

## **Shooting Federation of Canada 2020 High Performance Pistol Team Report**

We started the year with excitement . . . continuing the journey towards the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. In January we traveled to both Winnipeg and Camp Perry, Ohio for the two-step process that would define Canada's representative for pistol shooting (women's) discipline. The successful female athlete going to Tokyo will set a goal and mentor other shooting athletes to rise up and share in this success at representing Canada. Congratulations and commendation to the top 5 who competed towards this representation - in their finest sporting professionalism showing good atmosphere and team spirit throughout this competition: Britton, Gustafson, Houde, Kiejko and Vasileva.

After securing Canada's only quota spot, Lynda Kiejko succeeded in maintaining her lead and will be representing Canada for a second time, at the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo.

Three short months later, the Canadian Olympic Committee made the announcement that we would not be sending a Team due to the Coronavirus.

All travel cancelled; all competitions cancelled. Mixed-emotions and priorities changing to the greatest unknown – protecting ourselves and our families.

As the months move ahead in this time of uncertainty, we seek for our new norm and will certainly welcome the comradery that we have experienced when the Team is brought together. Until this time, I will continue to monitor and support those athletes who maintain contact via direct texts/messages, Dropbox, emails and through the portal.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Support Staff – Tanis, who has definitely connected with the athletes/coaches, and to welcome Chloe Gagnon to the Team.

This past year has not been without its challenges. I am forever grateful for those who have supported me through this past year. It is great to work with such a positive and innovative Team. With this, the probability and level of success can only be greater.

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