



## **2021 JUNIOR WOMEN'S WORLD TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

(Approved, March 4 , 2020)

#### **PURPOSE**

1. Squash Canada has established these selection criteria to provide a transparent process for selection of the most podium competitive Canadian team at the World Junior Team Championship.

#### **AUTHORITY FOR SELECTION**

2. The Board of Directors of Squash Canada has delegated the authority for all decision-making under this Policy to the High Performance Director in consultation with the Junior/Athlete Pathway Committee.
3. The Championship Coach, in consultation with the High Performance Director, shall have the authority to determine the playing order and decision as to which 3 of 4 players shall play in each round.
4. Any necessary amendments to this Policy will be immediately posted on the Squash Canada website.

#### **EVENT**

5. As at the time of writing, the World Squash Federation (WSF) has not yet confirmed the dates and location for the Junior Women's World Team Championships. The WSF calendar of events may be consulted for the most current information: <http://www.worldsquash.org/wsf-calendar/>
6. While budgets have not yet been set, historically selected team players have been required to contribute a \$1,500 participation fee, with the balance of expenses covered by Squash Canada (subject to change).

#### **SIZE OF TEAM**

7. The size of the World Junior Championship Team will be determined by the World Squash Federation, currently four (4) active players and one (1) reserve player (non-travelling).
8. For each round of the championships, only 3 of 4 Team players compete.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

9. To be eligible to be considered for selection, a player must:

- a. Meet the eligibility requirements as determined by the World Squash Federation (WSF), currently: under 19 years of age on the final scheduled day of the event.
  - 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 Junior 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. Be a registered member in good standing of a Provincial/Territorial Squash Association.
  - d. Pay any required fees.
10. If a player has previously represented another country he/she must first be deemed eligible to represent Canada according to WSF Championship Regulations, regulation K: Eligibility. See: <http://www.worldsquash.org/world-championship-regulations-2/>).

## SELECTION PROCESS

11. The selection process will consist of participation in several events over the span of approximately 15 months leading up to the World Junior Team Championships. These events consist of two (2) Mandatory Designated Selection Events, four (4) Additional Designated Selection Events, and Additional Tournament Exposures.
12. To be considered for selection, players must play in a minimum of six (6) events, which will consist of:
  - a. Two (2) Mandatory Designated Selection Events. One event will be the Canadian Junior Closed Nationals in the same year as the World Junior Team Championships (WJTC), and the other event will be early in the squash season in late September or early October of the year prior. The events will be published on the Squash Canada web page, [www.squash.ca](http://www.squash.ca).
  - b. A minimum of two (2) of the four (4) Additional Designated Selection Events between October of the year prior to the WJTC and April of the year of the WJTC, to be identified by Squash Canada. The Additional Designated Selection events will be published on the Squash Canada web page, [www.squash.ca](http://www.squash.ca).
  - c. The remaining events may be filled by Additional Tournament Exposures, the remaining Designated Selection Events or a combination of both. Eligible Additional Tournament Exposures are as follows:
    - i. The Under 23 Canadian Nationals (Open Category) in the year prior to the WJTC
    - ii. Pan Am Junior Championships (Singles event) in the year prior to the WJTC
    - iii. World Junior Individual Championships in the year prior to the WJTC
    - iv. US College Squash Association ("CSA") Individual Nationals ('A' and 'B' Draws) in the year of the WJTC
    - v. Designated junior international events:
      - Cologne Junior Open in the year prior to the WJTC
      - Dutch Junior Open in the year prior to the WJTC
      - Canadian Junior Open in the year prior to the WJTC
      - US Junior Open in the year prior to the WJTC
      - Scottish Junior Open in the year prior to the WJTC
      - British Junior Open in the year of the WJTC

13. Players will accrue selection points only from Designated Selection Events per the Selection Points Table below.

Placement	Mandatory Designated Selection Event #1 and Additional Designated Selection Events		Mandatory Designated Selection Event #2 (Junior Nationals)	
	U19	U17	U19	U17
Champion	60	-	90	36
Finalist	48	-	72	24
3rd	40	-	60	12
4th	32	-	48	6
5th	24	-	36	-
6th	16	-	24	-
7th-8th	8	-	12	-

For purposes of illustrating relative event weighting, the point values are generally determined as follows:

Mandatory Designated Selection Event #1 / Additional Designated Selection Events: x1.0

Mandatory Designated Selection Event #2 (Junior Nationals): x1.5

14. Selection points are calculated as follows:
- For Mandatory Designated Selection Events, results points will be counted for both events and added together to produce a point value.
  - For Additional Designated Selection Events, the player's best two (2) results points will be counted and added together to produce a point value
  - The total of the two above point values shall represent the player's total selection points upon which players are then ranked from highest to lowest.

