



## **BATTLE OF THE BORDERS ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA**

**As of January 26, 2016**

### **OVERVIEW OF THE BATTLE OF THE BORDERS EVENT:**

1. The objective of the Battle of the Borders is to provide Squash Canada Athlete Development Program Athletes the opportunity to represent Team Canada. With so few opportunities to represent Canada at the junior level, the Battle of the Borders adds a new tier for junior age athletes.
2. Battle of the Border athletes are:

Athletes within the Learn to Train, Train to Train or Train to Compete stage of the LTAD model and have a proven high performance junior squash profile.

### **PURPOSE:**

3. This Policy governs Squash Canada's selection of the Battle of the Borders Team Athletes. The High Performance Committee will choose appropriate athletes to the Battle of the Borders Team upon completion of the National Junior Closed which is usually held in April.

### **COMMUNICATION:**

4. This Policy, and any amendments to it, will be posted on the Squash Canada website and in the High Performance Manual.

### **BATTLE OF THE BORDERS ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

5. To be named to the Battle of the Borders Team an athlete must meet the following eligibility criteria:
  - a) Be a member in good standing with his/her Provincial/Territorial squash association and a player in good standing with Squash Canada pursuant to any prior Athlete Agreement executed by the athlete, and
  - b) Be eligible to participate at the World Senior or World Junior Squash Team Championships.

### **BATTLE OF THE BORDER TEAM SELECTION REQUIREMENTS:**

6. To be considered for selection to the Battle of the Borders Team, an athlete must meet the following selection criteria;
  - a) Must be a Squash Canada named Athlete Development Program Athlete,
  - b) Must have a Canadian Junior National Ranking within the Top 6 of the U13, U15 or U17 age categories following the completion of the previous competitive squash season (which shall be defined as the conclusion of the National Junior Squash Championships)
  - c) Must have a proven and recent successful performance record. Successfully competing at the following events: Canadian Junior Championships, Canadian Junior Open, US Junior Open, Dutch Junior Open, Scottish Junior Open, British Junior Open, National Team Selection events and Provincial/Territorial Open and Closed,
  - d) Must have competed in his or her respective Provincial or Territorial Junior Closed or Open events. One of these events can be replaced by either the Senior Open or Closed event, and
  - e) Must have competed in the Canadian Junior Closed Nationals and the Canadian Junior Open (unless an injury can be supported with Doctors note)
7. **Priority #1:** Junior Squash Championships division winners and runners-up for their respective age-groups.  
**Priority #2:** Athletes ranked in the top 2 nationally in their respective age-groups.
8. Squash Canada reserves the right to name one athlete per age-group (six in total) at its discretion to the Battle of the Borders Team. This will allow Squash Canada to identify athletes who may have improved quickly, athletes who choose to play up at nationals or athletes who are in their `down year`
9. The age cut off will be the same as for the Canadian Junior Championship of the same year.

### **SELECTION OF ATHLETES TO BATTLE OF THE BORDERS TEAM:**

10. The High Performance Committee (HPC) will convene a meeting within four (4) weeks upon completion of the Canadian Closed Junior Championships of the same year to identify and select candidates for the Battle of the Borders Team
11. The HPC will consider the relevant information in Sections 6, 7 and 8 above. The HPC will select a total of up to 4 players per age category per gender totalling up to a maximum of 24 athletes.

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