# SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR THE CANADIAN U23 SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS

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## 13.1 – GUIDING STATEMENT

The Canadian U23 Squash Championships are specifically designed to provide a competitive opportunity for post U19 up to U23 athletes from all provinces and territories. The event recognizes that a competitive continuum during this stage of the Player Development Model is key to facilitating athlete high performance aspirations and maintaining a high competitive level during university and college years.

Squash Canada's goals are:
- To ensure the quality of all its Championships;
- To find the means to have good representation at all its Championships from across the country;
- To promote the sport of squash through each event;
- To encourage camaraderie among participants from across the country;
- To ensure that all matches are completed in a fair and safe environment.

Prospective players in the Canadian U23 Championships are generally post-secondary students. As such, to encourage participation numbers, Host Committees shall be expected to keep the 'basic' registration fee to a very moderate level.

This Championships, while still under evaluation as a permanent Squash Canada national championship, are a full national championship in all respects. Full post-event evaluation and monitoring will be conducted that will help form the basis for the future of the event.

## 13.2 - DATES AND DURATION

The Canadian U23 Championships will take place on the last weekend in May or first weekend of June. The Championship will begin on the Friday, start time dependent on the number of entries.

## 13.3 – ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

The Championships are a 'closed' event. Only Canadian citizens, permanent residents/landed immigrants or persons residing continuously in Canada during the one year prior to the commencement of the Championships are eligible to enter the Men and Women's Open events.

All competitors must be members in good standing with their respective Provincial/Territorial Squash Association and/or Squash Canada.

Notwithstanding a competitor may be a member in good standing with their respective Provincial/Territorial Squash Association and Squash Canada, where a competitor is subject to a sanction imposed by the Host Club, Squash Canada shall respect that sanction, including any sanction which may preclude the person from entering the premises and thus participating in the Championships, provided the sanction was imposed using fair procedures. Specifically, the sanctioned person must have been informed by the Host Cub of the nature of the infraction and have been given an opportunity to provide information concerning the incident prior to the sanction being imposed.

Competitors must be under the age of 23 as of the final day of the Championships.

## 13.4 – CATEGORIES OF PLAY

Categories of play in the Canadian U23 Squash Championships will be as follows:
- Men's U23;
- Women's U23;

At the request of the host committee, Men's and Women's U23 B, C and D events may also be considered.

Participants may enter only one event.

## 13.5 – DRAW FORMAT

The Championships will use a single elimination main draw format, a playoff for 3$^{rd}$/4$^{th}$, and a full feed-in consolation, where draw size dictates, a quarter finalist consolation, and with all competitors guaranteed a minimum of three matches. Two possible exception exist:

- If there are 16 to 7 entries, the format will be a 16-player draw featuring a top and bottom bracket with playoffs that will play down to all places, 1 through to 16. As a condition of entry, players must commit to playing all matches for placement.
- If there are 4 to 6 entries, the format will be round-robin.

## 13.6 – SEEDING

Squash Canada is responsible for seeding all draws for National Championships. Seeding will be conducted in accordance with Appendix C: Seeding Policies & Procedures.

The percentage that shall be seeded, based on the number of entries in each draw, is 25%-50% (as appropriate).

## 13.7 – SCHEDULING OF MATCHES

The Host Committee will use the following guidelines when scheduling matches in the Canadian U23 Squash Championships:

A. Practice Courts
Practice Courts of proper dimensions, must be available at each host venue during a period of 48 hours prior to the commencement of play.

B. Allocated Time per Match
- Prior to quarter-finals - 35 minutes
- Quarter-finals and classic plate - 40 minutes
- Semi-finals and finals – 60 minutes

C. Rest Time Guidelines

A minimum of 8 hours must be allowed between the start time of a competitor's last match of one day and their first match the next day. If the number of entries permits, competitors should not have more than two matches per day. When playing more than one match on the same day, the following timelines should be observed:

- No less than **4** hours between the start time of one match and the commencement of the next in any draw, prior to the quarter-finals;
- No less than **5** hours between the start time of one match and the commencement of the next match for quarter-finals and beyond in the main draw or Classic Plate;

## 13.8 – TIN HEIGHT

Should the host venue have a sufficient number of courts capable of 17" tin height for all Championship matches (excludes any B, C or D categories), a 17" tin should be used for all Men's and Women's matches at the Canadian U23 Squash Championships. Where access to a 17" tin cannot be accommodated, a 19" tin shall be used for all matches.

## 13.9 – PRIZE MONEY

The Host Committee is responsible for securing a minimum of $2,500 Canadian Dollars prize money for the Men's and Women's U23 events, which is to be evenly distributed for the Men & Women's division as below. As event budgets may permit, the Host Committee may increase the total prize money and propose distribution, subject to approval by Squash Canada.

| Men's Event – Based on $1,250 Total Purse | | Women's Event – Based on $1,250 Total Purse | |
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| Placing | Amount $ | Placing | Amount $ |
| Champion | $700 | Champion | $700 |
| Finalist | $350 | Finalist | $350 |
| 3rd Place | $200 | 3rd Place | $200 |

NOTE: BASED ON $2,500 Total Prize Money