



2018 PAN AMERICAN JUNIOR SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS
ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA

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1. THE EVENT:

The Pan American Junior Championships brings together male and female junior competitors from all competing nations in North, Central, and South America and the Caribbean. The event includes an individual event, a Teams event, a softball doubles event, and a softball mixed-doubles event (doubles events on a singles court). This event is held annually in one of the member nations of the Pan American Squash Federation; please refer to the Squash Canada National Calendar for the date and location of the Championships.

Squash Canada is committed to Canada sending a Junior Men’s Team, a Junior Women’s Teams or both, to the Championships subject to sufficient participation. Representing Canada, each Team will be comprised of the following:

- a) The Canadian Junior Men’s Team shall consist of up to four (4) male athletes, and/or
- b) The Canadian Junior Women’s Team shall consist of up to four (4) female athletes;
- c) Each of the Canadian Junior Men’s and Junior Women’s Teams may have up to two (2) non -travelling reserves named.

For the Championship’s variety of events, a nation can enter:

- A maximum of 4 athletes in the Junior Men’s Individual Championship.
- A maximum of 4 athletes in the Junior Women’s Individual Championship.
- A maximum of 1 Junior Men’s Team in the Doubles Championship.
- A maximum of 1 Junior Women’s Team in the Doubles Championship.
- A maximum of 1 Team, each Team made up of a male athlete and a female athlete, in the Mixed-Doubles Championship.
- A Junior Men’s Team’s event consisting of minimum 2 players to a maximum of 4.
- A Junior Women’s Team event consisting of minimum 2 players to a maximum of 4.
- A maximum of four male athletes and four female athletes per nation may participate in the Championships.

NOTE: This is a non-funded event and all athletes are responsible for their own costs to participate in the Championships. Costs (the “Participation Fee”) includes, but is not limited to, entry fees, transportation, medical insurance, visas and or inoculations (if required), meals, accommodation, and all National Team coach’s expenses. Squash Canada shall make best efforts to fund National Coaches, subject to annual budgeting permitting. Approximate cost to participate in the Championships is approximately \$3,000 - \$4,500 per athlete. Squash Canada shall publish the Team’s participation budget on or before January 31st of the year of the Championships, contingent that the location and fee structure has been determined by hosts for this event by this date.

2. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

To be eligible for selection to the Canadian Junior Men's or Junior Women's Team, each of the following criteria apply:

- a) Be a member in good standing with his/her provincial/territorial squash association.
- b) An athlete is eligible to represent Canada in the Championships if the athlete was born in Canada, or is a citizen of Canada, or became a naturalized citizen of Canada, or has resided in Canada, for at least three years immediately preceding the Championships. (**Note:** Notwithstanding the above, an athlete is ineligible to represent Canada in the Championships if the athlete has represented another country in a recognized international squash Championships (e.g. WSF World Championships, regional Championships with official National representation, official match-play between National federations) in any age group, in the three years preceding the Championships start date.
- c) Be younger than 19 years of age as of the final day of the Championships (**Note:** all athletes must provide proof of date of birth on a government of Canada, or Canadian provincial government's issued item of identification).
- d) Athletes must be prepared to provide a copy of their passport to the Championships office prior to the first Technical Meeting. In the case of any queries, the original passport must be shown to the Technical Director.
- e) Athletes must sign a Squash Canada Athlete Agreement (upon selection).
- f) Athletes must have a valid WSF SPIN #.

To be eligible to participate in the Championships, all interested athletes must submit the "Intent to Participate Declaration" form by no later than midnight EST, March 1st, the year of the Championships, to Squash Canada:

Attention: Program Coordinator of Squash Canada, via email to kyle.ogilvy@squash.ca

3. SELECTION CRITERIA

Selection decisions under this policy will be made by the Selection Committee comprised of:

- **For the Junior Men's Team:** the Athlete Director, Junior Men's National Team Coach, the Athlete Pathway Manager, and the High Performance Director and/or Executive Director.
- **For the Junior Women's Team:** the Athlete Director, Chair of HP Committee, Junior Women's National Coach, the Athlete Pathway Manager, and the High Performance Director and/or Executive Director.

Team athlete selections shall be at the discretion of the Selection Committee, exercised in accordance with each of the criteria set out below:

- a) The first four places on both the Junior Men's and Junior Women's Teams will be awarded to the top 4 ranked athletes from Squash Canada's "Overall Junior Rankings by Gender", using the most recent Canadian rankings published by March 1st (or the next business day of March) of the year of the Championships.
 - i. Rankings will include all results submitted to Squash Canada from all Canadian sanctioned tournaments, and other nation's National Junior Championships results submitted to Squash Canada, up to March 1st of the year of the Championships.
 - ii. Rankings will include all results submitted to Squash Canada from other nation's National Junior Championships results, whereby Canadian athletes have had head-to head results, and these

results are submitted to Squash Canada within 30 days, up to March 1st of the year of the Championships.

- b) In the event a selected athlete chooses not to participate in the Championships, the Athlete Pathway Manager (or High Performance Director, or Executive Director) will offer the vacant position to the next highest ranked athlete from the same ranking list. That replacement athlete must satisfy all criteria in accordance with the Eligibility Criteria.
- c) Squash Canada must have received from each athlete an “Intent to Participate Declaration” form in accordance with the Eligibility Criteria.
- d) Final Team selection of the Canadian Team to compete in the Pan Am Championships will be announced by March 10th (or the next business day of March) of the year of Championships.

The Canadian Team’s official playing order and the doubles Team pairing on each Canadian Team and players to play in the Individual events will be determined at the discretion of each of the Junior Men’s Team and Junior Women’s Team National coaches attending the Championships and in accordance with the FPS Guidelines.

