

O-1A Non-Immigrant Petition

Beneficiary: Jason Nicholas Burnett



Authorization for Credit Card Transactions

Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

USCIS
Form G-1450

How To Fill Out Form G-1450

1. Type or print legibly in black ink.
2. Complete the "Applicant's/Petitioner's/Requester's Information," "Credit Card Billing Information," and "Credit Card Information" sections and sign the authorization. **NOTE:** The credit card must be issued by a U.S. bank.
3. Place your Form G-1450 ON TOP of your application, petition, or request package.

NOTE: Failure to provide the requested information may result in USCIS and your financial institution not accepting the payment. USCIS cannot process credit card payments without an authorized signature.

NOTE: Please see the USCIS Form G-1450 website for additional information.

We recommend that you print or save a copy of your completed Form G-1450 to review in the future and for your records.

By completing this transaction, you agree that you have paid for a government service and that the filing fee, biometric services fee and all related financial transactions are final and not refundable, regardless of any action USCIS takes on an application, petition, or request. You must submit all fees in the exact amounts. USCIS will charge your credit card up to the amount you authorize below.

Please refer to the form(s) you are filing for additional information, or you may call the USCIS Customer Contact number at **1-800-375-5283**. For TTY (deaf or hard of hearing) call: **1-800-767-1833**.

Applicant's/Petitioner's/Requester's Information (Full Legal Name)

Given Name (First Name) Nicholas	Middle Name (if any) Andrew	Family Name (Last Name) Minney
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Credit Card Billing Information (Credit Card Holder's Name as it Appears on the Card)

Given Name (First Name) Nicholas	Middle Name (if any) Andrew	Family Name (Last Name) Minney
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Credit Card Holder's Billing Address:

Street Number and Name 5460 Prospect Ct	Apt. Ste. Flr. <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Number
City or Town Archdale	State NC	ZIP Code 27263

Credit Card Holder's Signature and Contact Information:

Credit Card Holder's Signature <i>Nicholas Minney</i>	Credit Card Holder's Daytime Telephone Number 434-841-2486	Credit Card Holder's Email Address Nicholas@Minney.net
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Credit Card Information

Credit Card Number 379823660513019	Credit Card Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> American Express <input type="checkbox"/> Discover	Authorized Payment Amount \$ 3635 .00
Credit Card Expiration Date (mm/yyyy) 05/2028		





Request for Premium Processing Service

Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

USCIS
Form I-907
OMB No. 1615-0048
Expires 02/28/2027

For USCIS Use Only	Request Physically Received by USCIS	Returned	Resubmitted	Receipt
	Date _____	Date _____	Date _____	
	Date _____	Date _____	Date _____	Action Block
Remarks				

To be completed by an attorney or accredited representative (if any).	<input type="checkbox"/> Select this box if Form G-28 or Form G-28I is attached.	Attorney State Bar Number (if applicable) <input type="text"/>	Attorney or Accredited Representative USCIS Online Account Number (if any) <input type="text"/>
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Part 1. Information About the Person Filing This Request

1. Alien Registration Number (A-Number) (if any)

► A-

2. USCIS Online Account Number (if any)

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3. Family Name (Last Name)

Given Name (First Name)

Middle Name

4. Company or Organization Named in the Related Case (If filed on behalf of a company or organization)

5. Mailing Address

In Care Of Name

Street Number and Name

Apt. Ste. Flr. Number

City or Town

State

ZIP Code

[USPS ZIP Code Lookup](#)

Province

Postal Code

Country

6. Is your current mailing address the same as your physical address?

Yes No

If you answered "No" to Item Number 6., provide your physical address in Item Number 7.

Part 1. Information About the Person Filing This Request (continued)

7. Physical Address

Street Number and Name

Apt. Ste. Flr. Number

City or Town

State

ZIP Code

Province

Postal Code

Country

8. Request for Premium Processing Service (select **only one** box):

- I am the **petitioner** who is filing or has filed a petition eligible for Premium Processing Service.
- I am the attorney or accredited representative **for the petitioner** who is filing or has filed a petition eligible for Premium Processing Service. (Complete and submit Form G-28, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Accredited Representative, or Form G-28I, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney In Matters Outside the Geographical Confines of the United States, if Form G-28 or Form G-28I has not been submitted with the petition.)
- I am the **applicant** who is filing or has filed an application eligible for Premium Processing Service.
- I am the attorney or accredited representative **for the applicant** who is filing or has filed an application eligible for Premium Processing Service. (Complete and submit Form G-28 or Form G-28I, if Form G-28 or Form G-28I has not been submitted with the application.)

Part 2. Information About the Request

1. Form Number of Related Petition or Application

2. Receipt Number of Related Petition or Application

3. Classification or Eligibility Requested

4. Petitioner or Applicant in the Related Case

Family Name (Last Name)

Given Name (First Name)

Middle Name

5. Beneficiary in the Related Case

Family Name (Last Name)

Given Name (First Name)

Middle Name

6. Name of Point of Contact for the Company or Organization

Family Name (Last Name)

Given Name (First Name)

Middle Name

Position Title

7. Company or Organization IRS Employer Identification Number (EIN) (if any)

Part 2. Information About the Request (continued)

8. Address of Petitioner, Applicant, Company, or Organization Named in Related Case

Street Number and Name

Apt. Ste. Flr. Number

City or Town

State

ZIP Code

Postal Code

Country

Part 3. Requestor's Statement, Contact Information, Declaration, Certification, and Signature

NOTE: Read the **Penalties** section of the Form I-907 Instructions before completing this section.

I understand that U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will refund the Premium Processing Service fee to the person listed in **Part 1.** of this request if USCIS does not take an action on the related case within the applicable processing timeframe. I understand that case actions include a referral for investigation of suspected fraud, misrepresentation, or the issuance of an approval notice, a request for evidence, a notice of intent to deny, or a denial notice.

Requestor's Statement

NOTE: Select the box for either **Item A.** or **Item B.** in **Item Number 1.** If applicable, select the box for **Item Number 2.**

1. Requestor's Statement Regarding the Interpreter

- A. I can read and understand English, and I have read and understand every question and instruction on this request and my answer to every question.
- B. The interpreter named in **Part 4.** read to me every question and instruction on this request and my answer to every question in , a language in which I am fluent, and I understood everything.

2. Requestor's Statement Regarding the Preparer

- At my request, the preparer named in **Part 5.**, , prepared this request for me based only upon information I provided or authorized.

Requestor's Contact Information

3. Requestor's Daytime Telephone Number

4. Requestor's Mobile Telephone Number (if any)

5. Requestor's Fax Number (if any)

6. Requestor's Email Address (if any)

Requestor's Declaration and Certification

Copies of any documents I have submitted are exact photocopies of unaltered, original documents, and I understand that USCIS may require that I submit original documents to USCIS at a later date. Furthermore, I authorize the release of any information from any and all of my records that USCIS may need to determine my eligibility for the immigration benefit that I seek.

I furthermore authorize release of information contained in this request, in supporting documents, and in my USCIS records, to other entities and persons where necessary for the administration and enforcement of U.S. immigration law.

Part 3. Requestor's Statement, Contact Information, Declaration, Certification, and Signature

(continued)

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that all of the information in my request and any document submitted with it were provided or authorized by me, that I reviewed and understand all of the information contained in, and submitted with, my request and that all of this information is complete, true, and correct.

Requestor's Signature

7. Requestor's Signature	Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy)
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NOTE TO ALL REQUESTORS: If you do not completely fill out this request or fail to submit required documents listed in the Instructions, USCIS may deny your request.

Part 4. Interpreter's Contact Information, Certification, and Signature

Provide the following information about the interpreter.

Interpreter's Full Name

1. Interpreter's Family Name (Last Name)	Interpreter's Given Name (First Name)
2. Interpreter's Business or Organization Name (if any)	

Interpreter's Mailing Address

3. Street Number and Name	Apt. <input type="checkbox"/>	Ste. <input type="checkbox"/>	Flr. <input type="checkbox"/>	Number
City or Town	State	ZIP Code		
Province	Postal Code	Country		

Interpreter's Contact Information

4. Interpreter's Daytime Telephone Number	5. Interpreter's Mobile Telephone Number (if any)
6. Interpreter's Email Address (if any)	

Interpreter's Certification

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that:

I am fluent in English and [redacted], which is the same language specified in **Part 3.**,

Item B. in **Item Number 1.**, and I have read to this requestor in the identified language every question and instruction on this request and his or her answer to every question. The requestor informed me that he or she understands every instruction, question, and answer on the request, including the **Requestor's Declaration and Certification**, and has verified the accuracy of every answer.

Part 4. Interpreter's Contact Information, Certification, and Signature (continued)

Interpreter's Signature

7. Interpreter's Signature	Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy)
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Part 5. Contact Information, Declaration, and Signature of the Person Preparing this Request, if Other Than the Requestor

Provide the following information about the preparer.

Preparer's Full Name

1. Preparer's Family Name (Last Name)	Preparer's Given Name (First Name)
2. Preparer's Business or Organization Name (if any)	

Preparer's Mailing Address

3. Street Number and Name	Apt. Ste. Flr. Number <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
City or Town	State ZIP Code	
Province	Postal Code	Country

Preparer's Contact Information

4. Preparer's Daytime Telephone Number	5. Preparer's Mobile Telephone Number (if any)
6. Preparer's Email Address (if any)	

Preparer's Statement

- 7.A. I am not an attorney or accredited representative but have prepared this request on behalf of the requestor with the requestor's consent.
- B. I am an attorney or accredited representative and my representation of the requestor in this case
 extends does not extend beyond the preparation of this request.

NOTE: If you are an attorney or accredited representative, you may need to submit a completed Form G-28 or Form G-28I with this request.

Part 5. Contact Information, Declaration, and Signature of the Person Preparing this Request, if Other Than the Requestor (continued)

Preparer's Certification

By my signature, I certify, under penalty of perjury, that I prepared this request at the request of the requestor. The requestor then reviewed this completed request and informed me that he or she understands all of the information contained in, and submitted with, his or her request, including the **Requestor's Declaration and Certification**, and that all of this information is complete, true, and correct. I completed this request based only on information that the requestor provided to me or authorized me to obtain or use.

Preparer's Signature

8. Preparer's Signature Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy)

Part 6. Additional Information

If you need extra space to provide any additional information within this petition, use the space below. If you need more space than what is provided, you may make copies of this page to complete and file with this petition or attach a separate sheet of paper. Type or print your name and A-Number (if any) at the top of each sheet; indicate the **Page Number**, **Part Number**, and **Item Number** to which your answer refers; and sign and date each sheet.

1. Family Name (Last Name) Given Name (First Name) Middle Name

2. A-Number (if any) ► A-

3.A. Page Number 3.B. Part Number 3.C. Item Number

3.D.

4.A. Page Number 4.B. Part Number 4.C. Item Number

4.D.

5.A. Page Number 5.B. Part Number 5.C. Item Number

5.D.



Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker

Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

USCIS

Form I-129

OMB No. 1615-0009

Expires 12/31/2027

For USCIS Use Only	Receipt	Partial Approval (explain)	Action Block
Class: _____ No. of Workers: _____ Job Code: _____ Validity Dates: _____ From: _____ To: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Classification Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Consulate/POE/PFI Notified At: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Extension Granted <input type="checkbox"/> COS/Extension Granted		

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Part 1. Petitioner Information

If you are an individual filing this petition, complete **Item Number 1**. If you are a company or an organization filing this petition, complete **Item Number 2**.

1. Legal Name of Individual Petitioner

Family Name (Last Name)

Given Name (First Name)

Middle Name

2. Company or Organization Name

3. Mailing Address of Individual, Company or Organization

(USPS ZIP Code Lookup)

In Care Of Name

Street Number and Name

Apt. Ste. Flr. Number

City or Town

State

ZIP Code

Province

Postal Code

Country

4. Contact Information

Daytime Telephone Number

Mobile Telephone Number

Email Address (if any)

Other Information

5. Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN)

6. Are you a nonprofit organized as tax exempt or a governmental research organization?

Yes No

Part 1. Petitioner Information (continued)

7. Individual IRS Tax Number 8. U.S. Social Security Number (if any)

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Part 2. Information About This Petition

1. Requested Nonimmigrant Classification (Write classification symbol):

2. Basis for Classification (select **only one** box):

- a. New employment.
- b. Continuation of previously approved employment without change with the same employer.
- c. Change in previously approved employment.
- d. New concurrent employment.
- e. Change of employer.
- f. Amended petition.

3. Provide the most recent petition/application receipt number for the beneficiary. If none exists, indicate "None." ►

4. Requested Action (select **only one** box):

- a. Notify the office in **Part 4.** so each beneficiary can obtain a visa or be admitted. (NOTE: A petition is not required for E-1, E-2, E-3, H-1B1 Chile/Singapore, or TN visa beneficiaries.)
- b. Change the status and extend the stay of each beneficiary because the beneficiary(ies) is/are now in the United States in another status (see instructions for limitations). This is available only when you check "New Employment" in **Item Number 2.**, above.
- c. Extend the stay of each beneficiary because the beneficiary(ies) now hold(s) this status.
- d. Amend the stay of each beneficiary because the beneficiary(ies) now hold(s) this status and is/are not seeking additional time from their current authorized period of stay.
- e. Extend the status of a nonimmigrant classification based on a free trade agreement. (See Trade Agreement Supplement to Form I-129 for TN and H-1B1.)
- f. Change status to a nonimmigrant classification based on a free trade agreement. (See Trade Agreement Supplement to Form I-129 for TN and H-1B1.)

5. Total number of workers included in this petition. (See instructions relating to when more than one worker can be included.) ►

Part 3. Beneficiary Information (Information about the beneficiary/beneficiaries you are filing for. Complete the blocks below. Use the Attachment-1 sheet to name each beneficiary included in this petition.)

1. Type of Beneficiaries Requested (select **only one** box) Named Unnamed (for H-2A or H-2B petitions only)

2. If an Entertainment Group, Provide the Group Name

3. Provide Name of Beneficiary

Family Name (Last Name)

Given Name (First Name)

Middle Name

Part 3. Beneficiary Information (Information about the beneficiary/beneficiaries you are filing for. Complete the blocks below. Use the Attachment-1 sheet to name each beneficiary included in this petition.) (continued)

4. Provide all other names the beneficiary has used. Include nicknames, aliases, maiden name, and names from all previous marriages.

Family Name (Last Name)

Given Name (First Name)

Middle Name

5. Other Information

Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

Gender

Male Female

U.S. Social Security Number (if any)

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Alien Registration Number (A-Number)

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Country of Birth

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Province of Birth

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Country of Citizenship or Nationality

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6. If the beneficiary is in the United States, complete the following:

Date of Last Arrival (mm/dd/yyyy)

I-94 Arrival-Departure Record Number

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Passport or Travel Document Number

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Date Passport or Travel Document
Issued (mm/dd/yyyy)

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Date Passport or Travel Document
Expires (mm/dd/yyyy)

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Passport or Travel Document Country
of Issuance

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Current Nonimmigrant Status

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Date Status Expires (mm/dd/yyyy) or D/S

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Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS)
Number (if any)

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Employment Authorization Document (EAD)
Number (if any)

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7. Current Residential U.S. Address (if applicable) (do not list a P.O. Box)

Street Number and Name

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Apt. Ste. Flr. Number

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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City or Town

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State

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ZIP Code

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Part 4. Processing Information

1. If a beneficiary or beneficiaries named in **Part 3.** is/are outside the United States, or a requested extension of stay or change of status cannot be granted, state the U.S. Consulate or inspection facility you want notified if this petition is approved.

a. **Type of Office** (select only one box): Consulate Pre-flight inspection Port of Entry

b. **Office Address (City)**

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c. **U.S. State or Foreign Country**

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Part 4. Processing Information (continued)

d. Beneficiary's Foreign Address

Street Number and Name

Apt. Ste. Flr. Number

City or Town

State

Province

Postal Code

Country

2. Does each person in this petition have a valid passport? Yes No. If no, go to **Part 9.** and type or print your explanation.
3. Are you filing any other petitions with this one?
 Yes. If yes, how many? ► No
4. Are you filing any applications for replacement/initial I-94, Arrival-Departure Records with this petition? Note that if the beneficiary was issued an electronic Form I-94 by CBP when he/she was admitted to the United States at an air or sea port, he/she may be able to obtain the Form I-94 from the CBP Website at www.cbp.gov/i94 instead of filing an application for a replacement/initial I-94.
 Yes. If yes, how many? ► No
5. Are you filing any applications for dependents with this petition?
 Yes. If yes, how many? ► No
6. Is any beneficiary in this petition in removal proceedings?
 Yes. If yes, proceed to **Part 9.** and list the beneficiary's(ies) name(s). No
7. Have you ever filed an immigrant petition for any beneficiary in this petition?
 Yes. If yes, how many? ► No
8. Did you indicate you were filing a new petition in **Part 2.?**
 Yes. If yes, answer the questions below. No. If no, proceed to **Item Number 9.**
- a. Has any beneficiary in this petition ever been given the classification you are now requesting within the last seven years?
 Yes. If yes, proceed to **Part 9.** and type or print your explanation. No
- b. Has any beneficiary in this petition ever been denied the classification you are now requesting within the last seven years?
 Yes. If yes, proceed to **Part 9.** and type or print your explanation. No
9. Have you ever previously filed a nonimmigrant petition for this beneficiary?
 Yes. If yes, proceed to **Part 9.** and type or print your explanation. No
10. If you are filing for an entertainment group, has any beneficiary in this petition not been with the group for at least one year?
 Yes. If yes, proceed to **Part 9.** and type or print your explanation. No
- 11.a. Has any beneficiary in this petition ever been a J-1 exchange visitor or J-2 dependent of a J-1 exchange visitor?
 Yes. If yes, proceed to **Item Number 11.b.** No
- 11.b. If you checked yes in **Item Number 11.a.**, provide the dates the beneficiary maintained status as a J-1 exchange visitor or J-2 dependent. Also, provide evidence of this status by attaching a copy of either a DS-2019, Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor (J-1) Status, a Form IAP-66, or a copy of the passport that includes the J visa stamp.

Part 5. Basic Information About the Proposed Employment and Employer

Attach the Form I-129 supplement relevant to the classification of the worker(s) you are requesting.

1. Job Title

2. LCA or ETA Case Number

3. Address(es) where the beneficiary(ies) will work if different from address in **Part 1**. If you need to provide more than two additional addresses, use **Part 9. Additional Information**.

Address 1

Street Number and Name

Apt. Ste. Flr. Number

Number

City or Town

State

ZIP Code

Is this a third-party location?

Yes No

If you answered "Yes," provide the name of the third-party organization.

Address 2

Street Number and Name

Apt. Ste. Flr. Number

City or Town

State

ZIP Code

Is this a third-party location?

Yes No

If you answered "Yes," provide the name of the third-party organization.

4. Did you include an itinerary with the petition?

Yes No

5. Will the beneficiary(ies) work for you off-site at another company or organization's location?

Yes No

6. Will the beneficiary(ies) work exclusively in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI)? Yes No

7. Is this a full-time position?

Yes No

8. If the answer to **Item Number 7.** is no, how many hours per week for the position? ►

9. Wages: \$ per (Specify hour, week, month, or year) ►

10. Other Compensation (Explain)

 To: (mm/dd/yyyy)

Part 5. Basic Information About the Proposed Employment and Employer (continued)

12. Type of Business	13. Year Established
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
14. Current Number of Employees in the United States	
<input type="text"/>	
15. Do you currently employ a total of 25 or fewer full-time equivalent employees in the United States, including all affiliates or subsidiaries of this company/organization?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
16. Gross Annual Income	
<input type="text"/>	
17. Net Annual Income	
<input type="text"/>	

Part 6. Certification Regarding the Release of Controlled Technology or Technical Data to Foreign Persons in the United States

(This section of the form is required only for H-1B, H-1B1 Chile/Singapore, L-1, and O-1A petitions. It is not required for any other classifications. Please review the Form I-129 General Filing Instructions before completing this section.)

Select Item Number 1. or Item Number 2. as appropriate. DO NOT select both boxes.

With respect to the technology or technical data the petitioner will release or otherwise provide access to the beneficiary, the petitioner certifies that it has reviewed the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) and the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) and has determined that:

1. A license is not required from either the U.S. Department of Commerce or the U.S. Department of State to release such technology or technical data to the foreign person; or
2. A license is required from the U.S. Department of Commerce and/or the U.S. Department of State to release such technology or technical data to the beneficiary and the petitioner will prevent access to the controlled technology or technical data by the beneficiary until and unless the petitioner has received the required license or other authorization to release it to the beneficiary.

Part 7. Declaration, Signature, and Contact Information of Petitioner or Authorized Signatory (Read the information on penalties in the instructions before completing this section.)

Copies of any documents submitted are exact photocopies of unaltered, original documents, and I understand that, as the petitioner, I may be required to submit original documents to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) at a later date.

