



CANADIAN TEAM - SENIOR WORLD TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA

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EVENT:

The Canadian Team (the "Team") will compete at the World Squash Federation (WSF) World Team Squash Championships held biennially alternating Men and Women's years. The dates of the WSF World Team Squash Championships are traditionally held in December and will be published on Squash Canada's National Events Calendar and website.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

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

- a) Must be a member in good standing with his or her provincial/territorial squash association and an athlete in good standing with Squash Canada as outlined in the athlete agreement.
- b) Be a Citizen of Canada, or a Permanent Resident of Canada, or be a resident of Canada for at least three (3) years continuously immediately preceding the World Team Championships (provided that residents who are in Canada as students or who are temporary workers are not eligible). Notwithstanding the foregoing, a junior who is a student but who is residing in Canada with a parent who is a Permanent Resident of Canada or who has been a resident of Canada for at least three (3) years, will not be so disqualified.
- c) Must be eligible to represent Canada in 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.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

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

- a) Chair of the High Performance Committee
- b) Athlete Director on the Board of Directors
- c) High Performance Director
- d) National Coach, if applicable
- e) Executive Director, if an odd number of members are required

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

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

<u>Men's Team</u>	<u>Women's Team</u>
<p>1. The highest three (3) Professional Squash Association (PSA) ranked players:</p> <p>a) As at the 1st of the month in the month that occurs a full four (4) months prior to the start of the Championship (i.e.: If a championship is scheduled for December 7 – 14, the PSA rankings as at August 1 shall apply); and</p> <p>b) On the condition that the players is ranked in the top 110 players.</p>	<p>1. The highest three (3) Professional Squash Association (PSA) ranked players:</p> <p>a) As at the 1st of the month in the month that occurs a full four (4) months prior to the start of the Championship (i.e.: If a championship is scheduled for December 7 – 14, the PSA rankings as at August 1 shall apply); and</p> <p>b) On the condition that the players is ranked in the top 60 players.</p>
<p>2. The 4th player and non-travelling reserve, and any additional selections required if step 1 above does not fill the first three spots, shall be a discretionary decision of the Selection Committee. In making such decision, the Committee shall consider such performance considerations as player ability, PSA ranking, Canadian ranking, head to head results, Canadian Squash Championship results, previous World Team Championship performance and experience, team cohesion, performance on demand in pressure situations, injury or extenuating circumstance that may have affected PSA rankings or performance in the previous 12 months, and any other such factors in order to field the strongest Canadian team.</p>	
<p>3. At the sole discretion of the Selection Committee, the Committee may request that a game, or a series of games, or a trials in any matter as prescribed be contested amongst a small number of candidates to assist with discretionary selections in step 2 above.</p>	

REQUIREMENTS TO REMAIN SELECTED AND REMOVAL:

1. Upon selection and in order to remain on the Team, a player must:
 - a. Possess a valid WSF Squash Personal Identification Number (SPIN)
 - b. Sign a Squash Canada - Athlete Agreement
 - c. Provide to Squash Canada all required documents (medical records, birth certificate, etc.)
 - d. Participate in all Team events, activities and meetings
 - e. Ensure proper equipment, clothing and funds
 - f. Obey all rules established by Squash Canada
 - g. Assist Squash Canada in public relations and fundraising projects where required
 - h. Pay any required fees (i.e., player levies)

2. Once selected to the team, a player may withdraw or be removed for the following reasons:
 - a. Breach of the Squash Canada - Athlete Agreement
 - b. Failure to satisfy the minimum training standards set out by the High Performance Director or National Coach, if applicable
 - c. Failure to adhere to team rules and Squash Canada's Policies and Procedures
 - d. Failure to remain competitive-ready leading up to the event. Players who do not remain competitive-ready by reason of lack of fitness, injury or illness may be removed from the Team. It is the obligation of the player to immediately report any injury, illness or change in training that could affect their ability to compete at their highest level.
 - e. Voluntary withdrawal/retirement

3. Where a player is to be removed, or demoted to non-travelling reserve status, the Selection Committee will have the discretion to remove or demote the player from the Team, provided the player is given an opportunity to be heard. Alternatively, the player may be removed from the Team in accordance with Squash Canada's Discipline and Complaints Policy and/or in accordance with the player's Squash Canada - Athlete Agreement.

INJURY / EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCE PROVISIONS:

If a player who was otherwise a realistic candidate for Team selection is or was unable to train or compete for an extended period of time due to injury or extenuating circumstance and which has negatively affected his or her selection consideration, the Selection Committee shall be entitled to consider such circumstances.