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Three-time Olympic gold medalist Catalina Ponor (Romania) has been forced up the upcoming world championships in Glasgow.

Romanian star **Catalina Ponor** is the latest gymnast to withdraw from the upcoming world championships in Glasgow, Scotland, due to injury.

Ponor, a five-time Olympic and five-time world medalist, was set to make her return to the world stage in Glasgow after a three-year hiatus following the 2012 Olympic Games. She recently showed her gymnastics fans she was once again ready to help her team return to the podium at a recent dual meet held between Romania and France, held on September 12.

However, after suffering an incomplete tear in the calf muscle connected to the Achilles tendon, Ponor was forced to sit out the Romanian nationals a few weeks ago, although she hoped she would recover through rest and rehabilitation in time for Glasgow. She told IG she thought the leg was better, so a couple of days ago she did a timer vault and re-injured the tear, ending her hopes for a comeback in Scotland.

"I did everything I could and I fought until the last moments to be there for Romania, but the rupture sustained at nationals relapsed," Ponor announced on Instagram. "I am very sorry, because I would have liked with all my soul to help the team and to listen again to the national anthem on the podium. I'll be with my girls and I'll keep my fingers crossed for them. Girls, I put all my hopes in your work!"

**Andreea Iridon**, originally scheduled as alternate, will replace Ponor on the team. **Andreea Munteanu** will now be the alternate for the Romanian team.

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*Correction: An earlier version of this article stated the location of the injury was her knee.*