I authorize the release of any information from my records, or from the petitioning organization's records that USCIS needs to determine eligibility for the immigration benefit sought. I recognize the authority of USCIS to conduct audits of this petition using publicly available open source information. I also recognize that any supporting evidence submitted in support of this petition may be verified by USCIS through any means determined appropriate by USCIS, including but not limited to, on-site compliance reviews.

If filing this petition on behalf of an organization, I certify that I am authorized to do so by the organization.

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that I have reviewed this petition and that all of the information contained in the petition, including all responses to specific questions, and in the supporting documents, is complete, true, and correct.

1. Name and Title of Authorized Signatory

Family Name (Last Name)

Given Name (First Name)

Title

Part 7. Declaration, Signature, and Contact Information of Petitioner or Authorized Signatory (Read the information on penalties in the instructions before completing this section.) (continued)

2. Signature and Date

Signature of Authorized Signatory

Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy)

3. Signatory's Contact Information

Daytime Telephone Number

Email Address (if any)

NOTE: If you do not fully complete this form or fail to submit the required documents listed in the instructions, a final decision on your petition may be delayed or the petition may be denied.

Part 8. Declaration, Signature, and Contact Information of Person Preparing Form, If Other Than Petitioner

Provide the following information concerning the preparer:

1. Name of Preparer

Family Name (Last Name)

Given Name (First Name)

2. Preparer's Business or Organization Name (if any)

(If applicable, provide the name of your accredited organization recognized by the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA).)

3. Preparer's Mailing Address

Street Number and Name

Apt. Ste. Flr. Number

City or Town

State

ZIP Code

Province

Postal Code

Country

4. Preparer's Contact Information

Daytime Telephone Number

Fax Number

Email Address (if any)

Preparer's Declaration

By my signature, I certify, swear, or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that I prepared this petition on behalf of, at the request of, and with the express consent of the petitioner or authorized signatory. The petitioner has reviewed this completed petition as prepared by me and informed me that all of the information in the form and in the supporting documents, is complete, true, and correct.

5. Signature and Date

Signature of Preparer

Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy)

Part 9. Additional Information About Your Petition For Nonimmigrant Worker

If you require more space to provide any additional information within this petition, use the space below. If you require more space than what is provided to complete this petition, you may make a copy of **Part 9.** to complete and file with this petition. In order to assist us in reviewing your response, you must identify the **Page Number, Part Number and Item Number** corresponding to the additional information.

1. A-Number ► A-

2. **Page Number** **Part Number** **Item Number**

3. **Page Number** **Part Number** **Item Number**

4. **Page Number** **Part Number** **Item Number**



O and P Classifications Supplement to Form I-129

Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

USCIS

Form I-129

OMB No. 1615-0009
Expires 12/31/2027

Section 1. Complete This Section if Filing for O or P Classification

1. Name of the Petitioner

Name of the Beneficiary or if this petition includes multiple beneficiaries, the total number of beneficiaries included.

- 2.a. Name of the Beneficiary

OR

- 2.b. Provide the total number of beneficiaries:

3. Classification sought (select only one box)

- a. O-1A Beneficiary of extraordinary ability in sciences, education, business or athletics (not including the arts, motion picture or television industry)
- b. O-1B Beneficiary of extraordinary ability in the arts or extraordinary achievement in the motion picture or television industry
- c. O-2 Accompanying beneficiary who is coming to the United States to assist in the performance of the O-1
- d. P-1 Major League Sports
- e. P-1 Athlete or Athletic/Entertainment Group (includes minor league sports not affiliated with Major League Sports)
- f. P-1S Essential Support Personnel for P-1
- g. P-2 Artist or entertainer for reciprocal exchange program
- h. P-2S Essential Support Personnel for P-2
- i. P-3 Artist/Entertainer coming to the United States to perform, teach, or coach under a program that is culturally unique
- j. P-3S Essential Support Personnel for P-3

4. Explain the nature of the event.

5. Describe the duties to be performed.

6. If filing for an O-2 or P support classification, list dates of the beneficiary's prior work experience under the O-1 or P principal.

- 7.a. Does any beneficiary in this petition have ownership interest in the petitioning organization?

- Yes. If yes, please explain in Item Number 7.b. No.

Section 1. Complete This Section if Filing for O or P Classification (continued)

7.b. Explanation

8. Does an appropriate labor organization exist for the petition?
 Yes No. If no, proceed to **Part 9.** and type or print your explanation.
9. Is the required consultation or written advisory opinion being submitted with this petition?
 Yes No - copy of request attached N/A

If no, provide the following information about the organization(s) to which you have sent a duplicate of this petition.

O-1 Extraordinary Ability

10.a. Name of Recognized Peer/Peer Group or Labor Organization

10.b. Physical Address

Street Number and Name	Apt. Ste. Flr. Number
<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="text"/>

City or Town	State	ZIP Code
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

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Section 2. Statement by the Petitioner

I certify that I, the petitioner, and the employer whose offer of employment formed the basis of status (if different from the petitioner) will be jointly and severally liable for the reasonable costs of return transportation of the beneficiary abroad if the beneficiary is dismissed from employment by the employer before the end of the period of authorized stay.

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May 21, 2025

USCIS Service Center

Attn: I-129 O

Re: I-129 Petition | Request for O-1A Classification

Petitioner: Carolina Elite Trampoline Academy

Beneficiary: Jason Nicholas Burnett

Position: Elite Trampoline Clinician, Technical Consultant, and Seminar Leader

Field of Expertise: Athletics – Trampoline Gymnastics

Dear Immigration Examiner:

This letter accompanies the O-1A petition filed by **Carolina Elite Trampoline Academy** (“Petitioner”), seeking to classify **Jason Nicholas Burnett** (“Beneficiary”) under the O-1A visa category for individuals with extraordinary ability in athletics. Mr. Burnett is a **three-time Olympian, Olympic silver medalist, and two-time world record holder** in trampoline gymnastics whose credentials as a technical educator and performance expert make him uniquely qualified for classification in this category.

Petitioner Employment Structure

The Petitioner is serving in the following capacity as indicated by an “X”:

- Direct Employer
 U.S. Agent for Multiple Employers / Self-Employed Beneficiary

Carolina Elite Trampoline Academy is acting as the U.S. agent and point of coordination for a series of contractual engagements by Mr. Burnett with U.S.-based athletic organizations, gymnastics clubs, and Olympic development programs. These engagements include high-level coaching seminars, judging clinics, and trampoline training camps at locations across the country. Carolina Elite Trampoline Academy is also one of the participating host organizations and has formal agreements with the beneficiary regarding his scheduled workshops.

Petitioner Obligations

Carolina Elite Trampoline Academy agrees to the following responsibilities:

1. **Representation:** We will serve as the authorized U.S. agent for Mr. Burnett, coordinating communication, documentation, and professional activity schedules related to his contracted work in the United States.
2. **Service of Process:** We accept service of process on behalf of Mr. Burnett throughout the duration of the petition’s validity.

3. **Support & Oversight:** We have reviewed, endorsed, and coordinated the contractual arrangements between Mr. Burnett and all host organizations listed in the itinerary.
4. **Certification of Accuracy:** We certify the authenticity and accuracy of all documentation submitted in this petition and confirm proper authorization from the beneficiary.

Duration of Agreement

The terms outlined in this petition will become effective upon approval by USCIS and remain valid for the requested classification period, as reflected in the accompanying Form I-129 and itinerary of engagements.

About the Petitioner: Carolina Elite Trampoline Academy

Carolina Elite Trampoline Academy is a premier competitive trampoline and tumbling training center based in [City], North Carolina. The academy is recognized within the gymnastics community for its commitment to excellence in athlete development, competitive training, and technical education. The facility serves athletes ranging from youth and developmental levels to national-level competitors.

In addition to regular training programs, Carolina Elite Trampoline Academy actively hosts elite training camps, professional development workshops, and judging seminars, contributing to the broader growth and professionalism of trampoline gymnastics in the United States.

For the purposes of this O-1A petition, Carolina Elite Trampoline Academy serves as both:

1. A direct host of Mr. Jason Burnett for scheduled trampoline clinics and coaching seminars at its facility, and
2. An authorized U.S. agent for additional U.S.-based gymnastics and trampoline organizations engaging Mr. Burnett on a contractual basis.

As U.S. agent, Carolina Elite Trampoline Academy is coordinating and overseeing Mr. Burnett's engagements with clubs, camps, and Olympic development programs nationwide. These short-term, event-based activities reflect the nature of Mr. Burnett's professional services as a highly sought-after technical consultant and coach of international acclaim.

The academy is proud to facilitate Mr. Burnett's temporary entry to the United States and ensure full compliance with USCIS petition standards.

About the Beneficiary: Jason Nicholas Burnett

Jason Nicholas Burnett is widely regarded as the most accomplished male trampolinist in Canadian history. Over a decorated international career spanning more than 17 years, Mr. Burnett represented Canada at three Olympic Games (2008, 2012, and 2016), earned an Olympic silver medal at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, and held two world records for the highest degree of difficulty in routine execution.

Mr. Burnett's competitive achievements include:

- 12 World Cup medals in FIG-sanctioned international trampoline competitions
- 11 Canadian national titles, the most in the country's history for male trampoline athletes
- The 2007 world record for the highest degree of difficulty in a trampoline routine (17.5 DD), later surpassed by his own training routine of 20.6 DD
- Podium finishes and finalist placements at Pan American Games and World Championships
- Leadership of Canada's trampoline delegation across three Olympic cycles

Following his retirement from competitive sport in 2020, Mr. Burnett transitioned into an influential second career as a trampoline coach, international clinician, certified national judge, and keynote seminar leader. He currently:

- Leads elite-level training camps and clinics across Canada and internationally
- Serves as a Provincial Performance Advisor with Gymnastics BC
- Is certified as a National Trampoline & Double-Mini Judge (N1) by Gymnastics Canada
- Has conducted 20+ high-performance training events since 2021
- Presents workshops on spotting, aerial awareness, and mental preparation for competition

Mr. Burnett is routinely invited to share his expertise with national training centers, Olympic development programs, and regional clubs seeking to enhance the technical and safety standards of trampoline instruction. His signature coaching methodology emphasizes skill progression, aerial control, spatial awareness, and performance mindset — qualities that have directly contributed to the growth of trampoline talent across North America.

In recognition of both his athletic accomplishments and his ongoing influence on the sport, Mr. Burnett is considered a global leader in trampoline development and education.

Consultation and Regulatory Requirements

Pursuant to 8 CFR §214.2(o)(5), O-1A petitions generally require a written advisory opinion (consultation letter) from a peer group, labor organization, or recognized expert in the field of endeavor. In good faith, the Petitioner has made efforts to identify a suitable gymnastics or trampoline-specific peer group or labor organization with the authority to provide a consultation letter specific to Mr. Burnett's qualifications and proposed coaching and seminar activities.

However, no suitable or authoritative organization was found that could provide a consultation letter specific to this genre or the Beneficiary's body of work. Mr. Burnett's combination of international athletic achievement, elite-level trampoline expertise, and post-retirement work as a technical consultant does not fall under the jurisdiction of any single governing labor entity within the United States.

Accordingly, and in compliance with 8 CFR §214.2(o)(5)(i)(F), the Petitioner respectfully requests that USCIS waive the consultation requirement for this petition and proceed with adjudication based on the substantial and independently verifiable evidence included with this filing.

Under 8 CFR §214.2(o)(3)(ii), individuals of extraordinary ability in athletics must demonstrate a level of expertise indicating they are "one of the small percentage who have risen to the very top of the field of endeavor."

Under 8 CFR §214.2(o)(3)(iii), the petitioner may meet this burden by showing that the beneficiary has either:

- Received a major, internationally recognized award, or
- Satisfied at least three of the enumerated regulatory criteria for extraordinary ability.

The following section sets forth how Mr. Burnett satisfies these eligibility criteria.

O-1A Classification Requirements

Under **8 CFR §214.2(o)(3)(iii)**, the O-1A nonimmigrant visa classification is reserved for individuals of **extraordinary ability in the sciences, education, business, or athletics**. A beneficiary qualifies as an individual of extraordinary ability if they have:

- **Achieved national or international acclaim**, and

- **Demonstrated a level of expertise indicating they are one of the small percentage who have risen to the very top of their field of endeavor.**

To establish eligibility, the petitioner must demonstrate that the beneficiary has either:

1. **Received a major, internationally recognized award** (e.g., an Olympic medal),
OR
2. **Meets at least three** of the following eight regulatory criteria:
3. Receipt of nationally or internationally recognized prizes or awards for excellence in the field.
4. Membership in associations that require outstanding achievements of their members.
5. Published material about the person in professional or major trade publications or major media.
6. Participation as a judge of the work of others in the same or allied field.
7. Original contributions of major significance in the field.
8. Authorship of scholarly articles.
9. Employment in a critical capacity for distinguished organizations.
10. High salary or other substantial remuneration in relation to others in the field.

If these standards cannot be met through the listed criteria, **comparable evidence** may be submitted to establish eligibility.

The following sections provide detailed documentation of how Mr. Burnett meets and exceeds multiple criteria for classification as an athlete of extraordinary ability.

Criterion 1: Receipt of a Major Internationally Recognized Award

Regulatory Standard (8 CFR §214.2(o)(3)(iii))

The beneficiary has received a **major, internationally recognized award**, such as an **Olympic medal**, which alone qualifies them for O-1A classification.

Establishment of Elements in Evidence:

 **Award Received:**

Jason Burnett received the **Olympic silver medal** in **Men's Individual Trampoline Gymnastics** at the **2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing**. He competed against the top-ranked trampolinists from around the world and delivered one of the most technically difficult routines ever attempted in Olympic history, featuring a **difficulty score of 16.8**, the highest in that event.

 **Global Recognition of Award:**

The Olympic Games represent the highest level of athletic competition internationally. Recognition as an Olympic medalist automatically confers worldwide prestige and is widely regarded as the gold standard in evaluating athletic excellence and global reputation.

 **Media and Institutional Confirmation:**

Mr. Burnett's Olympic performance has been thoroughly documented in official Olympic archives and covered in international publications, including:

- **CBC Sports**, which reported on the daring technical difficulty of Mr. Burnett's silver-winning performance
- **Olympics.com**, which lists his medal results and competition history
- **Gymnastics Canada**, which formally recognized his achievement as a historic moment in Canadian trampoline gymnastics

 *Supporting Documentation Includes:*

- Olympic scorecards and final rankings
- Media coverage from CBC and international outlets
- Official IOC records verifying his silver medal win
- Testimonials from coaches and federation officials

Conclusion on Criterion 1:

Mr. Burnett's **Olympic silver medal alone is sufficient to meet the O-1A statutory definition of extraordinary ability**, per the standard articulated in 8 CFR §214.2(o)(3)(ii). This singular award provides *prima facie* evidence of his international acclaim and standing at the pinnacle of his sport.

Criterion 2: Receipt of Nationally or Internationally Recognized Awards for Excellence

Regulatory Standard (8 CFR §214.2(o)(3)(iii)(A))

Evidence that the beneficiary has received **nationally or internationally recognized prizes or awards for excellence in the field of endeavor**.

Establishment of Elements in Evidence:

Multiple Recognized Awards Documented:

In addition to his Olympic silver medal, Jason Burnett has received numerous national and international awards and medals throughout his athletic career, including:

- **12 FIG World Cup Medals** (including Gold, Silver, and Bronze finishes) – awarded by the **Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique (FIG)**, the international governing body for trampoline gymnastics.
- **11 Canadian National Championship Titles** – the most achieved by any male trampolinist in Canadian history, spanning over a decade of dominance.
- **Silver Medal at the 2007 Pan American Games** in Rio de Janeiro.
- **Top-10 Finishes at Multiple World Championships**, affirming sustained performance against the highest level of global competitors.
- **World Record Holder** for highest degree of difficulty performed in competition (17.5 DD) — an achievement independently recognized by FIG and widely reported in international media.

Recognition by Major Governing Bodies:

- These awards were issued or sanctioned by recognized international institutions including FIG, the **Canadian Olympic Committee**, and **Gymnastics Canada**, which have strict competitive standards and are globally acknowledged in the field of elite gymnastics.
- His achievements are also published on official platforms such as **Olympics.com**, **Gymnastics.sport**, and media outlets like **CBC**, **National Post**, and **The Globe and Mail**.

 **Consistency and Duration of Recognition:**

Mr. Burnett's competitive career spanned over 15 years, with top finishes year after year — a level of sustained success rare in the physically demanding discipline of trampoline gymnastics.

 *Supporting Documentation Includes:*

- Award certificates and competition results from FIG and Gymnastics Canada
 - News coverage and official athlete profiles
 - National team rosters and selection letters
 - Confirmation of world record acknowledgment
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Conclusion on Criterion 2:

Mr. Burnett's extensive record of medals at international competitions, national titles, and world record accomplishments clearly satisfies this criterion. His sustained success and recognition by authoritative governing bodies represent **a distinguished and decorated career at the national and international level.**

Criterion 3: Published Material About the Beneficiary in Professional or Major Media

Regulatory Standard (8 CFR §214.2(o)(3)(iii)(B))

Evidence of published material about the beneficiary in professional or major trade publications or major media, relating to the beneficiary's work in the field for which classification is sought.

Establishment of Elements in Evidence:

 **Extensive Coverage in Reputable International and National Media:**

Jason Burnett has been the subject of widespread media coverage across top-tier international outlets, national newspapers, and sport-specific platforms. Coverage highlights include:

- **CBC Sports** – Featured detailed interviews and Olympic performance analysis during and after the 2008 Games, including coverage of Burnett's high-difficulty routine and medal win
- **The Globe and Mail** – Published multiple features on his Olympic qualification, injury recovery, and competitive comeback

- **National Post** – Highlighted his evolution from Olympian to stunt performer and elite coach, including commentary on his pioneering training routines
- **Olympics.com** and **gymnastics.sport** – Host official athlete bios and event coverage that showcase his medal history, global rankings, and world record performance
- **Salon.com / The Classical** – Published a longform article profiling his technique, mental preparation, and position as a technical innovator in trampoline gymnastics
- **SIRC (Sport Information Resource Centre)** – Released a feature titled “*From Olympic Medallist to Social Media Guru*,” documenting his transition into educational and marketing roles within the sports community

 **Subject of Features Rather Than Mentions:**

In each case, Mr. Burnett is not merely mentioned in passing — the articles focus extensively on:

- His Olympic journey
- Technical skill and world-record routines
- Recovery from injuries and career resilience
- Post-competition influence as a coach, judge, and seminar leader

 **Credibility of the Sources:**

Each publication listed is either a **nationally respected outlet** (CBC, The Globe and Mail, National Post), a **global governing institution** (IOC, FIG), or a **recognized subject-matter authority** in elite sports and gymnastics (SIRC, gymnastics.sport). These meet and exceed the regulatory standard for “major media” and “professional trade publications.”

 *Supporting Documentation Includes:*

- Article clippings, digital copies, and screenshots of headlines
- Archived URLs and source documentation from publishers
- Printouts of athlete profiles from IOC, FIG, and Gymnastics Canada
- Publication masthead summaries showing circulation/reputation

Conclusion on Criterion 3:

Jason Burnett has been **consistently and extensively featured in major international media and professional publications**, both during his active career and in his post-retirement professional contributions. These profiles confirm his elite status and influence in the field of trampoline gymnastics, fulfilling this criterion in its entirety.

Criterion 4: Participation as a Judge of the Work of Others in the Field

Regulatory Standard (8 CFR §214.2(o)(3)(iii)(D))

Evidence that the beneficiary has served as a judge of the work of others in the same or an allied field of specialization.

Establishment of Elements in Evidence:

National-Level Judging Certification (N1)

Jason Burnett is a certified **National-Level (N1) Judge** in trampoline and double-mini gymnastics with **Gymnastics Canada**, the recognized national governing body. N1 certification qualifies him to evaluate performances at the highest levels of domestic competition, including provincial and national championships.

Anticipated Supporting Letters

Letters from senior figures within Gymnastics Canada and Gymnastics BC (such as Karen Cockburn, Sandra Poelzer, or Martin Myers) will affirm:

- Mr. Burnett's active judging status
- His role evaluating the technical execution, time-of-flight, and degree of difficulty in elite-level routines
- His participation in judging and coach education events

These letters will provide direct confirmation of his qualifications and responsibilities as a judge of other athletes' work.

Supporting Documentation Will Include:

- N1 certification acknowledgment
- Letter(s) from Gymnastics BC or Gymnastics Canada confirming judging participation
- Testimonials from senior coaches or managers

Conclusion on Criterion 4:

Jason Burnett's credentials as an N1-level judge and his role evaluating routines at official national-level events meet the standard for this criterion. Once final letters are included, they will further verify his **active and trusted role in judging elite athlete performance**.

