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EVENT:

The Senior National Team will compete at the World Squash Federation (WSF) World Team Squash Championships held biennially alternating Men & Women's years. The dates of the WSF World Team Squash Championships will be published on Squash Canada's National Events Calendar and High Performance Manual.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

To be eligible for selection to the Senior National Team for the WSF World Team Squash Championship, a player:

- a) Must be a member in good standing with her provincial/territorial squash association and an athlete in good standing with Squash Canada as outlined in the athlete agreement, and,
- b) Must be a current member of a Squash Canada National Squad (High Performance Squad, Transition Squad, Talent Identification Program or Junior National Team) or qualify through the Selection Trial process pursuant to the High Performance Squad Eligibility and Selection Criteria in the year of the competition, and,
NOTE: The squads will be selected and announced by September 1st of each year.
- c) Must be eligible to represent Canada in the WSF World Team Championship. This requires that a player be born in Canada, or be a citizen of Canada, or have resided in Canada for at least the three (3) years immediately preceding the WSF World Team Championship; and,
- d) Must not have represented another country in the three (3) years preceding the start date of the WSF World Team Championship in a recognized international Squash Team Championship in any age group. Thereafter, he/she may represent Canada only with the prior approval of the WSF Competitions Committee.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

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

For the Men: the VP of High Performance, the Vice-Chair Men, the Senior Men's National Coach, the Athlete Director, the Squash Canada High Performance Director and/or Executive Director.

For the Women: the VP of High Performance, the Vice-Chair Women, the Senior Women's National Coach, the Athlete Director, the Squash Canada High Performance Director and/or Executive Director.

Selection decisions are based in accordance with the criteria set out below.

Selection to the Canadian Senior National Team is based on results achieved during the current and previous competitive seasons which is September 1 – May 31 of each year, leading up to the ***Subsection A ranking cutoff deadline*** (Date to be published in HP Manual and is 4 months prior to the start of the World Team Championships).

The Canadian Senior National Team shall consist of four (4) players plus one (1) non-traveling reserve. Selection for the players on the Canadian Senior National Team will be based on the following criteria:

Subsection A:

<u>Men’s National Team</u>	<u>Women’s National Team</u>
<u>Top 50 Professional Squash Association (PSA) as of</u> <u>Ranking Cut-off Date OR</u>	<u>Top 40 Women’s Squash Association (WSA) as of</u> <u>Ranking Cut-off Date OR</u>
<u>Winner of the most recent Canadian Squash</u> <u>Championship Open Division</u>	<u>Winner of the most recent Canadian Squash</u> <u>Championship Open Division</u>

Athletes who meet the criteria will be automatically selected to the Canadian Senior National Team that will represent Canada at the WSF World Team Squash Championship

NOTE:

1. If 4 players do not meet the above Criteria (Subsection A) then the remaining players will be considered in Criteria B and/or C (men’s Team only) to fill the remaining positions on the National Team.
2. In the event that more than 4 players meet Subsection A, the top 4 ranked players in the PSA ranking will be selected with all remaining players serving as alternates according to their respective PSA ranking.
3. In the event that 2 or more players have the same PSA ranking, the tie will be broken by the player with the higher order of finish at the most recent Canadian Squash Championship Open Division.

Subsection B:

Players who do not meet the criteria defined in (**Subsection A**) will be eligible for the final Squash Canada National Team Selection Trial (defined below) provided they meet the following objectives:

Men’s National Team	Women’s National Team
Have a PSA Ranking between 51 – 100 as of the ranking cutoff date (see High Performance Manual); or	Have a PSA Ranking between 41 – 120 as of the ranking cut-off date (see High Performance Manual); or
Top 5 finish in the Open Division at the most recent Canadian Squash Championship; and,	Top 10 finish in the Open Division at the most recent Canadian Squash Championship
2 players who qualify through the pre-qualifying tournament (Subsection C) – see HP Manual for dates	Top 8 finish at the most recent College Squash Association individual event
	Top 2 finish at the most recent Canadian University & College Championship prior to the ranking cutoff date
	Top 2 finish at the most recent Canadian Junior Squash Championships in the U19 Girls Division
	Ranked in the Top 12 in Canada in the Women’s Open Rankings as of the ranking cutoff date (see HP Manual)

NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION TRIAL: (Dates & Location of the National Team Selection Trial to be published on Squash Canada’s Website and in the High Performance Manual)

Players selected to participate in the National Team Selection Trial will compete for all remaining positions on the team once determined by **Subsection A**. The format of the National Team Selection Trials will be finalized based on the number of entries. The proposed format will be communicated via email to the participants following the close of the entry deadline.

