

**Can-Am Cup Doubles Squash Matches**  
**Canadian and United States Team Selection Criteria**  
**Event Format Overview**  
January 1, 2014

Team Selection

There will be two teams chosen to represent each country in each of the following age groups: Men's Open, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+, 75+; Women's Open, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+. These players will be chosen as follows:

- a. Any player who wins his country's National Doubles Championship in the most recent National Championship held before the Can-Am Cup must be invited to participate in the Can-Am Cup. This National Champion provision shall not apply to the Canadian Women's 45+ and Women's 55+ divisions.\*
- b. The #1 ranked individual on each wall (using North American Ranking points) in each age category shall automatically be invited to play for their respective country. The #1 ranked individual in each age category will be determined by their age as of December 31 in the year of play.
- c. The best players who meet the eligibility requirements for their country as determined by the respective individual(s) in charge of the selection process for that country.

Eligibility

Players must be members in good standing of their respective provincial, territorial or national squash association.

Eligibility will be determined based on citizenship not residence. In the event an eligible player has dual citizenship and did not compete in the previous Can-Am, the player will have the right to choose what country he or she will play for. If a player applies to play for one country but is ineligible to play due to his/her ranking, the player may play for the other country provided he /she is eligible to play for that country.

Players with dual citizenship shall represent the country that they last represented in Can-Am Cup competition, provided, however, that should that player not be asked to represent said country by July 1st of the Can-Am Cup year then said player shall be eligible to play for the other country.

Each country shall set its own deadline for applications to participate in this event. Each team shall be chosen at least 10 days prior to the event. At a mutually agreed time, not more than 10 days before the event, the respective captains of each team shall simultaneously disclose their team and line-up to the other in a conference call or other suitable manner.

Substitutions

In the case of a late withdrawal or injury a captain may either substitute an eligible player not already on the roster to play all matches or assign players from a higher age category to play one additional match as well as the lightning round match.

### Event Format

Play for the Canada vs. U.S. competition will consist of three rounds. At the start of the competition, the captain(s) shall pair up players in each age group as he or she sees fit, and in each age group there will be a designated number one and number two team. Each Canadian and U.S. pair will play two matches plus a one game lightning round match.

All players must be available for their earliest match time and the Opening Ceremonies and are expected to attend the Closing Ceremonies and Cup/Trophy presentation at 3:00 PM Sunday and should schedule their travel plans accordingly.

### **Round One – #1 vs. #2**

Within each age group best three of five game matches will be played as follows:

#1 U.S. vs. #2 Canada

#2 U.S. vs. #1 Canada

Each match will count 1 point.

Total points in Round One: 28.

### **Round Two – Head to Head**

Within each age group, best three of five game matches will be played as follows:

#1 U.S. vs. #1 Canada

#2 U.S. vs. #2 Canada

Each match will count 1 ½ points.

Total points in Round Two: 42.

### **Round Three – Lightning Round**

Each country's teams will be combined into four categories as follows:

Category A – Men's Open, 40+, 45+;

Category B- Men's 50+, 55+ and 60+;

Category C – Men's 65+, 70+ and 75+;

Category D – Women's Open, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+.

Within each category, right wall players and left wall players will be grouped and teams for the lightning round will be determined by randomly selecting one right wall and one left wall player. Lightning round teams shall not be comprised of players that are playing as a team in Rounds One and Two. Each team will play one game against the corresponding team from the other country. Each lightning round match shall be played with the winning team the first to win 21 points without a tie-breaker.

Each lightning round game will count ½ point.

Total points awarded in Round Three: 14.

The resulting format would yield fourteen different age/gender categories with four matches played per category plus the Lightning Round which would yield an additional 28 lightning round games.

### Scoring

Total points available in all three rounds equal 84. The winner of the overall competition will be the first country that wins 42 ½ points.

There shall also be separate events for the men and women with the results of their matches counting towards the men's and women's events only. The men's event shall be won by the country that wins 27 ½ points and the women's event shall be won by the country that wins 15 ½ points. The men's event shall be named the Bernheimer/Bell Trophy and the women's event shall be named the Gillen/Pierce Trophy.

Should there be a tie in total points the team that last won the Cup/Trophy shall retain it until the next competition two years hence.

\*This is to provide the same selection criteria for the Canadian and US teams. The US Doubles Championship does not offer Women's 45+ or Women's 55+ divisions.