Criterion 5: Original Contributions of Major Significance in the Field

Regulatory Standard (8 CFR §214.2(o)(3)(iii)(E))

Evidence of the beneficiary's **original scientific, scholarly, or business-related contributions of major significance** in the field of endeavor.

Establishment of Elements in Evidence:

Pioneering Competitive Difficulty – World Record Holder:

Jason Burnett is credited with **raising the global standard of trampoline performance difficulty**, having:

- Set the **world record** for the **highest degree of difficulty (DD) ever performed in competition**: 17.5
- Executed an even more complex training routine with a **DD of 20.6**, captured in viral video clips used in technical education by trampoline programs worldwide
- Developed new combinations of twisting and flipping elements never performed before, which have since become reference points for elite routine construction

Technical Contributions Acknowledged by Global Experts:

His routines have been studied by FIG judges, international coaches, and biomechanics analysts to understand rotational control, spatial awareness, and risk management in aerial skill sequencing. In multiple interviews, international coaches and commentators have described his routines as "redefining the sport" and influencing athlete development worldwide.

Seminal Impact on Coaching and Athlete Education:

In his post-competitive career, Mr. Burnett has contributed substantially to **technical knowledge sharing**:

- Leads **coach education workshops** on aerial awareness, skill progressions, and spotting technique

- Trains junior national-level athletes in executing advanced maneuvers based on his own signature skills
- Designs and delivers seminar modules for gymnastics clubs across North America on **routine composition**, mental preparation, and injury recovery strategies

 **Mentorship of the Next Generation of Elite Athletes:**

Many of Canada's top young trampoline talents — including national team prospects and Pan Am finalists — cite Mr. Burnett as a mentor and technical advisor. His work has a **ripple effect** on performance standards and coaching models at both provincial and international levels.

 *Supporting Documentation Includes:*

- Video links to world record routines and technical analysis breakdowns
- Media coverage from CBC, Olympics.com, and Gymnastics Canada
- Testimonial letters from coaches, athletes, and FIG-affiliated evaluators
- Workshop flyers, agendas, and feedback forms from training clinics
- Athlete development plans or endorsements from national training centers

Conclusion on Criterion 5:

Mr. Burnett's groundbreaking technical routines, combined with his educational and consulting work, represent **original and lasting contributions of major significance to the field of trampoline gymnastics**. His influence is recognized not only through competitive results but by the structural changes his methods have made to training, judging, and performance across the sport

Criterion 5: Original Contributions of Major Significance in the Field

Regulatory Standard (8 CFR §214.2(o)(3)(iii)(E))

Evidence of the beneficiary's original scientific, scholarly, or business-related contributions of major significance in the field of endeavor.

Establishment of Elements in Evidence:

Technical Innovation – Degree of Difficulty World Record

Jason Burnett is credited with transforming the landscape of competitive trampoline gymnastics through unprecedented technical difficulty. He:

- Set a **world record in competition** with a 17.5 DD routine
 - Performed a **20.6 DD training routine**, regarded as the hardest trampoline sequence ever executed
- These routines have since become benchmark examples used in coach education and athlete development worldwide.

Impact on Athlete Development and Coaching

As a **clinician**, Mr. Burnett is contracted to lead high-level technical seminars and training sessions — including the **Trampoline Swag Summer Skills Camp at Carolina Elite Trampoline & Tumbling**, where he is scheduled to lead training for athletes and coach education events.

His role is not limited to performance but centers on **educating others in the skills and theories he helped innovate**. He is recognized for:

- Teaching skill progressions based on his own routines
- Guiding other coaches in implementing high-difficulty sequencing
- Contributing to safety and aerial control practices through structured clinics and mentorship

Supporting Letters

Support letters from individuals such as **Dave Ross, Karen Cockburn, and Rosannagh MacLennan** will describe:

- The significance of Burnett's contributions to the evolution of the sport
- His influence on training methods for elite trampoline athletes
- His reputation as a global technical leader and innovator in trampoline

Supporting Documentation Includes:

- Signed Clinician Agreement with Carolina Elite Trampoline Academy
- Recommender letters from elite athletes, coaches, and federation officials (in progress)

- Archived footage of record-breaking routines and coaching appearances
 - Invitations to speak and train at national and international events
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Conclusion on Criterion 5:

Mr. Burnett's world-record routines and his ongoing leadership in high-level training and educational clinics represent **original contributions of major significance to the field of trampoline gymnastics**. This is further confirmed by **supporting letters from globally respected experts**, including Olympic medalists, national coaches, and governing body officials, who attest to the transformative influence of his work on the sport. The regulatory standard for this criterion is fully satisfied.

Criterion 6: Employment in a Critical Role for Organizations of Distinguished Reputation

Regulatory Standard (8 CFR §214.2(o)(3)(iii)(F))

Evidence that the beneficiary has been employed in a **critical or essential capacity** for organizations and establishments with a **distinguished reputation**.

Establishment of Elements in Evidence:

✓ Contracted Expert at U.S. Olympic-Level Training Facility

Jason Burnett is scheduled to serve as a **featured clinician** at the **Trampoline Swag – Summer Skills Camp 2025**, hosted by **Carolina Elite Trampoline & Tumbling**, a top-tier U.S. training institution recognized for developing high-performance athletes. His signed agreement details:

- A contracted engagement as a **specialist coach and seminar leader**
- Responsibilities including athlete training, coach education, and program design input
- A compensation package reflecting the value of his expertise in elite technical development

✓ Trusted Leadership Role at Gymnastics BC and Gymnastics Canada

Mr. Burnett has served in a **Provincial Performance Advisor** role with **Gymnastics BC**, consulting on technical program strategy and mentoring national-level athletes. He is also a

longtime fixture of Gymnastics Canada's national program as both a senior athlete and post-retirement contributor.

 **Letters from Distinguished Organizations Confirm His Role**

Support letters from leaders at:

- **Gymnastics BC** (e.g., Sandra Poelzer)
- **Gymnastics Canada** (e.g., Karen Cockburn, Martin Myers)
- **Carolina Elite or Trampoline Swag coordinators**

These letters describe Mr. Burnett as:

- A technical authority relied upon for curriculum design and elite coaching
- An instructor entrusted to lead workshops that impact athlete pipelines and coaching certification
- A senior figure who mentors athletes, coaches, and administrators alike

 *Supporting Documentation Includes:*

- Signed clinician agreement with Carolina Elite Trampoline Academy
- Letters from Gymnastics BC, Gymnastics Canada, and event organizers
- Organization profiles confirming the prestige and scope of each institution
- Event rosters and marketing material naming Burnett as a featured expert

Conclusion on Criterion 6:

Mr. Burnett has held and continues to hold **critical roles within highly respected national and international organizations**, including his contracted leadership at an Olympic-level U.S. training event and advisory roles within Canada's governing gymnastics bodies. These roles are supported by formal agreements and authoritative letters of endorsement, fully satisfying this criterion.

Planned Itinerary of U.S. Engagements

Pursuant to **8 CFR §214.2(o)(2)(ii)(C)**, the following is a detailed itinerary outlining the specific dates, locations, and nature of the professional activities for which Mr. Burnett's extraordinary abilities will be utilized during the requested O-1A classification period.

1. Trampoline Swag – Summer Skills Camp 2025

Date: August 1–3, 2025

Location: Carolina Elite Trampoline & Tumbling, North Carolina

Host: Trampoline Swag (in collaboration with Carolina Elite)

Nature of Engagement:

- Serve as **lead clinician** for high-performance trampoline training sessions
- Conduct **coach education seminars** on spotting, difficulty construction, and routine form
- Participate in structured mentorship sessions with junior elite athletes
- Represent international expertise in trampoline gymnastics during public and private segments of the clinic

Compensation:

- \$2,400 USD (per signed agreement)
- All travel, lodging, and hospitality expenses provided by host

Petitioner Role:

Carolina Elite Trampoline Academy is serving as both the **direct host and coordinating U.S. agent**, ensuring compliance, communication, and logistical support.

2. Additional U.S. Engagements (To Be Scheduled)

Additional contractual events are being planned with other U.S.-based trampoline clubs and Olympic developmental centers for late 2025 and early 2026. These will follow a similar structure and involve:

- High-performance coaching and routine breakdowns

- Skills-based progression clinics
 - Seminar-style coach training events
 - Each event will be confirmed via contract and coordinated through the Petitioner.
 - Updated itineraries and contracts will be submitted as supplements when finalized.
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Duration of Engagements:

These activities are planned to begin in **August 2025**, with additional engagements anticipated through the remainder of the requested O-1A period. Mr. Burnett's services will be rendered on a **contractual, project-based basis** with elite gymnastics institutions across the U.S.

Conclusion and Request for Approval

In summary, the evidence presented in this petition unequivocally establishes that **Jason Nicholas Burnett** is an individual of **extraordinary ability in the field of athletics**, specifically in the discipline of trampoline gymnastics.

Mr. Burnett's qualifications include:

- A **Silver Medal** at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, which alone satisfies the O-1A standard under 8 CFR §214.2(o)(3)(iii)
- Over a decade of **international competitive success**, including 12 World Cup medals and 11 Canadian national titles
- Feature coverage in **major international media outlets** such as CBC, The Globe and Mail, and Olympics.com
- Certified judging status and educational roles that demonstrate **peer recognition and evaluative authority**
- Documented **original contributions**, including world record-setting routines that reshaped the technical benchmarks of the sport
- Leadership roles within **distinguished national and international organizations**, including Gymnastics Canada, Gymnastics BC, and U.S.-based training academies
- A formal **contractual itinerary** with Carolina Elite Trampoline Academy and Trampoline Swag, establishing clear intent and immediate use of his expertise in the United States

Additionally, the Petitioner has made a **good-faith effort** to obtain a peer consultation. However, as permitted under 8 CFR §214.2(o)(5)(i)(F), **no suitable or authoritative peer group exists** within the U.S. gymnastics industry to evaluate Mr. Burnett's unique profile and body of work. The Petitioner respectfully requests that USCIS waive the consultation requirement and proceed based on the **substantial documentation** included in this submission.

Mr. Burnett's presence in the United States will provide significant value to the American athletic community by advancing technical education, coaching standards, and competitive excellence in trampoline gymnastics.

Accordingly, **Carolina Elite Trampoline Academy** respectfully requests that this petition for O-1A classification on behalf of Mr. Burnett be **approved without delay**.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Andrew Minney
Carolina Elite Trampoline Academy
Nicholas@Minney.net
434-841-2486
05/20/2025



Petitioner and Talent Agreement

This Agreement is entered into as of this 19th day of May, 2025 (the "Effective Date"), by and between:

Carolina Elite Trampoline Academy, a North Carolina-based training institution located at 5460 Prospect Ct, Archdale NC 27263, hereinafter referred to as the "Petitioner" and serving as the U.S. Agent for purposes of coordinating professional engagements in the United States;

and

Jason Nicholas Burnett, a Canadian citizen and internationally recognized expert in the field of trampoline gymnastics, with a principal residence at [Insert Canadian Address], hereinafter referred to as the "Beneficiary."

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Petitioner is filing an O-1A nonimmigrant petition with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) on behalf of the Beneficiary, serving in the capacity of:

- Direct Employer
- U.S. Agent Functioning as Employer
- U.S. Agent for Foreign Employer
- U.S. Agent for Multiple Employers
- U.S. Agent for Self-Employed Beneficiary

WHEREAS, the Beneficiary is internationally recognized as a three-time Olympian, Olympic silver medalist, certified judge, and performance consultant in trampoline gymnastics;

WHEREAS, the Beneficiary intends to enter the United States on a temporary basis to conduct elite-level training seminars, athlete development programs, and coaching education clinics, and Petitioner has agreed to serve as coordinating agent for those services;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained, the parties agree as follows:

1. TERM

This Agreement shall take effect upon USCIS approval of the O-1A petition and shall remain valid through the duration of the approved classification period, not to exceed three (3) years, unless earlier terminated as outlined below.

2. ENGAGEMENT STRUCTURE

During the term of this Agreement, the Beneficiary shall:

- Perform services as a technical expert and educator in trampoline gymnastics;
- Deliver scheduled seminars, clinics, and coaching engagements at the request of Carolina Elite Trampoline Academy and other partner facilities coordinated by the Petitioner;
- Retain the ability to accept and complete additional U.S.-based engagements on a contractual basis, coordinated through the Petitioner.

3. AGENT'S ROLE AND AUTHORITY

The Petitioner agrees to:

- Serve as the point of coordination and USCIS-recognized agent for all scheduled and proposed engagements within the United States;
- Maintain signed copies of all contractual agreements related to U.S. engagements;
- Accept service of process on behalf of the Beneficiary during the term of this petition;
- Actively assist in scheduling and coordinating lawful performance and instructional events aligned with the Beneficiary's expertise.

4. COMPENSATION

Compensation for each engagement shall be determined according to separately executed contracts between the Beneficiary and each host organization, a copy of which shall be maintained by the Petitioner. For example, the Beneficiary has entered into a signed agreement with Trampoline Swag / Carolina Elite Trampoline & Tumbling for a seminar on August 1–3, 2025, with a total compensation of \$2,400 USD.

5. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS

The Beneficiary shall at all times perform services as an independent contractor, and nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to create an employer-employee relationship between the Petitioner and the Beneficiary.

6. TERMINATION

This Agreement may be terminated:

- By mutual agreement of both parties;
- Automatically upon denial or revocation of the O-1A petition;
- By either party with thirty (30) days' written notice, provided such termination complies with applicable immigration regulations.

7. GOVERNING LAW

This Agreement shall be governed in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina and applicable U.S. immigration law.

8. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This document constitutes the entire agreement between the parties for the purpose of the O-1A petition and supersedes any prior verbal or written communications concerning its subject matter.

9. ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Both parties confirm that they have read, understood, and voluntarily accept the terms of this Agreement for the purpose of supporting the O-1A petition filed by the Petitioner with USCIS.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the Effective Date.

PETITIONER:

Carolina Elite Trampoline Academy

By: _____

Name: Nicholas Andrew Minney

Title: Owner & Head Coach at Carolina Elite Trampoline Academy

Date: _____

BENEFICIARY:

Jason Nicholas Burnett

Signature: _____

Date: _____

CLINICIAN AGREEMENT
For the
TRAMPOLINE SWAG – SUMMER SKILLS CAMP 2025

This agreement is made between **Trampoline Swag** (“Host”) and **Jason Burnett** (“Clinician”) for participation in the Summer Skills Clinic on August 1st, 2nd, and 3rd at Carolina Elite Trampoline & Tumbling.

Terms of Agreement

Compensation

The Clinician will be paid a rate of \$2,400 USD, agreed upon prior to signing this contract. Payment will be made upon conclusion of the clinic by business check or direct deposit.

Travel and Accommodation

Trampoline Swag will arrange and pay for all travel and hotel accommodations for the Clinician. Flights will be booked for the morning of August 1st, 2025, and return flights will be books the evening of Sunday, August 3rd, 2025. The Clinician will provide their preferred home airport to assist with travel arrangements.

Responsibilities

The Clinician will coach throughout the clinic, focusing on their specific area of expertise. The Clinician may be asked to lead a warm-up session or cool-down session as part of the event schedule. The Clinician will be expected to participate in coach's education including the coaches' dinner and the coaches' Top-Golf outing.

Meals and Hospitality

A coaches' dinner & conversation will be provided on Friday night. A Top-Golf Wine & Dine experience will be hosted on Saturday night for all clinicians. Any other meals needed will be provided by Trampoline Swag throughout the trip.

Agreement Confirmation

By signing below, both parties agree to the terms outlined in this agreement.

Clinician Information

Preferred Home Airport: Vancouver International Airport (YVR)

T-Shirt Size: Small

Name: Jason Burnett

Signature:  Date: Feb 14 2025



2025, May 23

Dave Ross
National Team Coach – Trampoline
Founder, Skyriders Trampoline Place
Founder, Rebound Products
trampydave@gmail.com

RE: Expert Letter in Support of Jason Nicholas Burnett – O-1A Petition (Trampoline Gymnastics)

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is **Dave Ross**, and I have served as a Canadian **National Trampoline Coach** for 49 years. I am the **founder of Skyriders Trampoline Place**, often the country's top trampoline club, and **Rebound Products**, a global leader in trampoline equipment design. I have coached multiple Canadian Olympians and Olympic medalists. This includes coaching **Jason Burnett** for over 20 years.

I am writing this letter in strong support of Mr. Burnett's petition for O-1A classification as an individual of extraordinary ability in athletics. Based on my professional experience, I can attest that Jason is not only one of the most talented athletes to emerge from Canada but also one of the most **innovative and influential figures in the history of trampoline gymnastics worldwide**.

Original Contributions of Major Significance

Jason is perhaps best known for **redefining the technical ceiling of the sport**. He was the first athlete in history to perform a **17.5 degree-of-difficulty routine in international competition**, setting a world record at the time. More remarkably, he performed a **20.6 DD routine** in 2005 in training. This is the most complex trampoline routine ever executed **to this day**. It has been studied, shared, and referenced globally by elite programs and technical committees.

These routines were not merely athletic accomplishments. They **expanded the boundaries of what was considered physically and technically possible**. Coaches and athletes from other countries — including China, Russia, and the U.S. — have cited Jason's work as a catalyst for developing new training systems and pursuing higher technical standards.

Critical Role for Distinguished Organizations

Jason played a **critical role in the success of Canada's national program**. His results at the 2008 Olympic Games (Silver Medal), three Olympic appearances, and 12 World Cup medals helped raise the international reputation of Canadian trampoline gymnastics. His presence on our national team directly contributed to Canada's standing as a global leader in the sport.

Since his retirement from competition, Jason has continued to serve in **critical coaching and educational roles**. He mentors athletes and coaches across North America, participates in judging seminars, and leads technical clinics at both national and international levels. He is someone who I trust to teach advanced aerial awareness, twisting mechanics, and skill progressions that support high-difficulty execution safely.

In short, Jason Burnett has contributed **original work that has permanently influenced the sport of trampoline gymnastics** and has served in vital roles for organizations of the highest caliber. I strongly support his petition and am confident he meets the criteria for O-1A classification.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information.

Sincerely,



Dave Ross

National Team Coach – Trampoline
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Steven Gluckstein

Head Coach – U.S. Junior National Trampoline Team

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05-19-2025

To:

United States Citizenship and Immigration Services

USCIS Service Center

Re: Letter in Support of Jason Nicholas Burnett – O-1A Petition

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is **Steven Gluckstein**, and I currently serve as **Head Coach of the U.S. Junior National Trampoline Team** under **USA Gymnastics**. I am a **six-time U.S. National Champion**, a **2012 Olympian**, and was inducted into the **USA Gymnastics Hall of Fame in 2023**. It is my honor to write this letter in strong support of **Jason Burnett's O-1A petition**.

Jason and I competed together for many years on the international stage, and he is without question one of the most technically innovative athletes the sport has ever seen. His world-record-setting routines — including a 17.5 DD routine in competition and a 20.6 DD sequence in training — are still unmatched and have influenced athlete development globally, including within the United States.

More importantly, Jason is an **educator and leader** whose expertise is actively sought out by programs across North America. I've personally witnessed how his training clinics and technical lectures improve performance, deepen understanding, and elevate the standards of athletes and coaches alike. His involvement in U.S.-based programs, including his upcoming role at the **Trampoline Swag Summer Skills Camp**, reflects the high level of trust and recognition he commands from American clubs and federations.

Jason's influence in trampoline extends beyond results — he represents the **future of high-performance coaching, safety standards, and technical innovation**. His presence in the U.S. will not only benefit the athletes he directly works with, but also improve the national coaching landscape and development of U.S. trampoline athletes at large.

In my professional opinion, Jason clearly satisfies the O-1A visa requirements and brings unmatched value to the U.S. athletic community. I fully support his petition and am confident that his continued contributions will benefit American trampoline gymnastics on both a technical and cultural level.

Please feel free to contact me directly if any additional information is needed.

Sincerely,



Steven Gluckstein

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2025/05/19

Sandra Poelzer

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Re: Letter of Support for Jason Nicholas Burnett – O-1A Visa Classification

To Whom It May Concern,

As the **Trampoline Gymnastics Program Manager for Gymnastics BC**, I am pleased to write this letter in **strong support of Jason Burnett's petition for O-1A classification** as an individual of extraordinary ability in athletics.

I have worked directly with Jason through his involvement with Gymnastics BC over the past several years. His long-standing impact on the Canadian trampoline community — as both an elite-level athlete and technical leader — makes him uniquely qualified for this recognition.

Judging and Evaluative Roles

Jason currently holds **N1-level judging certification** in trampoline and double-mini, a national designation that qualifies him to evaluate athletes at the highest level of Canadian competition. He has been entrusted to judge at **numerous provincial and national-level events**, where his decisions influence competitive outcomes, team placements, and athlete progression through Canada's high-performance pathway.

