

CANADIAN NATIONAL RANKINGS

POINTS BASED HEAD TO HEAD RANKING SYSTEM



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OVERVIEW:

The **Canadian National Rankings** are Squash Canada's national singles ranking system. The system gives Canadian squash players an accurate Canadian National Ranking and provides an event management structure that helps promote competition at all levels. The **Canadian National Rankings** utilize the ELO chess ranking system, which is based on head to head results between two individuals at tournaments. The **Canadian National Ranking** program was selected by Squash Canada for its accuracy; a player gains or loses points based on their results relative to their competition. Players appearing in the **Canadian National Rankings** accumulate points through provincial, national and international tournaments that have been sanctioned by Squash Canada.

INITIALIZATION PROCESS:

The Ranking Technical Committee is comprised of national and provincial representatives who will oversee the initialization and re-initialization of all players. As part of the initialization process players were banded (grouped accordingly to levels) and were assigned points based on their playing level to create an initial ranking. Once the ranking system was launched, a player's ranking will fluctuate as he or she wins or loses matches in sanctioned tournaments.

In order to determine the initial ranking of Canadian squash players, the ranking committee considered:

- Adult will be initialised based on their first exposure
- Juniors will be initialised based on the below chart
- PSA Men and Women rankings
- Provincial/Territorial Feedback & Rankings

DISCLAIMER NOTES:

1. *If an error has been made in the initialization of a player, Squash Canada may adjust a player's rankings to the correct level (points total).*
2. *Squash Canada reserves the right to re-initialize players who are incorrectly ranked in the system;*
3. *At the end of each squash season (September 1 – May 15), Squash Canada will conduct a ranking review to determine if players need to be re-initialized in the system*
4. *If a player does not appear on the ranking list, they should notify Squash Canada via email at performance@squash.ca. Any appropriate adjustments will be considered by the Ranking Technical Committee*

WHICH EVENTS ARE USED FOR THE RANKINGS?

Squash Canada inputs the following tournaments & draws into the **Canadian National Rankings**:

- **Provincial Championships Open & Closed Events** (Open, A Divisions, Masters Events 35+, 40+, 45+ etc.,)
- **Provincially Sanctioned Club Events** (Open, A Division) PT's to provide a list of events to be included in the ranking
- **Canadian Squash Championships** (Open, A and all other companion events including Masters age group events)
- **Junior Results** (U13, U15, U17, U19) **see note below some restrictions apply*
- **Canadian Team Championships** (Men's, Women's and Masters Teams Results)
- **Canadian University & College Championships** (Open & A Divisions only)
- **National Team Selection Trials** (Junior & Senior)
- **PSA Men and Women Matches** (head-to-head results between Canadian Players)
- **Major Junior & Senior International Games / Events** (head-to-head results between Canadian Players). NSO Junior Opens to be included only; Dutch, Scottish, US and British Junior Opens for example; **it is up to the winning player to report the results, with proof, to Squash Canada within 7 days of the event finishing.**

* Squash Canada will not include novice, bronze or silver events into the junior rankings.

Sanctioned Events: Events which are sanctioned by the Provincial/Territorial Squash Association or Squash Canada will be deemed for use in the Canadian National Rankings. For an event to be sanctioned, a fee must be paid from the host club to the governing body.

NOTES:

- Only National & Provincial / Territorial sanctioned events will be used for the purposes of the **Canadian National Rankings**
- Squash Canada rankings are used in part to select players for national teams / squads as well as to seed players for national & provincial sanctioned events
- It will be the responsibility of the Provincial / Territorial Association &/or tournament Chair/Director to provide Squash Canada with an excel/spread sheet so Squash Canada can enter those results. It is also the responsibility of the Provincial / Territorial Association &/or tournament chair/Director to provide a spread sheet with nationalities to identify non-Canadians.
- Squash Canada does not consider League matches, challenge / ladder matches, exhibitions matches/results, club championships / events or any non-sanctioned events for the rankings. The discussion was to include League play initially, however, managing logistics could prove difficult so no league results for now.

NEW PLAYERS, HOW DOES ONE BECOME RANKED?

To be included in the **Canadian National Rankings**, a player first must be a registered member of a P/T and must participate in three match interactions in officially sanctioned event within 365 days, which has been deemed eligible for inclusion in the Squash Canada National Rankings. Squash Canada automatically assigns ranking points for new players using the following method:

Junior Events:

Juniors								
Province	Boys				Girls			
	U13	U15	U17	U19	U13	U15	U17	U19
ON/BC/AB	900	1000	1100	1200	950	1150	1350	1550
MB/SK/PEI/QC/NS	850	950	1050	1150	900	1100	1300	1500
NWT/YK/NL/NB	800	900	1000	1100	850	1050	1250	1450

Adult: will be initialized based on their first exposure as determined by the ranking technical committee.

