



**Squash Canada – High Performance  
Athlete Representation Opportunities  
(As of April 26, 2012)**

**Preamble**

1. In accordance with Squash Canada's Bylaws, specifically Section 1.1.2, Squash Canada is required to have two (2) persons, one male and one female, named Athletes' Representatives elected by athletes involved in Squash Canada's National Teams Program. The Athletes' Representatives will have the right to one (1) vote each at meetings of members.
2. The role of the Athletes' Representatives will be to represent the interests of all Squash Canada high performance athletes.

**Eligibility and Nomination**

3. Any person wishing to be elected as a Squash Canada Athlete Representative must:
  - a. Be eighteen (18) years of age or older;
  - b. Have the power under law to contract;
  - c. Be a current or recent past member of a Squash Canada National Senior Squad; and
  - d. Not be a full time employee of Squash Canada or its Provincial/Territorial Members.
4. Any nomination of a person for election as an Athletes' Representative will include the consent of the nominee.

**Elections**

5. The National Teams Program Athletes at the Canadian National Championships (Senior) held in odd years (i.e. 2013, 2015, 2017, etc) will elect two (2) persons as the Athletes' Representatives for a term of two (2) years. Elected Athletes' Representatives may serve consecutive terms.
6. The election of the Athletes' Representatives will be decided by majority vote of the voting National Teams Program Athletes (women vote for the women's Athletes' Representative and men vote for the men's Athletes' Representative) in accordance with the following:
  - a. One female valid nomination – winner declared by acclamation.
  - b. One male valid nomination – winner declared by acclamation.
  - c. Two or more female nominations, or two or more male nominations - Winners are the one male and one female nominees receiving the greatest number of votes. In the case of a tie for the position, a runoff vote will be conducted including only the tied nominees. Only those nominees who were tied for the position will appear on the ballot. The nominee receiving the greatest number of votes will be declared the winner. Additional runoff votes may occur if required.

7. Voting will be by a show of hands or orally, unless a secret ballot is requested.
8. Elected Athletes' Representatives will serve terms of two (2) years and will hold their position until their successors have been duly elected, unless they resign, are removed from or vacate their position.

### **Responsibilities**

9. The following outlines the various responsibilities and organizations the Athlete Representatives will work with and how they will work with them throughout their term:
  - a) Athletes CAN
    - Mission is to “work with others in leadership, advocacy and education to ensure a fair, responsive and supportive sport system for athletes.”
    - Attend Athletes Forum - annual conference which brings together elected athlete representatives from each NSF, allowing them the opportunity to voice concerns, share experiences and express views related to the role of athletes in the Canadian sport system.
  - b) Squash Canada
    - Act as part of the High Performance Committee.
    - Liaise with the High Performance Committee on decisions affecting squad and the High Performance Program.
    - Invited to attend discussion items of HP Committee where pertinent.
    - Attend AGM in June to represent athletes or if unable to attend propose a suitable replacement.
  - c) Responsibilities
    - To actively represent the interests and concerns of the athletes;
    - To review issues of interest to athletes which are raised for consideration;
    - To provide a forum in which athletes may share and develop information or ideas;
    - To ensure adequate communication of issues of concern to athletes;
    - Keep current with the National Team Program athletes and issues that affect them;
    - Become familiar with Squash Canada's policies;
    - Educate Squash Canada about current needs/status of National Team Program athletes;
    - Collection and summarization of annual input from athletes regarding Program Evaluation and provide a report to Squash Canada.

### **2012 – 2013 Athlete Representatives**

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