Judging at this level requires exceptional knowledge of trampoline mechanics, execution standards, and time-of-flight evaluation. Jason's background as a world-class competitor and his attention to detail make him one of the most qualified evaluators we have. His input is highly valued, and his scores are respected by coaches and fellow judges alike.

Critical Role at Gymnastics BC

Since 2022, Jason has served in a **formal advisory capacity as a Performance Consultant** for Gymnastics BC's Trampoline program. In this role, he works with our technical committee to:

- Support strategic planning for trampoline athlete development

- Identify performance gaps and coaching needs
- Facilitate athlete training camps, mentor junior coaches, and assist in routine design

His insight has helped guide decisions that impact long-term planning and program delivery at the provincial and national levels. He is regarded not only as an elite athlete but also as a **high-level educator and problem solver** who contributes to the strategic growth of the sport in British Columbia.

If further details are required, I would be happy to provide additional information.

Sincerely,



Sandra Poelzer

TG Program Manager

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Martin Myers

National Team Coach – Trampoline Gymnastics

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2025/05/19

Re: Letter of Support for Jason Burnett – O-1A Petition

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is **Martin Myers**, and I currently serve as a **National Team Coach for Gymnastics Canada** in the discipline of trampoline gymnastics. I have coached and traveled internationally with Canada's top athletes at major events including World Cups, Pan American Games, and the upcoming 2024 World Championships.

I am writing to support the O-1A petition filed on behalf of **Jason Burnett**, who I have known both as a national teammate and a professional colleague for well over a decade.

Jason is one of the most impactful athletes our sport has produced, and his influence continues through his contributions as a clinician, mentor, and judge. In recent years, I've observed Jason play a **critical role in guiding athletes and young coaches** during high-performance camps and team preparation events. His feedback carries weight with our athletes, and his technical input is trusted by our national coaching staff.

In team environments, Jason brings an exceptional mix of technical authority and mentorship. His leadership in training halls and athlete debriefs reflects his ability to shape routines, improve performance, and support long-term development plans — all of which are essential to maintaining Canada's competitive edge internationally.

I believe Jason's continued work in the United States will bring significant value to the athletes, coaches, and institutions he collaborates with. His international recognition and technical credibility make him an ideal fit for the O-1A classification.

Sincerely,



Martin Myers

National Team Coach – Trampoline

Gymnastics Canada

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EXHIBIT

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Gymnastics at the 2008 Summer Olympics – Men's trampoline

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**Men's trampoline
at the Games of the XXIX Olympiad**

Left to right: Lu Chunlong (gold), Dong Dong (bronze) and Jason Burnett (silver) won medals in gymnastics - Men's trampoline



Medalists

1	<u>Lu Chunlong</u>		<u>China</u>
2	<u>Jason Burnett</u>		<u>Canada</u>
3	<u>Dong Dong</u>		<u>China</u>

Main article: Gymnastics at the 2008 Summer Olympics

Men's trampoline competition at the 2008 Summer Olympics was held on 16–19 August at the Beijing National Indoor Stadium. The competition consisted of two rounds. In the first, each trampolinist performed two routines on the trampoline. One routine had to include required elements, while the other was a voluntary routine. Scores were given for both execution and difficulty in each routine, summed to give a routine score. The two routine scores in the first round determined qualification for the second; the eight top finishers moved on to the final. The final consisted entirely of a single voluntary routine, with no preliminary scores being carried over.

Qualified competitors

Position	Athlete	Country	Compulsory	Voluntary	Penalty	Total	Notes
1	<u>Lu Chunlong</u>	<u>China</u>	31.20	41.20		72.40	Q
2	<u>Dong Dong</u>	<u>China</u>	31.00	40.70		71.70	Q
3	<u>Dmitry Ushakov</u>	<u>Russia</u>	30.80	40.70		71.50	Q
4	<u>Yuriy Nikitin</u>	<u>Ukraine</u>	30.60	40.10		70.70	Q
5	Tetsuya Sotomura	<u>Japan</u>	29.60	40.70		70.30	Q

Position	Athlete	Country	Compulsory	Voluntary	Penalty	Total	Notes
6	<u>Alexander Rusakov</u>	Russia	29.90	40.00		69.90	Q
7	<u>Jason Burnett</u>	Canada	28.50	41.20		69.70	Q T
8	<u>Mikalai Kazak</u>	Belarus	30.30	39.40		69.70	Q T
9	<u>Yasuhiro Ueyama</u>	● Japan	29.9	39.3		69.2	R T
10	Peter Jensen	Denmark	30.5	38.7		69.2	R T
11	<u>Diogo Ganchinho</u>	Portugal	29.8	39.3		69.1	
12	Grégoire Pennes	France	30.0	38.7		68.7	
13	<u>Ben Wilden</u>	Australia	28.1	39.0		67.1	
14	<u>Flavio Cannone</u>	Italy	29.0	37.5		66.5	
15	<u>Chris Estrada</u>	United States	28.5	37.4		65.9	
16	<u>Henrik Stehlík</u>	Germany	30.9	33.7		64.6	

- Q = Qualified for Finals
- R = Reserve
- T = Tie break

Final

Execution

Position	Athlete	J1	J2	J3	J4	J5	Difficulty	Penalty	Total	Notes
1	Lu Chunlong (CHN)	8.3	8.2	8.1	8.3	8.3	16.2		41.00	
2	Jason Burnett (CAN)	7.9	8.0	7.9	8.0	8.1	16.8		40.70	
3	Dong Dong (CHN)	8.2	8.2	8.0	8.0	8.3	16.2		40.60	

		Execution								
Position	Athlete	J1	J2	J3	J4	J5	Difficulty	Penalty	Total	Notes
4	● Tetsuya Sotomura (JPN)	8.0	8.1	8.1	8.0	8.1	15.6		39.80	T
5	■ Yuriy Nikitin (UKR)	7.8	7.9	8.0	7.9	7.8	16.2		39.80	T
6	■ Dmitry Ushakov (RUS)	7.7	7.6	8.0	7.4	7.5	16.0		38.80	
7	■ Alexander Rusakov (RUS)	7.5	7.5	7.2	7.3	7.7	16.2		38.50	
8	■ Mikalai Kazak (BLR)	7.1	7.2	7.4	7.6	7.5	16.0		38.10	

References

- [Competition format](#)
- [Qualification Results](#)
- [Men's final](#)

Olympic champions in trampoline – Men

- 2000:  [Alexander Moskalenko \(RUS\)](#)
- 2004:  [Yuri Nikitin \(UKR\)](#)
- 2008:  [Lu Chunlong \(CHN\)](#)
- 2012:  [Dong Dong \(CHN\)](#)
- 2016:  [Uladzislau Hancharou \(BLR\)](#)
- 2020:  [Ivan Litvinovich \(BLR\)](#)
- 2024:  [Ivan Litvinovich \(AIN\)](#)

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Burnett wins silver in men's trampoline for Canada

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CBC

August 19, 2008



Canada's Jason Burnett won silver Tuesday in men's trampoline at the Beijing Games.

Burnett, 21, was the second finalist on the trampoline and earned a score of 40.70 for his routine, which featured a degree of difficulty of 16.8 — the highest in the final.

The three-time Canadian champion from Toronto told the CBC that playing it safe with an easier routine wasn't even a consideration.

"No, definitely not," Burnett said. "This is the Olympics. This is it. Why play it safe?"

"You might as well put it all on the line and go for broke, and it paid off today with a silver medal."

Burnett then had to watch as China's Lu Chunlong — the final competitor in the eight-man field — edged him out for gold with a score of 41 points. Lu's routine featured a degree of difficulty of 16.2.

“'Being the Olympic champion would have been nice, but winning a silver medal was just as good.' —Jason Burnett, trampoline silver medallist**”**

"I didn't even care what he [Lu] scored," Burnett said. "Whether it was ahead of me or not, I was just happy that I was in the medals already and that was plenty for me."

"Being the Olympic champion would have been nice, but winning a silver medal was just as good."

Lu's countryman, Dong Dong, captured the bronze medal with a score of 40.6 for a routine that featured a degree of difficulty of 16.2.

Burnett's silver in his first appearance at the Olympic Games is the second trampoline medal in as many days for Canada.

Karen Cockburn of Stouffville, Ont., who trains with Burnett at Skyriders Trampoline Place in Richmond Hill, Ont., also earned silver in the women's event on Monday.

Cockburn was in the stands at the National Indoor Stadium on Tuesday and said Burnett handled the pressure of his first Olympic final like a pro.

"He did an amazing performance tonight," said Cockburn. "He set the bar so high, we know it would be really difficult to beat. We're just so proud of him."

His performance in Tuesday's final was a remarkable improvement after he tied for seventh place out of eight in the qualifying round.

But with the slate wiped clean for the final, he remained confident in his ability to reach the podium, and the result was Canada's fifth medal in the event since its debut at the 2000 Sydney Games.

"Trampoline competitions go any way all the time," said Burnett. "Maybe my compulsory wasn't the greatest, but, if I can pull out optionals the way I have shown at this competition, then I definitely think I deserve to be here."

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Canada's Jason Burnett taking Olympic trampoline goals to new heights

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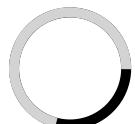
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LONDON — If you somehow missed ‘Scott Pilgrim vs. The World’ at a local movie house a couple of years back, see if you can roust it up on Netflix or by some other means.

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“I doubled Michael Cera there,” says Jason Burnett. “I’m in the first fight scene, being exploded in a big fireball, flipping onto the stage. That’s me. Watch the credits. You won’t actually see my face or anything … But yeah, I did a little stunt work.”

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Britain has its Union Jack. Canada, its Jumping Jack.

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Jason Burnett, silver medallist in Beijing, is aiming to bounce even higher than he did four years ago. To do so involves a risky flight plan which is, it barely needs repeating, the man's trademark.

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"That's absolutely the goal once again," he said during a post-workout session with reporters on Monday. "It was almost a winning solution last time. I still plan on competing the hardest routine of the competition. At least that's what I've deduced from watching the other competitors at previous meets."

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Besides, holding back isn't really his style.

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"The more I hold back the more I start thinking, 'OK, I'm doing something easier so it needs to be more perfect.' I start over-thinking. But if something is so absolutely difficult, my only option is to give my all, trust myself, go blindly out there and push like there's no tomorrow. I get out there and feel the rush."

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Burnett's preliminary routine carries a degree of difficulty of 17.6, while his finals routine ramps up to an 18.2. The highest he's seen the Chinese attempt is 17.8, reverting back to 17.1 depending on the day.

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"With any luck I'll have a bit of a gap."

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There's a different feel to the Burnett's task this time around, given he's a recognized commodity now. Following Beijing, he took a well-deserved bit of down time, segued into trampoline shows, filmed a TV commercial, and then worked on the movie. With an eye to more work in the industry — and to stick a few extra bucks in his pocket — he decided to put together a demo reel to advertise his unique skills.

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While shooting the demo, he broke his leg.

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"That," he says, running fingers down the back of his right calf/ankle, "was the summer of 2010. As you can see, I've got some good scars going on there. I had to have surgery. Then a second surgery to take out some of the screws." That's when he decided to re-focus. "I said, 'Let's pause that for two years and focus on going to the Olympics and doing well.'"

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Burnett says he will enter this competition feeling close to 100% healthy for the first time in two years.

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"I wouldn't say I'm totally healthy, though. I've built myself up but I still have imbalances in my hips. This is not like 2008, where I was good to go. I've got to be on guard all the time."

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There are a series of exercises Burnett must adhere to in order to stay healthy. If he skips them, pain returns. So he must be diligent; his maintenance, constant.

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"In the last four years, he's spent nearly half the time injured," says Dave Ross, Burnett's coach with the national team and at Toronto Sky Riders. "I think the world's caught up to him a little more now. He knows there's height scored as well as form and difficulty. Difficulty as a percentage of the total score is down a bit. So he has to be a little more conservative now and be an all-around athlete. So he's being a little more cautious, in a sense."

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Not to hear him to tell it.

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Burnett's an interesting fellow, a compulsive reader. In Beijing he opted for philosophical tomes; this time around, he's going through Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes canon, in a tip of the deerstalker to London. There is, he hopes, a sense of mystery to this Olympic bid of his, at least among his competition.

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"I like the feeling of being the underdog. That Beijing reputation makes me think that I'm one of the guys who should be medalling, which is something I want to stay as far away from as possible. I can use all that injury stuff to my advantage. I've had six months off, struggled to get back to the top, and now people might underestimate me because I've been injured for so long. Mentally, I feel like I could be an underdog again."

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So here he is, with the highest degree of difficulty in the competition, a reputation for the spectacular and daring, an Olympic silver medal and a quest.

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Four years ago, the trampoline preliminaries and the finals were split up. Here, they're a one-day, all-day show. For Burnett, that means Friday.

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You don't even need to head to the local movie house to watch. Just turn on the TV. You won't see him exploding in a big fireball and flipping onto the stage. But Canada's jumping jack should produce some hair-raising stuff, nonetheless.

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BURNETT Jason - FIG Athlete Profile

 gymnastics.sport/site/athletes/bio_detail.php

Title

Mr

Lastname

BURNETT

Firstname

Jason

Gender

male

Country

Canada

Place of birth

Toronto, ON

Year of birth

1986 (38 y.o.)

Discipline(s)

Trampoline Gymnastics



Occupation

Media Professional, Stuntperson

Education

Philosophy, Religious Studies - University of Toronto: Canada

Spoken languages

English

International senior debut

2003

Injuries

In October 2014 he tore the anterior cruciate ligament [ACL] in his right knee in a training accident. He had surgery on the injury the same month, resulting in around six months off training. By July 2015, just prior to competing at the 2015 Pan American Games in Toronto, ON, Canada, he said he had recovered around 80% of his full strength. He suffered another tear prior to the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro but recovered in time to compete at the Games. (csiontario.ca, 11 Jul 2019; Twitter profile, 05 May 2015; yorkregion.com, 07 Jul 2015; youtube.com, 11 Dec 2014)

In 2010 he injured his right leg while doing tricks for a demo reel as a part of his stunt man activities. The injury included a broken fibula, dislodged ankle joint and torn ligaments. He underwent surgery to insert plates and screws in his leg. After six months of recovery he returned to the sport in January 2011. (jasonburnett.ca.com, 23 May 2012)

Start sporting career

He took up artistic gymnastics at age eight before focusing more on trampoline gymnastics by age 10 at Airborne Trampoline Club in Cambridge, ON, Canada.

Reason for taking up the sport

His parents enrolled him in gymnastics as a way to channel his excess energy, and at the end of every class he was allowed to jump on the trampoline, which quickly became his favourite activity. He also says the sport helped him build confidence, as he was shy as a child.

Most memorable sporting achievement

Winning a silver medal at the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing. (csiontario.ca, 11 Jul 2019)

Hero / Idol

Canadian trampoline athletes Karen Cockburn and Mathieu Turgeon. (olympic.ca, 20 Oct 2014; ichill.ca, 02 Aug 2012)

Philosophy / Motto

"Go big or go home." (Facebook page, 19 Oct 2019)

Additional information

RETIREMENT

In January 2021 he announced his retirement from competitive trampolining. "As a kid, all I ever wanted to do was jump high and do flips, and trampoline has allowed me to pursue this simple passion for the past 24 years, My sport has taken me around the world and I have had the opportunities to meet many wonderful people along the way. Without them, I

would not have developed the skill or the confidence to push the boundaries of our sport and achieve my goals." (gymnastics.sport. 28 Jan 2021)

FURTHER EDUCATION

He has studied sport and event marketing at George Brown College in Toronto, ON, Canada, and marketing at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. (csiontario.ca, 11 Jul 2019; Linkedin profile, 01 Jan 2019)

TATTOOS

In February 2013 he got matching trampoline-inspired tattoos along with Australian trampoline athlete Blake Gaudry on their toes. He also has a tattoo of the Olympic rings beneath his collarbone. (olympic.ca, 20 Oct 2014; youtube.com, 25 Feb 2013; Twitter profile, 24 Mar 2013)

STUNTMAN

He has worked as a stuntman, including for Canadian actor Michael Cera in the film 'Scott Pilgrim vs. The World'. (olympic.ca, 20 Oct 2014; ichill.ca, 02 Aug 2012; youtube.com, 24 Jan 2013)

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Matt Lundy

July 28, 2012



This originally appeared on [The Classical](#).

Dave Ross knew he'd seen something special, but toned down his reaction, not wanting to look like "an ass" on national TV. It was the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing and one of his athletes, Jason Burnett, had just finished his final routine in men's trampoline. After a dismal compulsory routine, Burnett had edged his way into the final, where his performance was nearly flawless, a marriage of artistry and near-robotic technique.

"When I saw his routine," says Ross, "before he even landed and stuck and people were cheering, what went through my mind clear as day—sorry for the expletive—was, 'Holy shit, Jason has just won the Olympics. Nobody can do a better routine than that.'"

Ross reckons that after the competition, some three hundred people approached him and all but two of them said the same thing: that Burnett's routine was best. A couple months after Beijing, at a World Cup event, Burnett was approached by a Russian coach. The man was Vitaly Dubko, then in his early seventies, a veteran of the sport's community. Eight years earlier, Dubko had coached the first men's and women's Olympic trampoline champions in Sydney. He knew what a champion looked like. To this day, Burnett remembers the coach's simple message to him, delivered in clipped English: "You are number one Olympian."

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But after Burnett's routine, six athletes remained. Five went up, and each scored lower than Burnett. The final competitor was Lu Chunlong, a Chinese teenager weighing less than 130 pounds, who'd already won multiple World Cup events. As expected, his routine excelled in height and execution, though it wasn't flawless, nor had Lu competed a routine as difficult as Burnett's. "I was thinking it was going to be pretty close," says Burnett, and he was right. When the scores came in, Lu had beaten him by three-tenths of a point.

It was a debatable call, but Ross and Burnett have come to terms with it. "In a judged sport," says Ross, "when you leave it up to the judges, you have to be happy with what you get." Burnett is happy he beat one of the Chinese athletes. These days, that's all anyone can really hope for. Ross is happy too. Any podium finish exceeds his modest expectations.

"My Olympic goal was actually to turn on the TV sometime before I'm dead and see trampoline in the Olympics," he says. "I never expected it to happen while I was still coaching."

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Ross's parents were pissed when he chose trampoline coaching as his career. They thought it was a waste of his physics degree. They thought he'd wind up a janitor. But the sport—and the feeling it brought him as a competitor—was intoxicating. "I always dreamed about flying," he says. "After I started trampoline, those dreams kind of stopped, because I was actually doing it."

Four decades after his decision, Ross runs one of Canada's most dependable—if somewhat unheralded—pipelines to the Olympics. Since trampoline debuted in Sydney, Ross's athletes have won five medals—three silver and two bronze—more than athletes representing any other country. (It's perhaps an unfair comparison, but Canada's track and field team has won a single medal over the same three-Olympic span.) His most decorated athlete is Karen Cockburn. She's the only trampolinist to have medalled in three consecutive Olympics, a record she'll try to extend in London. As always, Canada's trampoline team—Cockburn, Burnett and Rosie MacLennan—will be in medal contention.

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It's a hot Sunday evening in June and Ross is leaning against a padded wall in Skyriders Trampoline Place, his gym in Richmond Hill, Ontario, north of Toronto. He's now 62 years of age, with a flop of white hair and a fit and wiry frame, one belonging to a former athlete. He tilts his head skyward to track his athletes in space, who twist and somersault during two-second windows of flight, a fleeting weightlessness that peaks 20 feet off the ground. He slides crash pads under athletes trying newer and tougher tricks. He offers words of encouragement and advice when necessary.

When Ross opened the gym in 1990, it was probably the best trampoline facility in the world, good enough that it coaxed him from competitive retirement a year later. "If I'm going to build a playground for athletes to play in," he says, "I'm definitely going to play in it before I'm too old to enjoy it." In 1993, he retired from trampoline for the fifth and final time at the age of forty-three.

Burnett came to Skyriders about thirteen years ago because he'd run out of ceiling space at his first gym. At the time, he was an adolescent daredevil who did backflips to make new friends. To those already at Skyriders—Ross, Cockburn and Matt Turgeon, the bronze medallist at the Sydney Games—Burnett's rise in the sport seemed fated.

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"He probably didn't tell you how we used to call him 'fetus,' right?" asks Ross. "We all saw how fast he was progressing and could picture where he was going to be, like in a science fiction movie, how the little lizard rapidly evolves into a monster."

Now 25, Burnett has evolved into the sport's most daring competitor.

He's held a degree of difficulty record for the past two years, and yet it pales next to his toughest routine at Skyriders. That routine was filmed and uploaded to YouTube with the name "!!!! Hardest TRamPoline Routine 20.6 Jason Burnett !!!!!" It's a dizzying set of

tricks—one that starts with a quadruple front-flip—and Burnett somehow manages to harness its power. “In the trampoline community,” says Burnett, “it’s just known as the hardest routine ever done.”