INACTIVE PLAYERS:

Players who do not play the minimum required tournaments and matches during the competitive squash season (September 1st – May 31st) shall be considered inactive on the ranking list. Minimum requirements:

- Adult and Masters players must play a minimum of 2 matches
- Professional, Open and Junior players must play a minimum of 6 matches for a rolling 365 days beginning September, 2016

Squash Canada will not include results that take place from June 1st – August 31st allowing for the following exceptions:

- **PSA male and female Professional Events** which take place outside of the squash competitive season
- **Canadian National Selection Trials (Junior / Senior)** which take place outside of the squash competitive season
- **International Events (Junior / Senior)** which take place outside of the squash competitive season

Based on the minimum requirements above, players who become inactive will be removed from the ranking list. A player who is currently deemed inactive will reappear in the rankings upon participation in the minimum required matches. In addition, Squash Canada will issue the player a manually adjusted 12-point penalty for their inactive status prior to reinstating the player.

DEFAULTS: During the Event or once the draws are public

Any player who defaults from a match or fails to show up for a match once the tournament draws are made posted/public will lose points to their opponent. The player who defaults from a match or fails to show for a match will automatically lose 12 points in the rankings. Their opponent will gain 12 points for the default or no show (or the appropriate head to head points and only if a replacement match is not played.).

NOTE: Once draws are posted/public, there is no appeal for the first defaulted match and the loss of points will be automatic and cannot be given back regardless of a doctor's note. No further points will be lost for the rest of the defaults. Please forward Doctor's note to Squash Canada (via scanned email) by no later than 7 days after the conclusion of the event.

Once a player defaults a match the player **may** continue in the next round of the tournament based the following guidelines:

1. A player is temporarily injured, cannot play a certain match so self-defaults, but is able to compete the next match/day
2. A player is temporarily sick, cannot play a certain match so self-defaults, but is able to compete the next match/day
3. A player is defaulted by the referee due to illness, cramp or other

If a player is defaulted from a match by the referee because of behavior issues the player **may not** continue in the tournament.

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WITHDRAWALS: Prior to the event and before the draws are made public

A player can withdraw from a tournament prior to the draw being made public without the loss of ranking points and there is no need for a doctor's note.

RANKING LISTS:

It is the responsibility of the Provincial/Territorial Squash Associations along with Tournament Chairs/Directors to provide Squash Canada with results on an event-to event basis (within no more than 14 days following the conclusion of a sanctioned event). Squash Canada will update the rankings a minimum of once per month (usually around the 1st of each month) during the competitive squash season (September 1 – May 31).

SEEDING EVENTS:

Seeding for all Squash Canada events will be based on the most recently updated rankings, and augmented by PSA male/female rankings or international / national rankings for foreign players or other players not in the ranking system. Provincial and Territorial rankings will also be taken into account when appropriate. Seeding's for national championships will follow the respective seeding procedures as outlined in Squash Canada's national championships hosting standards.

MATCHES AGAINST NON-CANADIANS:

Only head to head matches between Canadian Squash Players will be considered for the Squash Canada ranking. Points will not be awarded if a Canadian plays a foreign player at the competition (i.e. Canadian Junior Open Championship) unless he or she is a member in good standing with a respective Provincial/Territorial Squash Association and/or is residing in Canada. All other foreign or non-Canadian players will not be considered for the ***Canadian National Rankings***.

MANUALLY ENTERING MATCHES INTO THE RANKINGS:

Squash Canada will manually enter results into the ***Canadian National Rankings*** under, but not limited to, the following instances:

- Draws submitted to Squash Canada that cannot be re-created or entered into the system (Compatibility Issues) can be manually entered by Squash Canada at a fee of \$70 per event.
- PSA male/female, Major International Events
- Errors or corrections to a player's profile missed results or corrections to a player's record, adjusting player's points due to submission of medical documentation

WHO DO YOU CONTACT IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION REGARDING YOUR RANKING?

If a player doesn't have his/her points adjusted/imputed correctly, they should contact Squash Canada Rankings at performance@squash.ca. Concerns will be reviewed and any required adjustments to the rankings will be made. The reasonable time frame for making changes to a player's points is not more than 30 days after rankings have been published.