4. OBLIGATIONS ONCE SELECTED:

To remain eligible, all athletes selected to the Canadian Team to compete at the Championships, must adhere to each of the following:

- a) Maintain status as a member in good standing with their provincial/territorial squash association.
- b) Maintain the obligations stated in the athlete-signed Squash Canada Athlete Agreement.
- c) Participate in all designated training programs, competitive activities, evaluation activities and reporting procedures under supervision of the Canadian Junior National Coach or the Athlete Pathway Manager.
- d) Demonstrate commitment to the Canadian Team by maintaining or improving fitness levels and ensuring that competitive performance is maintained at a high standard appropriate for competition at the Championships.
- e) Provide satisfactory medical clearance upon the request of Squash Canada and/or the Canadian Junior National Coach or the Athlete Pathway Manager.
- f) The amount of the overall Participation Fee will be updated by Squash Canada on or before March 21st of the year of the Championships to the best of its ability based upon information received from hosts at that time, which will be shared with athletes. The overall Participation Fee can be subject to fluctuation beyond Squash Canada’s control and the overall amount remains the sole responsibility of the athlete to furnish. Any financial commitment made by Squash Canada with the use of the overall Participation Fee, is subject to either, full, partial or no reimbursement, contingent on the policy Squash Canada is subject to, and at what stage for which the financial commitment was made.
- g) Receipt of payment of a deposit of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to Squash Canada on or before March 31st of the year of the Championships, which contributes to the athlete’s Participation Fee. Any financial commitment made by Squash Canada with the use of the \$1,000 deposit, is subject to either, full, partial or no reimbursement, contingent on the policy that Squash Canada is subject to, as of the date that the financial commitment was made.
- h) Receipt of the balance of the Participation Fee payable to Squash Canada on or before April 30th of the year of the Championships.

Failure to satisfy any of the above noted criteria may result in an athlete being omitted from the Canadian Team at the sole discretion of the Selection Committee.

5. Injury Consideration

If a player was top 4 ranked on Squash Canada's "Overall Junior Rankings by Gender" in the immediate six months prior to March 1, but whose Canadian ranking dropped due to extended injury or sickness within those six months to the point that the player has dropped from the Top 4 as at March 1, the Selection Committee may consider an 'Injury' application. An Injury application must be submitted in writing and received no later than midnight EST on March 1, Attention: Program Coordinator of Squash Canada, via email to kyle.ogilvy@squash.ca. The application must be accompanied by a medical certificate that meets the following requirements:

- a) Statement of injury
- b) Statement of recommended time period the athlete should or has refrained from squash training and competition.
- c) Sent on headed paper with the physician/medical company name, address and date.
- d) Signed by an arm's length medical professional authorizing the document, who is not a family member, or personal friend/contact of the person with whom the medical certificate applies to.

The Selection Committee retains the right to request additional documentation and/or to conduct further investigation. It is the Selection Committee's sole discretion to accept or reject an Injury application.

6. International Disclaimer

These procedures are based on World Squash Federation and Pan American Squash Federation rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in World Squash Federation or Pan American Squash Federation rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to the Squash Canada. However, the selection process is always subject to unforeseen intervening circumstances and realistically cannot account for every possible contingency.

7. Coaching

Squash Canada will appoint a National coach(es) to accompany the athletes to the Championships. Athletes may not bring their private/personal coaches to the Championships.



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Intent to Participate Declaration in Pan Am Junior Championships

Deadline for Submission: 11:59 pm ET, March 1

Year of Junior Pan Am Championships:

Location:

Athlete’s Name:

Parent or Legal Guardian Name(s):

Athlete’s Home Address:

Tel #:

Parent Email Address:

Athlete Email Address:

PT Membership:

Home Club:

Date of Birth:

World Squash Federation SPIN#:

Citizenship:

or have resided in Canada for at least the three (3) years immediately preceding the Championships:

Yes or No:

I hereby agree that, if my child is selected to the Canadian Team for the Pan American Squash Championships Team, he/she is eligible as per the Eligibility Criteria, and agrees to:

- a) Maintain status as a member in good standing with their provincial/territorial squash association.
- b) Maintain the obligations stated in the athlete-signed Squash Canada Athlete Agreement.
- c) Participate in all designated training programs, competitive activities, evaluation activities and reporting procedures under supervision of the Canadian Junior National Coach or the Athlete Pathway Manager.
- d) Demonstrate commitment to the Canadian Team by maintaining or improving fitness levels and ensuring that competitive performance is maintained at a high standard appropriate for competition at the Championships.
- e) Provide satisfactory medical clearance upon the request of Squash Canada and/or the National Team Coach or the Athlete Pathway Manager.
- f) The amount of the overall Participation Fee will be confirmed to all Team athletes on or before March 21st of the year of the Championships, contingent that the location and fee structure has been determined for this event by this date. The overall Participation Fee can be subject to fluctuation beyond Squash Canada’s control and the overall amount remains the sole responsibility of the athlete to furnish. Any financial commitment made by Squash Canada with the use of the overall Participation Fee, is subject to either, full, partial or no reimbursement, contingent on the policy Squash Canada is subject to, and at what stage for which the financial commitment was made.
- g) Receipt of payment of a deposit of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to Squash Canada on or before March 31st of the year of the Championships, which contributes to the athlete’s Participation Fee. Any financial commitment made by Squash Canada with the use of the \$1,000 deposit, is subject to either, full, partial or no reimbursement, contingent on the policy Squash Canada is subject to, and at what stage for which the financial commitment was made.
- h) Receipt of the balance of the Participation Fee payable to Squash Canada on or before April 30th of the year of the Championships.

Parent/Guardian Name (please print)

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Witness