In June, his practice routines are focused and measured, not the windmill of limbs that rack up YouTube views. From the opposite side of Skyriders, his tricks unfold as choreography, a balletic performance that straddles art and sport. But from next to the trampoline bed—a surface of 98 square feet—his tricks look decidedly visceral. Over the course of a typical routine—which lasts about 20 seconds—Burnett whips his body into rotations greater than 1000 degrees per second.

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Burnett’s spatial awareness, says Ross, is unparalleled, but it also helps that Burnett trains on some of the world’s finest trampolines. For the most part, Skyriders is outfitted by Rebound Products, a company run by Ross. It’s a small company—he says there are five to six full-time employees—but it sells to trampoline and gymnastics clubs across the world, and Ross has designed custom products for Cirque du Soleil.

Ross’s greatest innovation might be the “Super Tramp,” something he’s been perfecting for the past 27 years. It’s a trampoline with a 200 square foot bed that bounces higher, and subsequently, gives athletes extra split-seconds to learn new skills. (The bounce is high enough that Burnett can grab—and hang from—the gym’s rafters, 24 feet off the ground.) Ross’s innovation is so coveted that plenty of athletes doing off-axis rotations—like snowboarders, wakeboarders and slopestyle skiers—have made a training pilgrimage to Richmond Hill, including past U.S. national aerial ski teams. American athletes have no choice but to make the trip: Ross won’t sell his product south of the border. He doesn’t want to risk any possible litigation.

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Trampolines went mainstream in American culture in 1960. By May of that year, there were 175 jump centers—basically rec centers with trampolines—in Southern California; six months earlier, there were only 10 in the Los Angeles Area. Archie Moore, the light heavyweight champion of the world, owned a jump center, and rumoured trampoline owners included then Vice-President Richard Nixon and actors Yul Brynner and Cary Grant. In an article from Australia’s *The Age*, President Eisenhower’s heart physician said trampolines could solve a nationwide problem: that Americans were overweight and too busy or lazy to exercise. Because trampolines were fun and had obvious health benefits, he said, “This sport could be one of the best things to have happened to America.”

But by the end of the year, trampolines were just the latest fad, going the same wayward direction as the hula hoop and yo-yo. The jump centers were hardly reputable establishments, many of which were owned by entrepreneurs seizing the latest trend. In an Associated Press article, one of those owners said he started a jump center with \$400 and a vague idea of how to run the business. “We didn’t know whether the people would

fall off," he recalled, "but they didn't. The kids don't want to get hurt, so they keep themselves on." Turns out people got hurt. The same AP article mentions one death and several injuries that were attributed to trampoline use, and inevitably, jump centers were getting sued by injured customers, sometimes to the tune of five- and six-figure settlements.

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None of this pleased George Nissen. He knew trampolines, and he knew the rush of new manufacturers was producing unsafe equipment. He knew this because 26 years earlier he'd invented the first working prototype at the University of Iowa, where he was a three-time NCAA gymnastics champion. Nissen got his idea from the circus, where he'd seen acrobats bounce from a safety net, often with added flair. Once he graduated, he and two friends toured the United States and Mexico as the Three Leonards, an acrobat/comedy troupe that promoted his invention. It was during their stay in Mexico that Nissen trained with local divers and learned the Spanish name for diving board: el trampolín. With that, he decided on the name of his invention, and in the early 1940s, Griswold-Nissen Trampoline and Tumbling Co. was opened in Cedar Rapids.

In the ensuing decades, Nissen would remain the sport's predominant pitchman. It didn't take long for American schools to start purchasing his invention and Nissen persuaded the American military to buy trampolines during the Second World War, as a way for pilots and divers to train their spatial awareness. Following the war, Nissen traveled to 40 countries over three to four decades to promote the sport and get international competitions off the ground. Perhaps the most iconic image from his salesman era came in 1960. It's a photo taken in Central Park, with George on the left side of the frame, suspended in a pike position from a Nissen trampoline while wearing a business suit. To the right is a kangaroo, also airborne. Nissen rented the kangaroo from a Long Island animal supplier.

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Nissen's company may have survived the sport's trendy era, but it wasn't meant for the long term. According to a biography of Nissen written by his daughter, the company spent its last two decades in a corporate shuffle, consumed by one company before being sold to another. Nissen was also spending "a good percentage" of his time defending his products in liability lawsuits. Then in 1989, after nearly five decades of business, Nissen's company closed for good.

And yet he continued to invent. Nissen created the "Bunsaver Air Cushion," a self-inflating seat for spectators to use at sporting events, and the "Laptop Exercycle," designed for seated exercise on long flights. It's believed that Nissen held over 40 patents. At the age of 84, he told the San Diego Reader that inventing was one of three things that made you happy: "Working. Loving. And creating." But public acceptance, he said, proved your invention "was more than just your bullshit." Two years later, Nissen sat in the bleachers in Sydney, watching the sport he created being competed at the Olympics for the first time.

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"That was always my goal and my dream," Nissen told Reuters at the Games. "The struggle and the journey—that's the Olympic spirit."

If Burnett has learned anything in the past four years, it's how to jump in pain. Metal plates are drilled into his right leg, part of his rehab after snapping his fibula. Before jumping, his feet are always taped, his only remedy for plantar fasciitis, a searing inflammation of the connective tissue supporting the foot's arch. And prior to a recent World Cup event in Europe, he couldn't jump for a week, sidelined by back pain. "I've been told that all my joints have a bank account now," he says, "and every time I put a little impact on them I lose a little bit of money from the account."

And yet injuries could be the least of his problems. Two years ago, the International Gymnastics Federation—the international body that governs trampoline—tweaked its judging system by adding an objective height score, which is derived from the athlete's time of flight. "It's good that [the judging is] more objective," says Burnett, "but the height rule kind of works against me right now, just 'cause I'm not one of the highest bouncers in the world."

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Chinese trampolinists, however, jump very high. In recent years, China has become the sport's juggernaut. Two weeks after trampoline was announced as a medal event in 1998, Ross remembers the contingent of Chinese officials that descended on the world championships with video cameras and notepads. A short time later, "they open up 20 national training centers and they start training seriously for the Olympics," he says. "So, of course, here it is, 14 years later, and they're dominating the sport. They're training harder than people in the rest of the world. That's their job, they're professionals. They have more people doing trampoline at a high level probably than the rest of the world combined."

Herein lies the advantage that Ross once enjoyed: he ran an Olympic-calibre program before trampoline was an Olympic sport. It takes 10 years, he says, to produce world-class trampolinists and the sport's Olympic lifespan has hit 14 years, plenty of catch-up time. And it's not only a case of China throwing money into trampoline: other countries are bolstering their programs, not to mention other clubs in Canada. Ross says Skyriders is top-heavy with talent and thinks that less than 10% of Canada's best juniors are training at his club. His advantage has evaporated.

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But his current crop of athletes is still elite. MacLennan and Cockburn finished first and second, respectively, at a recent World Cup event in Switzerland, their final tune-up before London, where both will threaten the podium. Reaching the podium will be tougher for Burnett. At the same World Cup event, he failed to qualify for the final round. Then again, he wasn't pegged to make the final in Beijing either. If he reaches the podium in

London, the narrative will have to follow a familiar script, one in which Burnett fights for a spot in the final eight, “and then, same as 2008,” he says, “I’m going to throw down the biggest routine of the competition, and then hope that everything goes well.”

The key thing, says Ross, is going into competition with the judges thinking you might win before the day starts. “And when you’re an unknown who [did as well as Burnett in Beijing],” he says, “they might just have underscored him a little bit, and that was the little bit that he needed” for the gold medal.

This time around, the judges know Burnett well. The trouble is that they know more names than ever.

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From Olympic Medallist to Social Media Guru, Jason Burnett Sees Opportunity at Every Turn

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Canadian Sport Institute Ontario – “A Pessimist Sees the Difficulty in Every Opportunity; an Optimist Sees the Opportunity in Every Difficulty.” – Winston Churchill

Growing up Jason Burnett’s parents had one golden rule: go to school and do one extracurricular activity. He started in gymnastics and by the age of 8, he fell in love with trampoline. After a few years of jumping at Airborne Trampoline, Jason quickly outgrew the facility – literally. He was jumping so high that he could hang from the roof, which limited the difficulty of his tricks and routines. Looking for more opportunities, Jason moved to Skyriders Trampoline Place at the age of 12, finding not only his trampoline home for the next 20+ years, but also his coach, Dave Ross.

Two short years later, Jason made his first National Team and was carded and competing internationally by the age of 16. After years of hard work and dedication, Jason started medalling at international meets and made his Olympic debut at the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

And what a debut it was! Jason finished second in men’s trampoline, making him an Olympic Silver Medallist.

Dedicated to his sport, Jason continued to train hard in order to remain among the best in the world and compete at two more Olympic Games. At the London 2012 Games, he made the finals but crashed out during his routine. He used the outcome as a learning opportunity to grow as an athlete and set his sights on the Rio 2016 Olympic Games. Unfortunately, Jason suffered two ACL tears in the lead up to Rio, and although his injury rehabilitation got him back to competitive form and he was able to represent Canada at the Games, he was unable to recreate his previous successes. But Jason didn’t want to leave sport on a negative note. He saw this as a bigger opportunity.

Using his downtime during injury rehabilitation, Jason began to explore opportunities beyond trampoline and what a career outside of sport might look like. Jason enrolled in George Brown College’s Sport and Event Marketing Program, which included a work placement. Why not align his placement with his passion for sport? He instantly thought of Canadian Sport Institute Ontario as the perfect organization to balance the two.

Throughout Jason’s athletic career, he has received sport science and sport medicine support from CSIO, including strength and conditioning, biomechanics and performance analysis, physiotherapy, and mental performance services. Leading into the 2012 and 2016 Olympic Games, Jason worked closely with a CSIO Strength and Conditioning Coach to increase his power through weight training. Jason also received years of

biomechanical feedback from CSIO staff at training and competitions to improve technique and performance, as well as access to nutrition and mental performance services at CSIO.

As a world-class sport institute, CSIO and its expert staff provided Jason with injury rehabilitation services during his recovery, including from the two ACL tears. This involved access to CSIO's physiotherapists and state-of-the-art equipment, including the Hydroworx hydrotherapy pool with an underwater treadmill and the anti-gravity treadmill.

Jason accessed Game Plan services through CSIO while completing his schooling at George Brown. Game Plan is Canada's total athlete wellness program that strives to support national team athletes to live better and more holistic lives. He worked closely with CSIO Game Plan Adviser and mental performance consultant, Dr. Rolf Wagschal, to help define his goals after sport and building confidence to bring forward to the working world.

For CSIO, this work placement opportunity was also a great fit – with the cherry on top being able to provide one of its supported high performance athletes with real world office experience. In the Summer of 2017, Jason completed a Communications and Marketing internship with CSIO, with a focus on social media. Getting a first taste of what office life is like, the placement provided Jason with the additional flexibility to receive treatment and train at the facility. A positive experience, Jason saw a bigger opportunity to leverage his experience as an athlete with CSIO's social media strategy, and a year later, joined the CSIO team in a contractor position as a Social Media Coordinator.

Through his role, Jason actively engages with a core group of six CSIO supported sports (Wheelchair Basketball, Wheelchair Rugby, Swimming, Diving, Softball, and Beach Volleyball) to showcase the work that goes into an athlete's journey to the podium through a series of photo and video posts. Using his perspective as an Olympic athlete himself, Jason has been able to build a comfortable rapport with athletes, coaches, and CSIO practitioners to capture unique training content and provide a behind the scenes look into life as a high performance athlete.

Prior to leaving for the 2019 Pan Am Games in Lima, Peru, Jason sat down to answer some questions about representing Canada at the Games and working for CSIO.

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This being your third Pan Am Games, what does it mean to you to be able to compete at Lima 2019?

I am very excited to represent Canada again – it's always an honour to do so and in a sport I love. I am also looking forward to the travel component and getting to go down to Peru to compete and see the country and culture there. It is a very exciting team of

athletes that we are sending – I am on the older end of the spectrum, and there are a lot of super talented, younger athletes who will have their first multi-sport Games experience. This experience will help prepare them for the 2020 Olympic Games and the qualification process for those Games. I am looking forward to sharing some of my knowledge and experience in a mentor role to my teammates.

What do you hope to learn or experience at these Pan Am Games?

I hope to continue to grow as a person and learn to accept that the next generation is going to take the spotlight. That can be a hard thing for an athlete to accept. As an athlete, it can be difficult to be humble or second best, at these Games there's going to be someone younger, stronger, and potentially more talented than me, whether teammate or competitor from another country— that's just the nature of sport. I've started to spend time thinking about that and how it feels or is going to feel and to make peace with it. I am excited to see the young athletes compete well and win competitions. Having athletes at different points in their career at the Games is a good thing; it allows for growth and new experiences for everyone— whether as a veteran athlete acting as a mentor or for the next generation to get the Games experience, they need to perform well.

What was it like to compete at home at the Toronto 2015 Pan Am Games compared to competing in a different country?

It was amazing to have Pan Ams here in Toronto. This is home for me. The familiarity of having the Athlete Village right downtown and knowing my way around was so easy. It was nice to be able to give directions to people and other athletes who weren't from here, for once! It was incredibly different from any major competition I had been too before. It was amazing to have friends and family be able to watch, support, and enjoy the Games. Most of my bigger meets happen in other parts of the world that are inaccessible to them, so it was nice to have my support system here for those Games.

What drives you to continue to compete?

My love for the sport, that's really what drives me. I am thinking about retirement, but I can't imagine life without jumping on a trampoline. I would love to jump forever, but injuries and age will catch up to me at some point. I just love what I do, and I never choose to stop.

What is your favourite moment competing as an athlete?

I have two! My Olympic silver medal in 2008 is the obvious choice, but leading up to those Games, in 2007, I broke a world record for most difficult routine completed in competition. It was a 20-year record held by a Russian athlete, as Russia has typically

been seen as the strongest or one of the strongest teams for a long time. It was a very proud moment for me and my coach, Dave Ross. I love doing tricks and so does Dave. He really pushed me and the level of difficulty of my tricks to stand out, and it paid off. That competition was a special moment for me, and for him.

Having been a CSIO supported athlete throughout your career, to now be on the other side, what does it mean to work for CSIO?

It's been an amazing experience. To see the rest of the organization, the staff, respect you beyond your athleticism and see value in you outside of sport is an incredible thing. Moving from the gym to the office is uncomfortable as an athlete, but CSIO has provided me a wonderful opportunity and been very flexible with my training and competition schedule. In my role, I have the opportunity to share athlete insight to help promote CSIO and its world-class facility, which has been a great learning experience for me. It's good to try new things, to help you make more informed decisions in the future. My experience working at CSIO has been very positive.

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Canada's Jason Burnett qualifies for London Olympics in trampoline

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Canada's Jason Burnett has qualified for London 2012 in men's trampoline. In this file photo Burnett holds up his silver medal following the men's trampoline final at Beijing 2008. FILE PHOTO: THE CANADIAN PRESS/Adrian Wyld/Adrian Wyld/The Canadian Press

Jason Burnett has officially bounced his way into the London Olympics.

The trampolinist who trains at Skyriders Trampoline Place in Richmond Hill, Ont. was the clear favourite to secure the single men's single berth for Canada in this summer's Olympics, and he officially grabbed it on Friday by winning the final Canadian selection meet in Gatineau, Que.

Burnett is a six-time Canadian champion and earned a silver medal at the 2008 Beijing Olympics. He holds a world record for a degree of difficulty score in a routine.

He had failed in his previous attempt at the spot earlier this month when he needed a top two finish at the season-opening Elite Canada competition, but finished tenth instead that day.

On the women's side, Canadian veterans Karen Cockburn and Rosie MacLennan, both of Toronto and training mates of Burnett's at Skyriders, had already locked up Canada's two Olympic berths in women's trampoline. MacLennan won the Friday meet.

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Trampolinist Jason Burnett did the world's most difficult routine and is heading to Beijing with a medal in mind



Jason Burnett is heading to China to compete in his first Olympics. He recently won his third Canadian national championship. ((Gymnastics Canada))

Jason Burnett, 21, a trampolinist from Etobicoke, Ont., was recently named by Gymnastics Canada to compete in Beijing. It will be his first Olympics.

The five-foot eight, 155-pound Seneca College graphic design student is heading to the Games with plenty of success — including the degree of difficulty world record holder, world cup winner in the synchronized event, a silver medal in men's individual at the 2007 Pan Am Games, and 11th at the 2007 world championships.

Making the Olympic team involved accumulating points in three international and three national events. He'll be heading to China with fellow Canadian trampolinists Karen Cockburn and Rosie MacLennan.

CBC Sports: When did you find out you'd been officially selected to compete in Beijing?

Burnett: It was just last weekend at the national championships. Rosie, Karen and I were chosen. They called us up to the front and announced it. It was a big, big relief, because we had a really lengthy selection process. We still have [the world cup event in] Switzerland, but now we don't have to worry about hitting our routines to still make it to the Olympics.

CBC Sports: Are you ready for Beijing?

Burnett: Yes, I do think I'm ready. There's definitely a few minor things that can be improved on, but otherwise I feel prepared.

CBC Sports: Are you nervous?

Burnett: I'm not nervous yet, I don't think it's actually hit me yet. I'm trying to think of it just as another world cup or world championships. But I know the day will come when I'll realize this is the Olympics.

CBC Sports: How do you overcome nervousness at a competition?

Burnett: There's a specific mental prep that I do while others are competing. Usually, right before my turn, I'll watch the judges to see who's up there. They're the scariest part of the competition, you know, five suits sitting there getting ready to watch us, it's kind of intimidating. So I try to see them and just sort of stare them down. I used to try and avoid them, but there's no way you can do that, because before you do your routine, you have to turn and face them. That's when my heart would start racing, so now, I just face them beforehand.

CBC Sports: How did your family react when they found out you were Olympic bound?

Burnett: My family's really proud of me right now. It's like they've been planning this in secret for the last four years, like they knew I'd be going. I have 12 family members [parents, brother, aunts, uncles, cousins] who'll be there to see me compete.

CBC Sports: What are you most looking forward to in Beijing?

Burnett: I'm just looking forward to finishing my routine, and having that moment to celebrate, be happy with my performance, and to look up and see the crowd applauding and cheering.

CBC Sports: What are your strengths?

Burnett: The difficult skills I can complete. You need to be able to do the big skills. So, for example, in my optional routine, I do the Rudy Out Triffis, which is triple front with a one and a half twist. I just started competing it this year.

CBC Sports: What's your biggest weakness?

Burnett: My weakness has always been travelling on the trampoline. On the trampoline there's a red outlined box in the middle, and you always need to stay within that box. That's where you keep your balance and your control. If you don't, you can lose points or fall off. It's difficult because I'm doing hard skills, so there's less time at the end of every skill to reorient yourself. When you get really good at hard skills, that's how you know you've mastered them, because you have more time before the next one.

CBC Sports: How do you overcome travelling?

Burnett: It's all in your take off, every time you land a skill, you want to be straight up and down. You can't be over-rotated or under-rotated. There's lots of different factors, you just need to focus on squaring yourself up for the next skill.

CBC Sports: What's the most challenging mental aspect of your sport?

Burnett: You can't have a sense of fear. It's something you have to acquire through your knowledge of the sport. I've definitely been scared before, it happens to everyone. Sometimes, you'll look up and see the ceiling, and then look down and see the ceiling, it can really freak you out, but you need to work through that. To overcome it, there are different builders, different progressions with each skill. But you always need to see the trampoline.

CBC Sports: What achievement are you most proud of?

Burnett: The degree of difficulty world record. I used the Rudy plus multiple twisting skills. The total I did was a 17.5, which is the hardest routine ever completed in competition. [In Lake Placid, 2007.] It gives me a lot of confidence, that I'm the best at one aspect in this sport, that I have all the skills, and once I put the form to it, which is coming, that it's definitely possible for a medal at the Beijing Olympics.

CBC Sports: Which athlete do you most look up to and admire?

Burnett: Karen [Cockburn]. I've grown up with her, and she's always been the top of her game, always been an amazing trampolinist to look up to. She's always been a great inspiration.

CBC Sports: Will we see you at the Olympics again?

Burnett: I'd like to do at least a second one, and if my body permits, maybe a third.

