novice 10-14 year olds.

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