**Example (U19):**

Player	John Smith	Jack Snow	Chris Chapman
<b><i>Mandatory Designated Selection Events</i></b>			
Mandatory Designated Selection Event #1	60	48	40
Mandatory Designated Selection Event #2	72	90	60
<b>Total of Mandatory Designated Selection Events</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>100</b>
<b><i>Additional Designated Selection Events</i></b>			
Additional Designated Selection Event #1	60	48	32
Additional Designated Selection Event #2	48	-	40
Additional Designated Selection Event #3	16	-	60
Additional Designated Selection Event #4	-	48	16
<b>Total of Best 2 Additional Designated Selection Events</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>TOTAL Selection Points</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>200</b>

15. **Selection:** The four (4) highest ranked players, determined by the total of the two above point values will be selected to the World Junior Championship Team. The fifth highest ranked player will be selected as the 5<sup>th</sup> non-travelling reserve player.

## INJURY/EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCE PROVISIONS

16. If a player is unable to participate in the minimum number of events or a Mandatory Designated Selection Event through injury or extenuating circumstance and wishes to be considered for selection, the player must submit an Injury/Exceptional Circumstance application to [dan.wolfenden@squash.ca](mailto:dan.wolfenden@squash.ca) within 2 days of the applicable injury or exceptional circumstance and in no instance later than 11:59 pm EDT on April 29, of the year of the WJTC as supported by relevant medical and any other documentation. It will be at the Junior/Athlete Pathway Committee's sole discretion whether to accept or reject the application. If the application is accepted, the player may only be attributed seventy percent (70%) of their average results points for up to a maximum of one (1) 'missed' event.
17. In the case of a player who observes Ramadan, IF the dates for which fall over those of the Canadian Junior Closed Nationals, the following provisions will be considered:
  - a. The player may apply for an exemption from the Canadian Junior Closed Nationals and remain eligible for selection on the condition that:
    - i. The player submit an Application for Exemption, clearly stating the rationale for the exemption, via email to [dan.wolfenden@squash.ca](mailto:dan.wolfenden@squash.ca) no later than 11:59 pm the day prior to the first designated selection event.
    - ii. In lieu of the Canadian Junior Closed Nationals, the player must participate in a minimum of three (3) of four (4) Additional Designated Selection Events.
    - iii. The players best three (3) results points from Additional Designated Selection Events will be counted and added together to produce a point value, added together with the results points from the first Mandatory Designated Selection Event, upon which players are then ranked from highest to lowest.
    - iv. All other eligibility requirements are fulfilled.
    - v. A player, after receiving written/email approval of an exemption application, will not be eligible to compete in the Canadian Junior Closed Nationals in question.
  - b. It will be at the sole discretion of the Junior/Athlete Pathway Committee whether to accept an application.

### Tie-Breaking Procedure

18. In the event that two or more players have the same accumulated points after the last Designated Selection Event, the tie will be broken as follows (If tie-breaking rule (a) does not lead to a conclusion, move onto the next subparagraph (b), etc.):
  - a. Head to head results over the applicable 15-month selection period, with greater consideration of the more recent match outcomes;
  - b. The order of finish at the preceding Canadian Junior Squash Championships;
  - c. Squash Canada ranking at date of determination of selection.

## REQUIREMENTS TO REMAIN SELECTED AND REMOVAL

19. Upon selection and in order to remain on the World Junior Championship 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 World Junior Championship 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 relation and fundraising projects where required
  - h. Pay any required fees (i.e., player levies)
20. 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 Head Coach
  - 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 World Junior Championship 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
  - f. Fraudulent misrepresentation
21. Where a player is to be removed, the Junior/Athlete Pathway Committee will have the discretion to remove the player from the World Junior Championship Team, provided the player is given an opportunity to be heard, and to replace the player with the non-traveling reserve. Alternatively, the player may be removed from the World Junior Championship Team in accordance with Squash Canada's Discipline and Complaints Policy and/or in accordance with the player's Squash Canada - Athlete Agreement.