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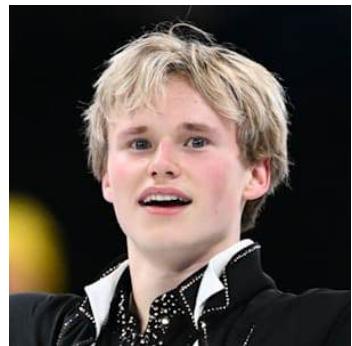
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Bruce Arthur: It would be tempting to say that Jason Burnett went for too much and faltered, that he overreached

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LONDON — It would be tempting to say that Jason Burnett went for too much and faltered, that he overreached, that his Olympic ending was one that came out of soaring ambition. His routine was slated to have the highest degree of difficulty in the world, yes. Nobody tries the combinations that Burnett does, the array of twists and somersaults and aerial daring, and when the daredevil crashes out you automatically assume it is because he is a daredevil, and that's what daredevils do.

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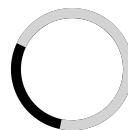
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But when the 25-year-old Burnett crashed out of the Olympics Friday it was not because the Toronto native bounced too near to the sun, and then bounced too near to the sun again. When he arced downwards towards the dreaded edge of the 14-by-8 surface, on just his second jump of the final, it was not attempting some flight into fancy; it was on the same difficult but achievable move he had successfully landed in the preliminary rounds. Jason Burnett didn't finish eighth because he tried to do too much. He just crashed.

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"It's just a little angle — whether I land straight up and down, or whether I land at an angle," said Burnett. "It's part of the sport, right?"



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This was no tragedy, and Burnett refused to treat it as such. He was the defending Olympic silver medallist, but the sport had been moving while he recovered from a broken leg suffered in 2010 while trying to make a demo reel for his future career as a stuntman. The guys on the podium this time, led by China's peerless Dong Dong, were sharper, higher, faster, stronger. Burnett was going to push the limits of degree of difficulty, but that's just one aspect of scoring. The rest — which includes the new time of flight scoring system, instituted since Beijing — were likely out of reach.

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"I think he would have been fourth or fifth," said his coach, Dave Ross. "I think it would have been hard to get into the top three. But we don't know. We didn't see that routine."

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"It's really tough to tell," said Burnett, of where he may have ended up. "I scored a 60.7 routine at a World Cup just a few weeks ago, so that would have landed me about fourth or fifth. But I have been injured the last two years, and I've been climbing my way back to the top. I was really hoping that this meet would have culminated all my recovery time and stuff like that, and I would have been 100% — which I do feel like I am, 100% — but sometimes the day doesn't go as you hoped."

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Even the time of flight requirement is more punitive of shorter trampolinists, and Burnett is a relatively tall 5-foot-7. If there was an excuse, it was the time lost to his adrenalin-junkie accident — there is still a metal plate and five screws in his right leg, though he was a little disappointed that it doesn't set off the metal detectors here. While Dong Dong was pushing the limits of the sport in other ways — he was the only other man to attempt the same trick Burnett crashed on as the second jump in his 10-jump routine — Jason Burnett was losing over 50% of his possible training time between Olympics.

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But he was healthy, and ready, and he just blew a jump, at the wrong time. So Ross sat next to Burnett after the crash and said he would have liked to have seen where the scores would have lined up, but it was over. And yet Burnett did his best to act like a wax figure about it, rather than a heartbroken widow.

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"I've kind of been considering all events, whether I win or whether I completely fall and bust, and in Beijing I had an incredible experience, and I came out on top," said Burnett. "And now I've got to experience the complete opposite of that. I've failed — miserably, some might say — but I get to experience both ends of the spectrum, and I think just the experience in itself is a good one to have."

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"Basically, that's what we always say — you show up well-prepared and then you roll the dice and see what happens. It might come out two sixes, it might come out two ones," said Ross. "I was really happy that he got into the final, because it's never a given that you'll make the top eight. But watching the performances of those top three guys who got the medals, it would have been really hard to get in there, considering he's been injured for a good part of the last four years."

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Jason Burnett got here, and he tried, and he bounced. He just couldn't bounce all the way back.

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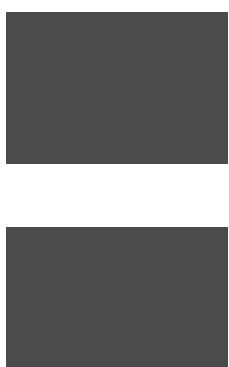
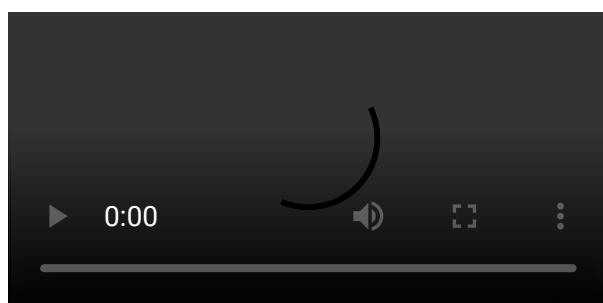
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Canadian Trampoline star Jason Burnett announces retirement

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Canadian trampolinist Jason Burnett is calling it a career: the 34-year-old, who dared to push the limits of difficulty in his sport and came away with an Olympic silver medal for it, has decided the time has come for him to move on.



"As a kid, all I ever wanted to do was jump high and do flips, and trampoline has allowed me to pursue this simple passion for the past 24 years," Burnett wrote on his social media accounts this week in a post titled "Retirement!!" "My sport has taken me around the world and I have had the opportunities to meet many wonderful people along the way....Without them, I would not have developed the skill or the confidence to push the boundaries of our sport and achieve my goals."

In three Olympic appearances, Burnett never failed to make a big impression. At his first Olympics in Beijing in 2008, he qualified for the men's final in seventh place, and went all in with a showstopping routine that carried a difficulty score 0.6 higher than anyone else. The gutsy strategy paid in silver, with Burnett sharing the podium with Chinese sensations **Lu Chunlong** and **Dong Dong**.

'Go big or go home'

At his second Games in London in 2012, Burnett qualified sixth to the final but was unable to complete his routine and ended eighth overall. He tore his ACL and suffered ligament damage in 2014, which forced him off the trampoline for six months, but recovered in time to make a comeback at the 2015 Pan American Games in his hometown of Toronto. He ended up qualifying for the 2016 Olympics, even though he had re-injured his knee in the meantime. The injury kept him from performing as well as he might have in Rio, but he was pleased with what he was able to accomplish, feeling that he had lived up to his longtime motto "Go big or go home."

A shy and energetic child whose love of flipping and twisting was inspired by circus acrobats, Burnett's talent for Trampoline manifested itself early. He left his first Gymnastics club because he had started bouncing too close to the ceiling and needed space to go higher. He found what he was looking for at Skyrider's Trampoline Place in Toronto, where he trained in distinguished company, jumping alongside the likes of Canadian greats **Karen Cockburn**, **Mathieu Turgeon**, and **Rosannagh MacLennan**, all of whom have at least one Olympic medal in their own right, and whose combined efforts can be credited to lifting Canadian Trampoline Gymnastics to the prestige it currently enjoys.

Feeding a seemingly insatiable desire to jump, Burnett continued after Rio, enjoying every turn he took. After a 10th place finish at the 2019 Pan American Games in Lima, he closed his career at the 2019 World Championships in the Olympic venue in Tokyo. In recent months, he relocated from Toronto to Vancouver, where he currently coaches (and bounces in his downtime) at Shasta Trampoline Club.

"I can't imagine life without jumping on a trampoline," he said in a 2019 interview. "I would love to jump forever, but injuries and age will catch up to me at some point. I just love what I do, and I never choose to stop."

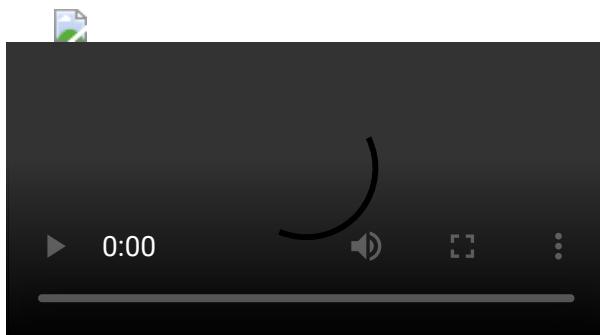
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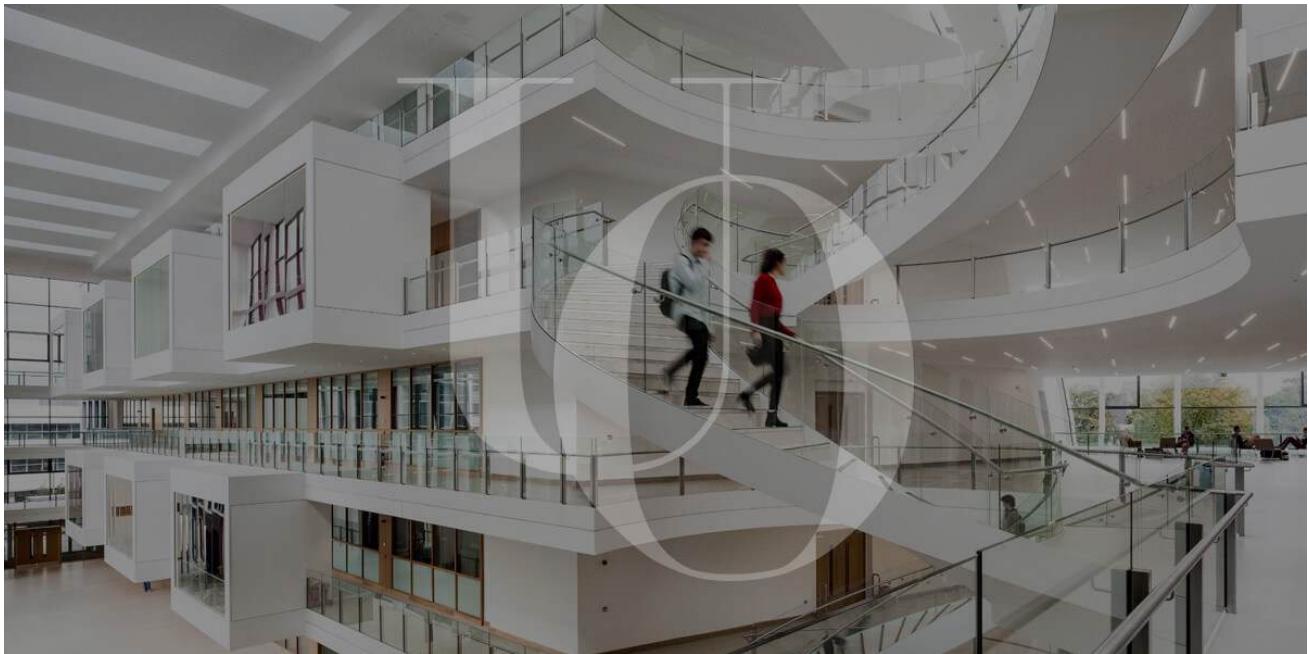
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Jack Walsh jumps into conversation with Olympic trampoline gymnast Jason Burnett. As an international and Olympic trampoline gymnast for team Canada, Jason Burnett has always lived by a single motto: "Go big or go home." A clichéd phrase, it has still emphasised the Olympic Silver medallist's rise in the sport from a competitive and technical standpoint, holding several world records in terms of difficulty. The Skyriders' product is proud of using that phrase as a benchmark of what he knows he can achieve, saying that "it's definitely what I strive for as a gymnast. I chose this identity for myself because my skill set is my strength. My form and height are acceptable for international competition, but my degree of difficulty is what can really set me apart." Burnett recently walked away with first place at the 2013 Elite Canada competition in Quebec. Describing his stature in the competitive field in Canada, Burnett says that he is "still the dominant male athlete in Canada and if I complete a good routine it is very difficult for the other athletes to challenge me." On the international level, Burnett is still one of the big dogs. This allowed him to remain calm during the Beijing Olympics, describing that time as one of "extreme focus", explaining that "of course you are nervous in the moment of competition, but the degree of focus pushes that aside. The only thing I could think about is that I had to do the routine of my life if I wanted a medal. That's all that went through my head once the initial nervousness had passed." His favourite moment as a competitor, aside from his Olympic silver medal in Beijing, happened in 2007, when he "broke the world record for the hardest routine completed in competition (17.5). This was a 20 year-old record previously held by a Russian athlete. The day I broke this record was very special to me." As a record holder, Burnett knows his crown can be threatened at all times. In order to combat this, he says he would like to "improve upon both my world records this year (the 18.8 in competition, and the 20.6 in training). I have plans for both, but I'm not ready to give anything away just yet." But it's not all about the trampoline for Burnett, as he spent some time as a stunt man when he was in his early twenties. "I made some lucky connections with stunt coordinators while doing trampoline shows and they began to offer me auditions. The most notable film I have performed in is *Scott Pilgrim vs. the World*, where I stunt doubled for Michael Cera in his first fight scene." A religion and theology student at the University of Toronto, Burnett knows that "Canadian athletes can find plenty of support once they have proven themselves at international competitions, but it can be difficult to find support as a young athlete." He encourages young athletes to keep training hard, explaining that his own routine depends on the time of his season. "When I am a few months out of a competition I do high volume weights and routines (anywhere from 4-8 optional routines in a practice), and when I am a few weeks or days away from competition, I taper all my workouts. I do very low volume right before a competition because I want my body to be fresh and I have already put in all the hard work." Burnett's most prized and difficult routines are not often performed, but he prides himself on the consistently high levels he performs at. He says: "I know I am capable of doing more than the average competitor and I use this strength to my advantage. My coach, Dave Ross, always told me that if you are good at something you should always push the limits in order to distance yourself from other competitors." Dissecting the primary competition in the international stage, Burnett concedes that "China clearly has the top athletes in the sport right now. As far as I can tell, they have a sport system allows for their athletes to focus completely on sport, without having to worry too much about education or jobs. Their form, DD (degree of difficulty), and height are usually superior to most other athletes, but I believe that is due to the volume of their training." He warns of the pitfalls many new athletes to the sport can fall in to, including failing to practice the basic fundamentals of the discipline; explaining that "people lose skills because they don't practice their progressions." I think the most important technical aspect of trampoline is being able to spot the bed very well in all of your skills. I am very confident when I perform all of my skills because I know how to spot the bed well, and that can also save your life if you space and bail out of a skill. Knowing how to fall is extremely important for trampoline, and knowing how to spot the bed helps you land safely." Finally, Burnett offered up some advice that extends far beyond the trampoline; "Everyone will have fear, and everyone will have to find their own way to get over it. If you can't get over your fear, then you won't go far." ↪

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Despite nasty trampoline spill, Jason Burnett keeps a level head

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Rachel Brady

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Canada's Jason Burnett, from Etobicoke, Ont., leaves the floor with his coach, Dave Ross, after falling in the men's trampoline final at 2012 Summer Olympics Friday, August 3, 2012 in London. Burnett finished in last place. Ryan Remiorz/The Canadian Press

I was really struck by how composed and unshaken Jason Burnett was while speaking to us after crashing out during his routine in the Olympic trampoline final. Not only had he just fallen from a terrifying height, but his four years of training had just ended in most stunning fashion.

Burnett was attempting to do the most difficult routine in the Olympic competition, one that would have earned him an 18.2 for difficulty. That's the athlete he is -- degree of difficulty is where he earns his points. It's his best shot of contending against men who earn more

points for jumping higher and executing better.

Canada's coach, Dave Ross, who runs Skyriders Trampoline Place where the Canadian Olympic trio trains, said some really interesting things about how the sport has developed since the 2008 Beijing Olympics and speculated about where it's headed. I realized in a big way why Burnett was attempting such a risky routine today.

Ross pointed out some telling numbers. At the 2008 Olympics, the winning routine by China's Lu Chunlong had a difficulty score of 16.6. Fast-forward to the 2012 Olympics, and that kind of degree of difficulty score was achieved by the very lowest qualifiers in Friday's competition. The winning routine by China's Dong Dong got a 17.8 score for difficulty. The skill-level is growing by leaps and bounds.

By the time the 2016 Olympics rolls around, Ross expects Burnett will need something far beyond an 18.2 in difficulty to return to the podium.

As reporters, we tried to pull out reasons for the crash. Was he injured? Was he nervous?

Did he lose focus? Was he just attempting to do too much? Burnett and Ross had no problem explaining what happened. It was simple science -- he just over-rotated ever so slightly, and it all went wrong.

That just happens sometimes in the sport they love.

Without skipping a beat, Burnett vowed to return for the 2016 Olympics. After heartbreak like that, you could forgive an athlete if he was questioning why he does what he does. Burnett didn't seem to be questioning anything. It didn't seem to touch his love for trampoline one bit.

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Canadian trampoline gymnast Burnett heading to third Olympics

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Canada's Jason Burnett, from Etobicoke, Ont., reacts after falling during his routine in the men's trampoline final at 2012 Summer Olympics Friday, August 3, 2012 in London. Burnett finished in last place. THE CANADIAN PRESS/Ryan Remiorz

RIO DE JANEIRO -- Toronto's Jason Burnett of Toronto is heading to his third Olympic Games after capturing one of eight qualification spots in men's trampoline gymnastics at a test event on Tuesday.

Burnett finished 10th overall in the qualifying rounds with a total score of 104.515 and did not advance to the finals, but nabbed the sixth qualifying spot regardless.

The highest-ranked athletes in qualification grabbed the first five of eight qualifying berths. The sixth spot, allocated for continental representation, went to Burnett as the next highest-ranked athlete. All four continents had already been represented.

Brazil, as host nation, nabbed the seventh spot. The final qualifying spot will be determined as part of the tripartite commission.

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Burnett finished 10th overall in the qualifying rounds with a total score of 104.515 and did not advance to the finals. His second optional routine was particularly strong and scored 5th highest; unfortunately it wasn't enough to counteract his relatively poor first compulsory routine's score of 47.545 which had ranked him 13th.

The five highest ranked athletes in the qualification rounds that had not already been allocated spots for the Games, grabbed the first of the eight Olympic Games qualifying spots. The next spot was for continental representation – as all four continents were already represented, the spot went to the next highest ranked athlete which was Burnett. Brazil, as host nation, nabbed the 7th spot, and the final qualifying spot will be determined as part of the tripartite commission.

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"We are very happy for Jason locking up the spot for Canada for Rio," said Stephan Duchesne, High Performance Director for trampoline gymnastics at Gymnastics Canada. "Jason will be participating in his third Games and knows exactly what it takes to perform at the highest level. His resilience should be seen as a model for the other athletes because of the two major injuries he has had in this Olympic cycle. I'm convinced Jason will do everything he can to get the best ranking possible in Rio this summer."

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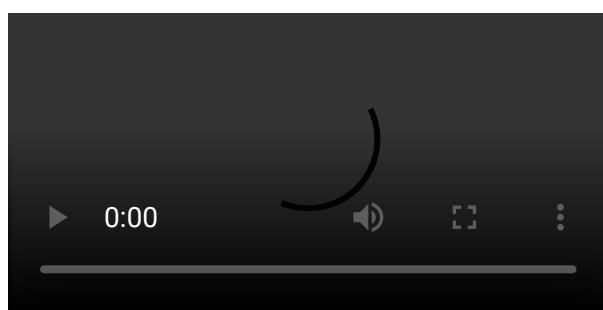
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Burnett bounces his way to a third Olympic Games

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Paula Nichols

April 20, 2016



Jason Burnett is headed to his third Olympic Games after securing a men's trampoline berth for Canada at the last chance qualifier in Rio, which also served as the official test event.

Burnett overcame a poor compulsory routine, that saw him ranked 13th, to perform the fifth-best optional routine which moved him into 10th place overall after the qualification round, which was used to decide the Olympic qualifiers.

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In first and second place were gymnasts from China and Belarus, which had already secured three of the eight Olympic spots available at the world championships last fall. There were then five open berths, with a maximum of one per country, which went to competitors from New Zealand, Portugal, the United States, Great Britain and Australia. Burnett was next in line, just 0.030 behind Aussie Blake Gaudry.



Jason Burnett after competing in trampoline at the 2015 Pan Am Games. (Greg Kolz)

To complete the Olympic field of 16, host Brazil was granted a spot. Then there was a place available in case the required representation from four continents was not fulfilled. But with Europe, Asia, the Americas and Oceania all having qualifiers, that spot went to the next highest-ranked athlete, which was Burnett. The final spot will be determined by the Tripartite Commission.

“I’m very happy with my performance today,” said the Beijing 2008 silver medallist. “I accomplished what I set out to do and I can’t ask for anything more than that right now. Dealing with the aftermath of my ACL tear was tough, but we’ve found a number of different strategies that keep my knee happy and strong.”

Burnett underwent surgery on his right knee in October 2014 after suffering a complete ACL tear, second degree MCL tear, medial and lateral meniscus tear, and a bone bruise with microfracture. He was only cleared to resume jumping on his feet in March 2015, which gave him little time to recover before the Pan Am Games and the world championships.