SQUASH CANADA POINTS TABLE:

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Point Difference between 2 players at the time of match	★		★★		★★★		★★★★		
	1 Star Event		2 Star Event		3 Star Event		4 Star Event		
	Higher	Lower	Higher	Lower	Higher	Lower	Higher	Lower	
400 +	0	32	1	48	1	64	1	80	
300 – 399	1	26	2	39	2	52	3	65	
200 – 299	2	22	3	33	4	44	5	55	
150 – 199	3	18	4	27	6	36	7	45	
100 – 149	4	15	6	22	8	30	10	37	
50 – 99	6	12	8	18	12	24	14	30	
25 – 49	7	10	10	15	14	20	17	25	
0 – 24	8	8	12	12	16	16	20	20	

NOTE: Inter-gender matches that qualify as an interaction in the Junior or Senior Squash Canada Rankings will be subject to a 12 point gain for the winner and 12 point loss for the loser regardless of the ranking point difference between the 2 players.

EXAMPLE OF HOW THE RANKINGS WORK?

Player A, who has 2150 ranking points, is playing Player B, who has 2075 rankings points, in a four star squash event. The difference between Player A's and Player B's rankings points is 75 points. 75 points falls into the 50-99 point difference category so that row will be used to determine the rankings points won and lost. Next, using the star level of the event (four stars), the appropriate intersecting column can be located on the chart. The final step is determined by who won the match. As the higher ranked player, if Player A wins the match; Player A would gain 14 points, while Player B would lose 14 points. Conversely, as the lower ranked player, if Player B were to win the match; Player B would gain 30 points, and Player A would lose 30 points, as laid out in the chart. Under the scenario of Player A winning the match, Player A's new point total would be 2164 points (2150 + 14) and Player B's new point total would be 2061 points (2075-14). Under the scenario of Player B winning the match, Player A's new point total would be 2120 points (2150-30), and Player B's new point total would be 2105 points (2075+30).

SQUASH CANADA TOURNAMENT RATING GUIDE: 2017-2018 SEASON

EVENT TYPE	EVENTS INCLUDED IN RANKING
Provincial/Regional Championships Open & Closed Events (BC, AB, SK, MB, ON, QC, NB, NS, PEI, NL, YK, NWT)	Open, 'A' Division Adult Events, Masters Age Groups (30+, 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+, 75+)
STAR VALUE	Main and Consolation Draws ★★

EVENT TYPE	EVENTS INCLUDED IN RANKING
Provincially Sanctioned Club Events (BC, AB, SK, MB, ON, QC, NB, NS, PEI, NL, YK, NWT)	Open, 'A' Division Adult Events
STAR VALUE	Main and Consolation Draws ★

EVENT TYPE	EVENTS INCLUDED IN RANKING
Canadian Team Championships (Men's, Women's & Masters Team Results)	Men's, Women's and Masters Teams (Preliminary Round Robin, Playoff or Placing Matches)
STAR VALUE	Each Match or Individual Encounters ★★

EVENT TYPE	EVENTS INCLUDED IN RANKING
Canadian University & College Championships	Open & A Division Only
STAR VALUE	Main and Consolation Draws ★★ (OPEN 'A' DIVISION)

EVENT TYPE	EVENTS INCLUDED IN RANKING
Canadian Squash Championships (Senior)	Open, A and all other companion events including Masters Age Groups included in event information (Open, A, B, C, 30+, 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+, 75+)
STAR VALUE	OPEN DIVISION Main, Classic Plate and Consolation Draws 'A' DIVISION AND ALL OTHER EVENTS Main and Consolation Draws ★★★

EVENT TYPE	EVENTS INCLUDED IN RANKING
Junior Results (Junior Core / Selection Events; Canadian Jr. Open; Canadian Junior Championships; Provincial/Regional Open & Closed; All other Provincial Events)	U13, U15, U17, U19 (Main / Consolation Events)
STAR VALUE	NSO Opens Main, Consolation and Bronze Draws ★★★★★ Canadian Junior Championships Main, Consolation and Bronze Draws ★★★★★ Canadian Junior Open Main, Consolation and Bronze Draws ★★★★★ Junior Core / Selection Events Main and Consolation Draws ★★ Provincial Open & Closed Events Main and Consolation Draws ★★ All other Junior Events Main and Consolation Draws ★

EVENT TYPE	EVENTS INCLUDED IN RANKING
SENIOR & JUNIOR NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION TRIALS	Senior & Junior National Team Selection Trials
STAR VALUE	Senior & Junior Matches - ★★★

EVENT TYPE	EVENTS INCLUDED IN RANKING
PSA male and female Major International Games & Events (Major International Games – World Championships, Pan American Championships, British Jr. Open, US Jr. Open, Scottish Jr. Open, Dutch Jr. Open, Pioneer Jr. Open and Canadian Jr. Open as well as Canada Games)	* Only head-to-head between Canadians entered PSA male and female - ★★★★★ Senior Major International Games / Events - ★★★★★ Junior Major International Games / Events Main and Consolation Draws ★★★★★ Canada Games Matches - ★★★