Players wishing to participate in the Selection Trial must register with Squash Canada's High Performance Director by email, performance@squash.ca by the intent to participate date which will be published in the High Performance Manual. An event information sheet will be made available to registered players once all registration process closes, which will include format, schedule of play, dates and cost.

NOTE:

1. Squash Canada will fund 100% of the participation of Squash Canada High Performance squad athletes only. Squash Canada will pay economy airfare, via rail ticket or mileage (Lowest cost to the association), provide each athlete with a per-diem and shared accommodation (Hotel) or billet organized by the respective National Coach and/or High Performance Director; all others participants will be responsible to fund themselves for this event as there will be no additional funding available for this event.
2. Players who must participate in Subsection B of the process will be notified the week after the ranking cut-off date.
3. The non-traveling reserve (5th position) will be selected based on the order of finish from the final National Team Selection Trial.
4. At the World Championships, the National Coach will decide the Team’s order of play. This order may not correspond to the order in which athletes were selected.
5. All selection trial matches will be best 3 out of 5 matches PAR 11 (point of rally scoring).
6. Squash Canada reserves the right to alter the format, of the selection trial due to participation.

Subsection C: (Subsection C only applies to Male Athletes)

Players who do not meet the criteria defined in **(Subsection A or B)** will be considered eligible for the pre-qualifying tournament (described below), which will be held prior to the final National Team Selection Trial (see High Performance Manual for dates It is the intention to announce Pre-Qualifying Tournament dates after the most recent National Championships).

The following players will be invited to participate in the pre-qualifying tournament to a maximum of 8:

Men’s National Team Pre-Qualifying Selection Tournament (see HP Manual for dates & locations)	
Priority 1	Top 4 ranked Professional Squash Association (PSA) Player who do not meet (Subsection A or B) at the ranking cut-off date
Priority 2	Top 8 finish at the most recent Canadian Squash Championships
Priority 3	Top 8 national ranking from ranking list right after most recent Canadian Squash Championship
Priority 4	Top 8 finish at the most recent US College Squash Association Individual Championships
Priority 5	Top 2 finish at the most recent Canadian University & College Championships -

	Men's Open
Priority 6	Top 2 at the most recent Canadian Junior Squash in the Boys U19 age division

NOTE:

- a) All players wishing to participate on the national team pre-qualifying tournament are **required to fully fund** their participation in this event. Squash Canada will use its best endeavors to reduce the cost to the athlete by working with the host club to billet athletes whenever possible.
- b) Players who must participate in (**Subsection C**) process will be notified the week of the ranking cut-off (first ranking immediately following the most recent Canadian Squash Championships).
- c) The host club reserves the right to charge a tournament entry fee for this event

FORMAT OF PRE-QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT: (Subsection C)

The ideal format of the pre-qualifying tournament based on an 8 person round robin format as set out below. Squash Canada reserves the right to increase the draw if there are appropriate level athletes who make criteria. The draw will be communicated via email to the participants following the close of the entry deadline.

8-person Round Robin Draw
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 pools of 4 players with cross-over's and final placing • Pool A #1 vs. Pool B #2 & Pool B #1 vs. Pool A #2 • Players play off for 3rd and 4th place to determine reserve player for final trials

NOTE:

1. Squash Canada reserves the right to alter the format based on an odd number of entries (i.e., 7, 9, 10, 11 players). In the event that the format is altered, the change will have communicated to the players prior to the first match being played.
2. In the event that one of the qualifying players cannot participate in the final selection trial/camp the 3rd place finisher will be selected. If the 3rd place player cannot participate the next highest pre-qualifier will be selected.
3. All matches will be best 3 out of 5 set matches PAR 11 (point a rally scoring)

ATHLETE OBLIGATIONS ONCE SELECTED:

Once selected to the Canadian National Team, and to remain selected, players shall:

- Maintain status as a member in good standing with their provincial/territorial squash association and of Squash Canada; and
- Under supervision of the National Coach, participate in all training programs, competitive activities, evaluation activities and reporting procedures of the Canadian National Team; and
- Comply with the requirements of the Squash Canada Athlete Agreement; and
- Demonstrate commitment to the Canadian National Team by maintaining or improving fitness levels and ensuring that competitive performance is maintained at a high standard appropriate for competition at the world championships.
- Athletes must provide medical clearance when requested by Squash Canada as per the athlete agreement.

Failure to satisfy these criteria may result in the player being moved to the non-traveling reserve position on the Senior National Team or being removed from the Senior National Team entirely.