“His resilience should be seen as a model for other athletes because of the two major injuries he has had in this Olympic cycle,” said Gymnastics Canada’s High Performance Director for trampoline, Stephan Duchesne. “I’m convinced Jason will do everything he can to get the best ranking possible in Rio this summer.”

Burnett joins reigning Olympic champion Rosie MacLennan on Canada's trampoline team, after she locked up a spot for Canada with her fourth place finish at the world championships and then earned her selection following the Canada Cup competition in February.

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Burnett wins silver in men's trampoline for Canada

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Canada's Jason Burnett won silver Tuesday in men's trampoline at the Beijing Games.

Burnett, 21, was the second finalist on the trampoline and earned a score of 40.70 for his routine, which featured a degree of difficulty of 16.8 — the highest in the final.

The three-time Canadian champion from Toronto told the CBC that playing it safe with an easier routine wasn't even a consideration.

"No, definitely not," Burnett said. "This is the Olympics. This is it. Why play it safe?"

"You might as well put it all on the line and go for broke, and it paid off today with a silver medal."

Burnett then had to watch as China's Lu Chunlong — the final competitor in the eight-man field — edged him out for gold with a score of 41 points. Lu's routine featured a degree of difficulty of 16.2.

“'Being the Olympic champion would have been nice, but winning a silver medal was just as good.' —Jason Burnett, trampoline silver medallist**”**

"I didn't even care what he [Lu] scored," Burnett said. "Whether it was ahead of me or not, I was just happy that I was in the medals already and that was plenty for me."

"Being the Olympic champion would have been nice, but winning a silver medal was just as good."

Lu's countryman, Dong Dong, captured the bronze medal with a score of 40.6 for a routine that featured a degree of difficulty of 16.2.

Burnett's silver in his first appearance at the Olympic Games is the second trampoline medal in as many days for Canada.

Karen Cockburn of Stouffville, Ont., who trains with Burnett at Skyriders Trampoline Place in Richmond Hill, Ont., also earned silver in the women's event on Monday.

Cockburn was in the stands at the National Indoor Stadium on Tuesday and said Burnett handled the pressure of his first Olympic final like a pro.

"He did an amazing performance tonight," said Cockburn. "He set the bar so high, we know it would be really difficult to beat. We're just so proud of him."

His performance in Tuesday's final was a remarkable improvement after he tied for seventh place out of eight in the qualifying round.

But with the slate wiped clean for the final, he remained confident in his ability to reach the podium, and the result was Canada's fifth medal in the event since its debut at the 2000 Sydney Games.

"Trampoline competitions go any way all the time," said Burnett. "Maybe my compulsory wasn't the greatest, but, if I can pull out optionals the way I have shown at this competition, then I definitely think I deserve to be here."

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Canadian trampolinist Jason Burnett competed in Rio with secret knee injury

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Jason Burnett finished 14th at the Rio Olympics, where he competed with a torn ACL in his right knee.
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"It's still possible to qualify for Rio. But it's going to be very, very difficult."

That's what doctors told Canadian trampolinist Jason Burnett after he tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee for the second time since 2014.

But right there, Burnett made a decision: "I'm going to focus on the 'it's possible' part."

Just over a year before Rio, the 2008 Olympic silver medallist felt a wobble inward on his surgically repaired right knee during a training session.

Burnett continued training but the pain did not subside. After an MRI confirmed the ACL tear, Burnett faced one of the toughest challenges of his career just four days later — competing at the world championships, which also served as a crucial Olympic qualifier, with only one fully functioning knee.

"It was very tough going in knowing that my knee was unstable," Burnett says. "The doctors told me, 'Let's just pretend you didn't hear the news. You've been training well. Let's see if you can qualify or not.'"

"At the event, I got rid of the knee brace. I felt it was a mental barrier. I didn't trust it anymore. So I was jumping completely free with the torn ACL."

Best-kept secret

Despite the difficult circumstances, Burnett managed to finish within the top 24 athletes, bringing him closer to qualifying for his third Olympic Games.

Over the following months, the Nobleton, Ont., native decided the best way to avoid distraction would be to keep his latest injury quiet.

"I figured that if I told family or friends, [everyone would ask] 'How is your knee doing? Is it sore?'" Burnett recalls. "What I really didn't want was people constantly bringing attention to the knee and constantly reminding me that I was injured."

Over the winter season, Burnett struggled to find a rhythm, forced to miss large chunks of time dealing with the injury. Despite the difficult period, he always had the support of one of his oldest teammates and closest friends — Olympic women's trampoline champion Rosie MacLennan, who would go on to win her second consecutive gold in Rio, where she was Canada's flag-bearer for the opening ceremony.

"Rosie and I have been in the same gym since we were eight or 10 years old. We spent 90 per cent of our time together. She was fantastic and is so good at managing people and managing injuries."

At that time, MacLennan was recovering from her own injury — a concussion suffered during the previous summer by over-rotating on a jump.

"It was a very different injury," Burnett says. "But it's the same type of struggle because you can't predict how training is going to affect you the next day. We were able to really lean on each other, because we had that to relate to. It made that aspect of unpredictability a little less scary knowing that there was someone else there going through it with you."

A world record holder for degree of difficulty in a routine, Burnett found early success learning the hardest routines and biggest tricks. At a 2010 World Cup, he beat a world record by posting an 18.8 degree of difficulty. The five-foot-eight daredevil even recorded a 20.6 degree of difficulty during a training event.

Forced to compete within limitations in the wake of his injury, he kept his motivation by remembering the motto given to him by Canadian Olympic coach Dave Ross: "Go big or go home." Although he eventually finished 14th in the men's event in Rio, considering the circumstances, Burnett felt he had done everything that he could.

"Even though I couldn't really perform as I wanted to, competing in the Olympics without an ACL is definitely pushing my limits. Even if it was a bit more subtle, I think I was still able to live up to that motto in my Olympic experience."

Burnett is taking the next 12 months to recover from long-awaited knee surgery, but the 29-year-old hasn't ruled out a return to the sport and an opportunity to go out on his own terms.

"I never want an injury to force me out. When I choose to retire, I want to be 100 per cent healthy. I want the ability to train and compete and also the ability to choose not to. Right now, I don't really have that choice."

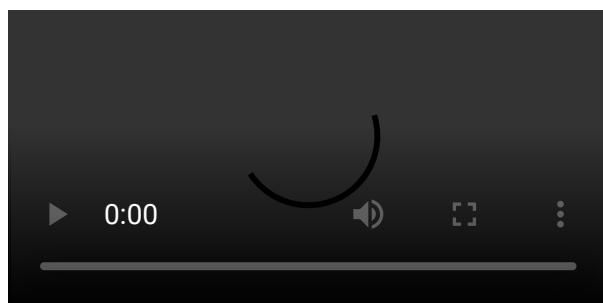
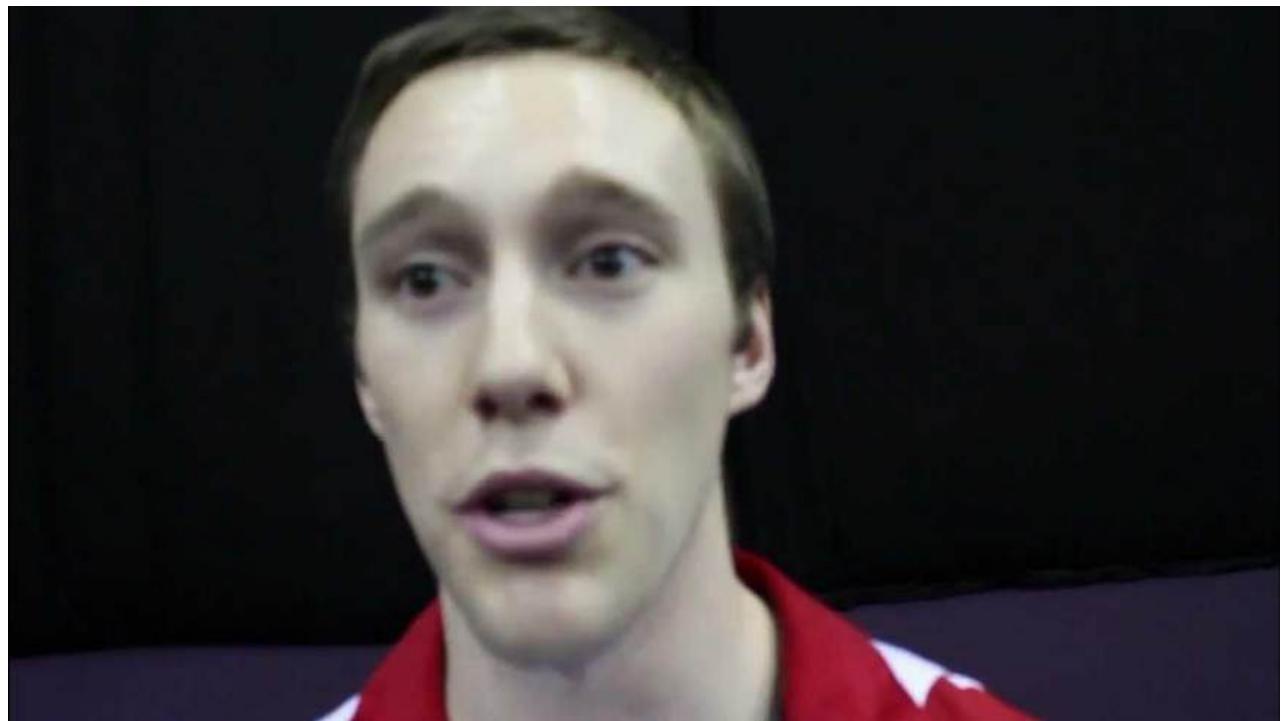
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Jason Burnett locked up a berth for Canada in the men's Olympic trampoline competition at the last chance qualification meet at London's O2 Arena on January 13th.

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Jason Burnett is headed to his third Olympic Games after securing a men's trampoline berth for Canada at the last chance qualifier in Rio, which also served as the official test event.

Burnett overcame a poor compulsory routine, that saw him ranked 13th, to perform the fifth-best optional routine which moved him into 10th place overall after the qualification round, which was used to decide the Olympic qualifiers.

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In first and second place were gymnasts from China and Belarus, which had already secured three of the eight Olympic spots available at the world championships last fall. There were then five open berths, with a maximum of one per country, which went to competitors from New Zealand, Portugal, the United States, Great Britain and Australia. Burnett was next in line, just 0.030 behind Aussie Blake Gaudry.



Jason Burnett after competing in trampoline at the 2015 Pan Am Games. (Greg Kolz)

To complete the Olympic field of 16, host Brazil was granted a spot. Then there was a place available in case the required representation from four continents was not fulfilled. But with Europe, Asia, the Americas and Oceania all having qualifiers, that spot went to the next highest-ranked athlete, which was Burnett. The final spot will be determined by the Tripartite Commission.

"I'm very happy with my performance today," said the Beijing 2008 silver medallist. "I accomplished what I set out to do and I can't ask for anything more than that right now. Dealing with the aftermath of my ACL tear was tough, but we've found a number of different strategies that keep my knee happy and strong."

Burnett underwent surgery on his right knee in October 2014 after suffering a complete ACL tear, second degree MCL tear, medial and lateral meniscus tear, and a bone bruise with microfracture. He was only cleared to resume jumping on his feet in March 2015, which gave him little time to recover before the Pan Am Games and the world championships.

"His resilience should be seen as a model for other athletes because of the two major injuries he has had in this Olympic cycle," said Gymnastics Canada's High Performance Director for trampoline, Stephan Duchesne. "I'm convinced Jason will do everything he can to get the best ranking possible in Rio this summer."

Burnett joins reigning Olympic champion Rosie MacLennan on Canada's trampoline team, after she locked up a spot for Canada with her fourth place finish at the world championships and then earned her selection following the Canada Cup competition in February.

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Canada's Jason Burnett taking Olympic trampoline goals to new heights

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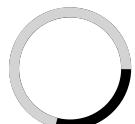
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“I doubled Michael Cera there,” says Jason Burnett. “I’m in the first fight scene, being exploded in a big fireball, flipping onto the stage. That’s me. Watch the credits. You won’t actually see my face or anything … But yeah, I did a little stunt work.”

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Jason Burnett, silver medallist in Beijing, is aiming to bounce even higher than he did four years ago. To do so involves a risky flight plan which is, it barely needs repeating, the man's trademark.

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"That's absolutely the goal once again," he said during a post-workout session with reporters on Monday. "It was almost a winning solution last time. I still plan on competing the hardest routine of the competition. At least that's what I've deduced from watching the other competitors at previous meets."

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Besides, holding back isn't really his style.

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"The more I hold back the more I start thinking, 'OK, I'm doing something easier so it needs to be more perfect.' I start over-thinking. But if something is so absolutely difficult, my only option is to give my all, trust myself, go blindly out there and push like there's no tomorrow. I get out there and feel the rush."

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Burnett's preliminary routine carries a degree of difficulty of 17.6, while his finals routine ramps up to an 18.2. The highest he's seen the Chinese attempt is 17.8, reverting back to 17.1 depending on the day.

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There's a different feel to the Burnett's task this time around, given he's a recognized commodity now. Following Beijing, he took a well-deserved bit of down time, segued into trampoline shows, filmed a TV commercial, and then worked on the movie. With an eye to more work in the industry — and to stick a few extra bucks in his pocket — he decided to put together a demo reel to advertise his unique skills.

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While shooting the demo, he broke his leg.

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"That," he says, running fingers down the back of his right calf/ankle, "was the summer of 2010. As you can see, I've got some good scars going on there. I had to have surgery. Then a second surgery to take out some of the screws." That's when he decided to re-focus. "I said, 'Let's pause that for two years and focus on going to the Olympics and doing well.'"

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Burnett says he will enter this competition feeling close to 100% healthy for the first time in two years.

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"I wouldn't say I'm totally healthy, though. I've built myself up but I still have imbalances in my hips. This is not like 2008, where I was good to go. I've got to be on guard all the time."

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There are a series of exercises Burnett must adhere to in order to stay healthy. If he skips them, pain returns. So he must be diligent; his maintenance, constant.

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"In the last four years, he's spent nearly half the time injured," says Dave Ross, Burnett's coach with the national team and at Toronto Sky Riders. "I think the world's caught up to him a little more now. He knows there's height scored as well as form and difficulty. Difficulty as a percentage of the total score is down a bit. So he has to be a little more conservative now and be an all-around athlete. So he's being a little more cautious, in a sense."

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Burnett's an interesting fellow, a compulsive reader. In Beijing he opted for philosophical tomes; this time around, he's going through Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes canon, in a tip of the deerstalker to London. There is, he hopes, a sense of mystery to this Olympic bid of his, at least among his competition.

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"I like the feeling of being the underdog. That Beijing reputation makes me think that I'm one of the guys who should be medalling, which is something I want to stay as far away from as possible. I can use all that injury stuff to my advantage. I've had six months off, struggled to get back to the top, and now people might underestimate me because I've been injured for so long. Mentally, I feel like I could be an underdog again."

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So here he is, with the highest degree of difficulty in the competition, a reputation for the spectacular and daring, an Olympic silver medal and a quest.

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Four years ago, the trampoline preliminaries and the finals were split up. Here, they're a one-day, all-day show. For Burnett, that means Friday.

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From Olympic Medallist to Social Media Guru, Jason Burnett Sees Opportunity at Every Turn

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Canadian Sport Institute Ontario – “A Pessimist Sees the Difficulty in Every Opportunity; an Optimist Sees the Opportunity in Every Difficulty.” – Winston Churchill

Growing up Jason Burnett’s parents had one golden rule: go to school and do one extracurricular activity. He started in gymnastics and by the age of 8, he fell in love with trampoline. After a few years of jumping at Airborne Trampoline, Jason quickly outgrew the facility – literally. He was jumping so high that he could hang from the roof, which limited the difficulty of his tricks and routines. Looking for more opportunities, Jason moved to Skyriders Trampoline Place at the age of 12, finding not only his trampoline home for the next 20+ years, but also his coach, Dave Ross.

Two short years later, Jason made his first National Team and was carded and competing internationally by the age of 16. After years of hard work and dedication, Jason started medalling at international meets and made his Olympic debut at the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

And what a debut it was! Jason finished second in men’s trampoline, making him an Olympic Silver Medallist.

Dedicated to his sport, Jason continued to train hard in order to remain among the best in the world and compete at two more Olympic Games. At the London 2012 Games, he made the finals but crashed out during his routine. He used the outcome as a learning opportunity to grow as an athlete and set his sights on the Rio 2016 Olympic Games. Unfortunately, Jason suffered two ACL tears in the lead up to Rio, and although his injury rehabilitation got him back to competitive form and he was able to represent Canada at the Games, he was unable to recreate his previous successes. But Jason didn’t want to leave sport on a negative note. He saw this as a bigger opportunity.

Using his downtime during injury rehabilitation, Jason began to explore opportunities beyond trampoline and what a career outside of sport might look like. Jason enrolled in George Brown College’s Sport and Event Marketing Program, which included a work placement. Why not align his placement with his passion for sport? He instantly thought of Canadian Sport Institute Ontario as the perfect organization to balance the two.

Throughout Jason’s athletic career, he has received sport science and sport medicine support from CSIO, including strength and conditioning, biomechanics and performance analysis, physiotherapy, and mental performance services. Leading into the 2012 and 2016 Olympic Games, Jason worked closely with a CSIO Strength and Conditioning Coach to increase his power through weight training. Jason also received years of

biomechanical feedback from CSIO staff at training and competitions to improve technique and performance, as well as access to nutrition and mental performance services at CSIO.

As a world-class sport institute, CSIO and its expert staff provided Jason with injury rehabilitation services during his recovery, including from the two ACL tears. This involved access to CSIO's physiotherapists and state-of-the-art equipment, including the Hydroworx hydrotherapy pool with an underwater treadmill and the anti-gravity treadmill.

Jason accessed Game Plan services through CSIO while completing his schooling at George Brown. Game Plan is Canada's total athlete wellness program that strives to support national team athletes to live better and more holistic lives. He worked closely with CSIO Game Plan Adviser and mental performance consultant, Dr. Rolf Wagschal, to help define his goals after sport and building confidence to bring forward to the working world.

For CSIO, this work placement opportunity was also a great fit – with the cherry on top being able to provide one of its supported high performance athletes with real world office experience. In the Summer of 2017, Jason completed a Communications and Marketing internship with CSIO, with a focus on social media. Getting a first taste of what office life is like, the placement provided Jason with the additional flexibility to receive treatment and train at the facility. A positive experience, Jason saw a bigger opportunity to leverage his experience as an athlete with CSIO's social media strategy, and a year later, joined the CSIO team in a contractor position as a Social Media Coordinator.

Through his role, Jason actively engages with a core group of six CSIO supported sports (Wheelchair Basketball, Wheelchair Rugby, Swimming, Diving, Softball, and Beach Volleyball) to showcase the work that goes into an athlete's journey to the podium through a series of photo and video posts. Using his perspective as an Olympic athlete himself, Jason has been able to build a comfortable rapport with athletes, coaches, and CSIO practitioners to capture unique training content and provide a behind the scenes look into life as a high performance athlete.

Prior to leaving for the 2019 Pan Am Games in Lima, Peru, Jason sat down to answer some questions about representing Canada at the Games and working for CSIO.

Don't forget to check out our new video feature **Take 5** – where we asked Jason five rapid fire questions! <https://youtu.be/mi4ntjHRxco>

This being your third Pan Am Games, what does it mean to you to be able to compete at Lima 2019?

I am very excited to represent Canada again – it's always an honour to do so and in a sport I love. I am also looking forward to the travel component and getting to go down to Peru to compete and see the country and culture there. It is a very exciting team of

athletes that we are sending – I am on the older end of the spectrum, and there are a lot of super talented, younger athletes who will have their first multi-sport Games experience. This experience will help prepare them for the 2020 Olympic Games and the qualification process for those Games. I am looking forward to sharing some of my knowledge and experience in a mentor role to my teammates.

What do you hope to learn or experience at these Pan Am Games?

I hope to continue to grow as a person and learn to accept that the next generation is going to take the spotlight. That can be a hard thing for an athlete to accept. As an athlete, it can be difficult to be humble or second best, at these Games there's going to be someone younger, stronger, and potentially more talented than me, whether teammate or competitor from another country— that's just the nature of sport. I've started to spend time thinking about that and how it feels or is going to feel and to make peace with it. I am excited to see the young athletes compete well and win competitions. Having athletes at different points in their career at the Games is a good thing; it allows for growth and new experiences for everyone— whether as a veteran athlete acting as a mentor or for the next generation to get the Games experience, they need to perform well.

What was it like to compete at home at the Toronto 2015 Pan Am Games compared to competing in a different country?

It was amazing to have Pan Ams here in Toronto. This is home for me. The familiarity of having the Athlete Village right downtown and knowing my way around was so easy. It was nice to be able to give directions to people and other athletes who weren't from here, for once! It was incredibly different from any major competition I had been too before. It was amazing to have friends and family be able to watch, support, and enjoy the Games. Most of my bigger meets happen in other parts of the world that are inaccessible to them, so it was nice to have my support system here for those Games.

What drives you to continue to compete?

My love for the sport, that's really what drives me. I am thinking about retirement, but I can't imagine life without jumping on a trampoline. I would love to jump forever, but injuries and age will catch up to me at some point. I just love what I do, and I never choose to stop.

What is your favourite moment competing as an athlete?

I have two! My Olympic silver medal in 2008 is the obvious choice, but leading up to those Games, in 2007, I broke a world record for most difficult routine completed in competition. It was a 20-year record held by a Russian athlete, as Russia has typically

been seen as the strongest or one of the strongest teams for a long time. It was a very proud moment for me and my coach, Dave Ross. I love doing tricks and so does Dave. He really pushed me and the level of difficulty of my tricks to stand out, and it paid off. That competition was a special moment for me, and for him.

Having been a CSIO supported athlete throughout your career, to now be on the other side, what does it mean to work for CSIO?

It's been an amazing experience. To see the rest of the organization, the staff, respect you beyond your athleticism and see value in you outside of sport is an incredible thing. Moving from the gym to the office is uncomfortable as an athlete, but CSIO has provided me a wonderful opportunity and been very flexible with my training and competition schedule. In my role, I have the opportunity to share athlete insight to help promote CSIO and its world-class facility, which has been a great learning experience for me. It's good to try new things, to help you make more informed decisions in the future. My experience working at CSIO has been very positive.

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Jason Burnett is heading to China to compete in his first Olympics. He recently won his third Canadian national championship. ((Gymnastics Canada))

Jason Burnett, 21, a trampolinist from Etobicoke, Ont., was recently named by Gymnastics Canada to compete in Beijing. It will be his first Olympics.

The five-foot eight, 155-pound Seneca College graphic design student is heading to the Games with plenty of success — including the degree of difficulty world record holder, world cup winner in the synchronized event, a silver medal in men's individual at the 2007 Pan Am Games, and 11th at the 2007 world championships.

Making the Olympic team involved accumulating points in three international and three national events. He'll be heading to China with fellow Canadian trampolinists Karen Cockburn and Rosie MacLennan.

CBC Sports: When did you find out you'd been officially selected to compete in Beijing?

Burnett: It was just last weekend at the national championships. Rosie, Karen and I were chosen. They called us up to the front and announced it. It was a big, big relief, because we had a really lengthy selection process. We still have [the world cup event in] Switzerland, but now we don't have to worry about hitting our routines to still make it to the Olympics.

CBC Sports: Are you ready for Beijing?

Burnett: Yes, I do think I'm ready. There's definitely a few minor things that can be improved on, but otherwise I feel prepared.

CBC Sports: Are you nervous?

Burnett: I'm not nervous yet, I don't think it's actually hit me yet. I'm trying to think of it just as another world cup or world championships. But I know the day will come when I'll realize this is the Olympics.

CBC Sports: How do you overcome nervousness at a competition?

Burnett: There's a specific mental prep that I do while others are competing. Usually, right before my turn, I'll watch the judges to see who's up there. They're the scariest part of the competition, you know, five suits sitting there getting ready to watch us, it's kind of intimidating. So I try to see them and just sort of stare them down. I used to try and avoid them, but there's no way you can do that, because before you do your routine, you have to turn and face them. That's when my heart would start racing, so now, I just face them beforehand.

CBC Sports: How did your family react when they found out you were Olympic bound?

Burnett: My family's really proud of me right now. It's like they've been planning this in secret for the last four years, like they knew I'd be going. I have 12 family members [parents, brother, aunts, uncles, cousins] who'll be there to see me compete.

CBC Sports: What are you most looking forward to in Beijing?

Burnett: I'm just looking forward to finishing my routine, and having that moment to celebrate, be happy with my performance, and to look up and see the crowd applauding and cheering.

CBC Sports: What are your strengths?

Burnett: The difficult skills I can complete. You need to be able to do the big skills. So, for example, in my optional routine, I do the Rudy Out Triffis, which is triple front with a one and a half twist. I just started competing it this year.

CBC Sports: What's your biggest weakness?

Burnett: My weakness has always been travelling on the trampoline. On the trampoline there's a red outlined box in the middle, and you always need to stay within that box. That's where you keep your balance and your control. If you don't, you can lose points or fall off. It's difficult because I'm doing hard skills, so there's less time at the end of every skill to reorient yourself. When you get really good at hard skills, that's how you know you've mastered them, because you have more time before the next one.

CBC Sports: How do you overcome travelling?

Burnett: It's all in your take off, every time you land a skill, you want to be straight up and down. You can't be over-rotated or under-rotated. There's lots of different factors, you just need to focus on squaring yourself up for the next skill.

CBC Sports: What's the most challenging mental aspect of your sport?

Burnett: You can't have a sense of fear. It's something you have to acquire through your knowledge of the sport. I've definitely been scared before, it happens to everyone. Sometimes, you'll look up and see the ceiling, and then look down and see the ceiling, it can really freak you out, but you need to work through that. To overcome it, there are different builders, different progressions with each skill. But you always need to see the trampoline.

CBC Sports: What achievement are you most proud of?

Burnett: The degree of difficulty world record. I used the Rudy plus multiple twisting skills. The total I did was a 17.5, which is the hardest routine ever completed in competition. [In Lake Placid, 2007.] It gives me a lot of confidence, that I'm the best at one aspect in this sport, that I have all the skills, and once I put the form to it, which is coming, that it's definitely possible for a medal at the Beijing Olympics.

CBC Sports: Which athlete do you most look up to and admire?

Burnett: Karen [Cockburn]. I've grown up with her, and she's always been the top of her game, always been an amazing trampolinist to look up to. She's always been a great inspiration.

CBC Sports: Will we see you at the Olympics again?

Burnett: I'd like to do at least a second one, and if my body permits, maybe a third.

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Canada's Jason Burnett won silver Tuesday in men's trampoline at the Beijing Games.

Burnett, 21, was the second finalist on the trampoline and earned a score of 40.70 for his routine, which featured a degree of difficulty of 16.8 — the highest in the final.

The three-time Canadian champion from Toronto told the CBC that playing it safe with an easier routine wasn't even a consideration.

"No, definitely not," Burnett said. "This is the Olympics. This is it. Why play it safe?"

"You might as well put it all on the line and go for broke, and it paid off today with a silver medal."

Burnett then had to watch as China's Lu Chunlong — the final competitor in the eight-man field — edged him out for gold with a score of 41 points. Lu's routine featured a degree of difficulty of 16.2.

“'Being the Olympic champion would have been nice, but winning a silver medal was just as good.' —Jason Burnett, trampoline silver medallist**”**

"I didn't even care what he [Lu] scored," Burnett said. "Whether it was ahead of me or not, I was just happy that I was in the medals already and that was plenty for me."

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Lu's countryman, Dong Dong, captured the bronze medal with a score of 40.6 for a routine that featured a degree of difficulty of 16.2.

Burnett's silver in his first appearance at the Olympic Games is the second trampoline medal in as many days for Canada.

Karen Cockburn of Stouffville, Ont., who trains with Burnett at Skyriders Trampoline Place in Richmond Hill, Ont., also earned silver in the women's event on Monday.

Cockburn was in the stands at the National Indoor Stadium on Tuesday and said Burnett handled the pressure of his first Olympic final like a pro.

"He did an amazing performance tonight," said Cockburn. "He set the bar so high, we know it would be really difficult to beat. We're just so proud of him."

His performance in Tuesday's final was a remarkable improvement after he tied for seventh place out of eight in the qualifying round.

But with the slate wiped clean for the final, he remained confident in his ability to reach the podium, and the result was Canada's fifth medal in the event since its debut at the 2000 Sydney Games.

"Trampoline competitions go any way all the time," said Burnett. "Maybe my compulsory wasn't the greatest, but, if I can pull out optionals the way I have shown at this competition, then I definitely think I deserve to be here."

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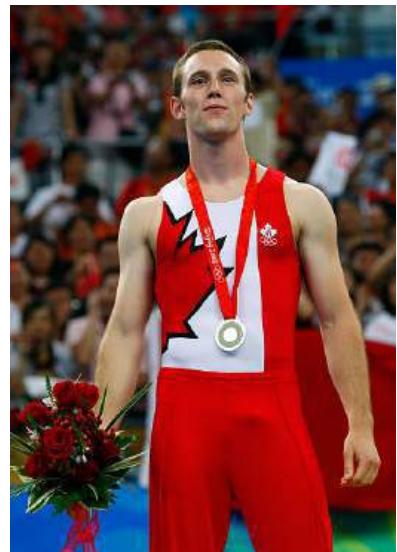
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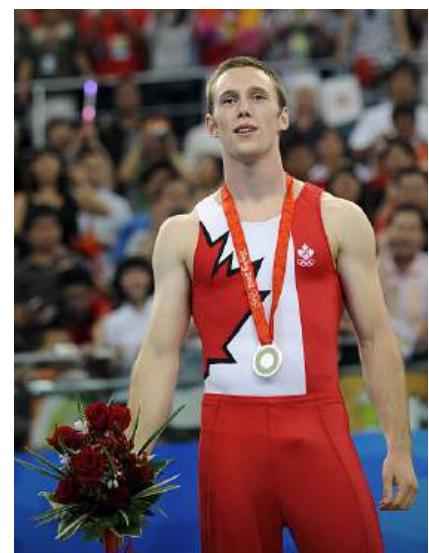


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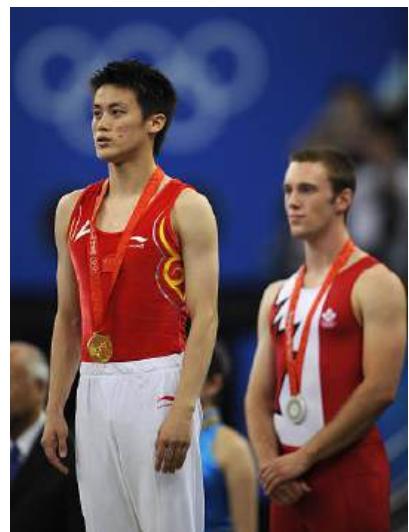


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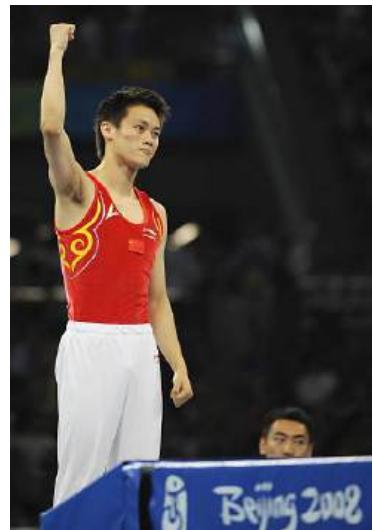
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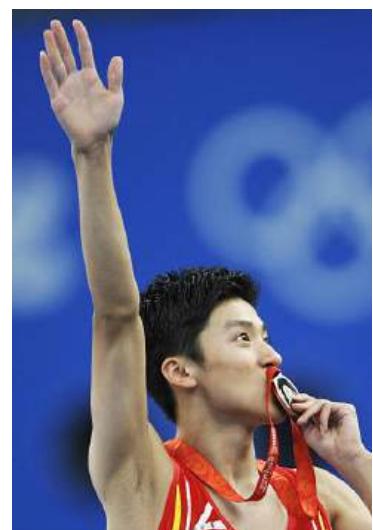
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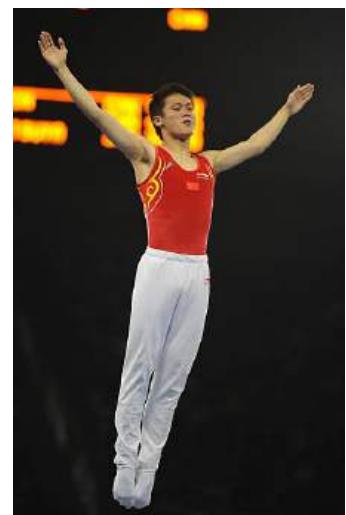
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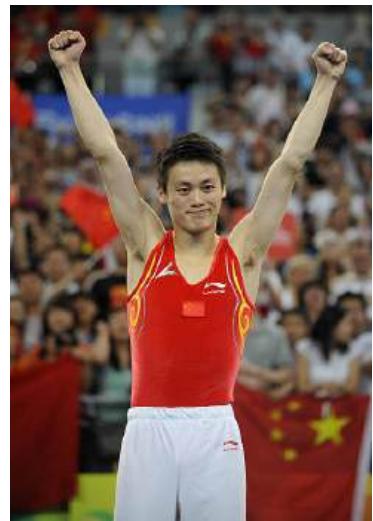
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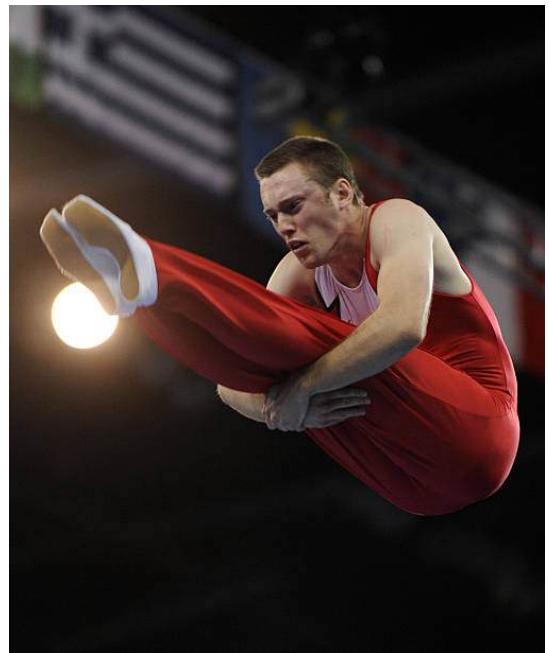
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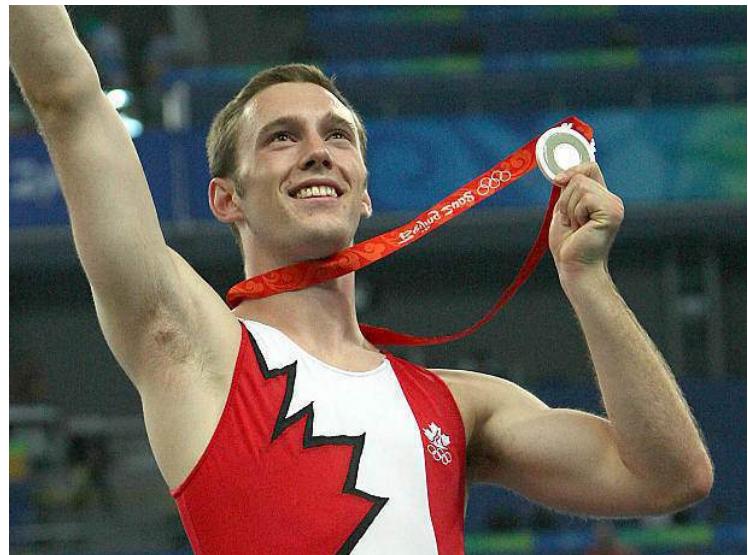


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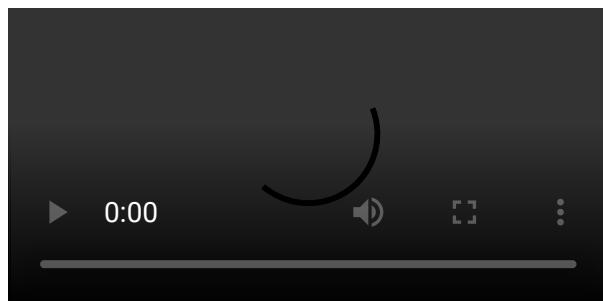
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Jason Burnett is heading to China to compete in his first Olympics. He recently won his third Canadian national championship. ((Gymnastics Canada))

Jason Burnett, 21, a trampolinist from Etobicoke, Ont., was recently named by Gymnastics Canada to compete in Beijing. It will be his first Olympics.

The five-foot eight, 155-pound Seneca College graphic design student is heading to the Games with plenty of success — including the degree of difficulty world record holder, world cup winner in the synchronized event, a silver medal in men's individual at the 2007 Pan Am Games, and 11th at the 2007 world championships.

Making the Olympic team involved accumulating points in three international and three national events. He'll be heading to China with fellow Canadian trampolinists Karen Cockburn and Rosie MacLennan.

CBC Sports: When did you find out you'd been officially selected to compete in Beijing?

Burnett: It was just last weekend at the national championships. Rosie, Karen and I were chosen. They called us up to the front and announced it. It was a big, big relief, because we had a really lengthy selection process. We still have [the world cup event in] Switzerland, but now we don't have to worry about hitting our routines to still make it to the Olympics.

CBC Sports: Are you ready for Beijing?

Burnett: Yes, I do think I'm ready. There's definitely a few minor things that can be improved on, but otherwise I feel prepared.

CBC Sports: Are you nervous?

Burnett: I'm not nervous yet, I don't think it's actually hit me yet. I'm trying to think of it just as another world cup or world championships. But I know the day will come when I'll realize this is the Olympics.

CBC Sports: How do you overcome nervousness at a competition?

Burnett: There's a specific mental prep that I do while others are competing. Usually, right before my turn, I'll watch the judges to see who's up there. They're the scariest part of the competition, you know, five suits sitting there getting ready to watch us, it's kind of intimidating. So I try to see them and just sort of stare them down. I used to try and avoid them, but there's no way you can do that, because before you do your routine, you have to turn and face them. That's when my heart would start racing, so now, I just face them beforehand.

CBC Sports: How did your family react when they found out you were Olympic bound?

Burnett: My family's really proud of me right now. It's like they've been planning this in secret for the last four years, like they knew I'd be going. I have 12 family members [parents, brother, aunts, uncles, cousins] who'll be there to see me compete.

CBC Sports: What are you most looking forward to in Beijing?

Burnett: I'm just looking forward to finishing my routine, and having that moment to celebrate, be happy with my performance, and to look up and see the crowd applauding and cheering.

CBC Sports: What are your strengths?

Burnett: The difficult skills I can complete. You need to be able to do the big skills. So, for example, in my optional routine, I do the Rudy Out Triffis, which is triple front with a one and a half twist. I just started competing it this year.

CBC Sports: What's your biggest weakness?

Burnett: My weakness has always been travelling on the trampoline. On the trampoline there's a red outlined box in the middle, and you always need to stay within that box. That's where you keep your balance and your control. If you don't, you can lose points or fall off. It's difficult because I'm doing hard skills, so there's less time at the end of every skill to reorient yourself. When you get really good at hard skills, that's how you know you've mastered them, because you have more time before the next one.

CBC Sports: How do you overcome travelling?

Burnett: It's all in your take off, every time you land a skill, you want to be straight up and down. You can't be over-rotated or under-rotated. There's lots of different factors, you just need to focus on squaring yourself up for the next skill.

CBC Sports: What's the most challenging mental aspect of your sport?

Burnett: You can't have a sense of fear. It's something you have to acquire through your knowledge of the sport. I've definitely been scared before, it happens to everyone. Sometimes, you'll look up and see the ceiling, and then look down and see the ceiling, it can really freak you out, but you need to work through that. To overcome it, there are different builders, different progressions with each skill. But you always need to see the trampoline.

CBC Sports: What achievement are you most proud of?

Burnett: The degree of difficulty world record. I used the Rudy plus multiple twisting skills. The total I did was a 17.5, which is the hardest routine ever completed in competition. [In Lake Placid, 2007.] It gives me a lot of confidence, that I'm the best at one aspect in this sport, that I have all the skills, and once I put the form to it, which is coming, that it's definitely possible for a medal at the Beijing Olympics.

CBC Sports: Which athlete do you most look up to and admire?

Burnett: Karen [Cockburn]. I've grown up with her, and she's always been the top of her game, always been an amazing trampolinist to look up to. She's always been a great inspiration.

CBC Sports: Will we see you at the Olympics again?

Burnett: I'd like to do at least a second one, and if my body permits, maybe a third.

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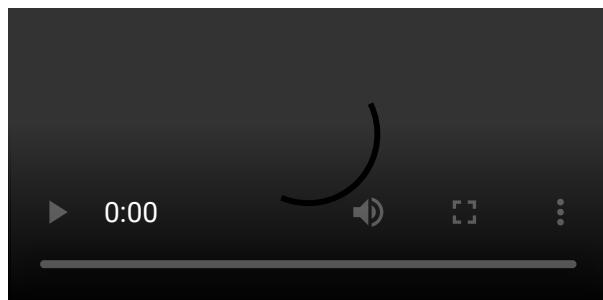
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