



**2020 PAN AMERICAN JUNIOR SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**(the “Championships”)**  
**ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA**

**Approved, October 8, 2019**

**1. THE EVENT:**

The Pan American Junior Championships brings together male and female junior competitors from all competing nations in North, Central, and South America and the Caribbean. The event includes an individual event, a Teams event, a softball doubles event, and a softball mixed-doubles event (doubles events on a singles court). This event is held annually in one of the member nations of the Pan American Squash Federation.

The 2020 edition of the Pan American Junior Championships will be held in San Salvador, El Salvador, from July 4 to 11, 2020.

Given the proximity to the dates for the 2020 World Junior Team and Individual Championships that will be held in Gold Coast Australia, July 19-29, 2020, it is anticipated that the Pan American Junior Championship Team will be of interest to and comprised of separate players.

Squash Canada is committed to Canada sending a Junior Men’s Team, a Junior Women’s Teams or both, to the Championships subject to sufficient participation. Representing Canada, each Team will be comprised of the following:

- a) The Canadian Junior Men’s Team shall consist of up to four (4) male athletes, and/or
- b) The Canadian Junior Women’s Team shall consist of up to four (4) female athletes;
- c) Each of the Canadian Junior Men’s and Junior Women’s Teams may have up to two (2) non -travelling reserves named.

For the Championship’s variety of events, a nation can enter:

- A maximum of 4 athletes in the Junior Men’s Individual Championship.
- A maximum of 4 athletes in the Junior Women’s Individual Championship.
- A maximum of 1 Junior Men’s Team in the Doubles Championship.
- A maximum of 1 Junior Women’s Team in the Doubles Championship.
- A maximum of 1 Team, each Team made up of a male athlete and a female athlete, in the Mixed-Doubles Championship.
- A Junior Men’s Team’s event consisting of minimum 2 players to a maximum of 4.
- A Junior Women’s Team event consisting of minimum 2 players to a maximum of 4.
- A maximum of four male athletes and four female athletes per nation may participate in the Championships.

**NOTE: This is a self-funded event and all athletes are responsible for their own costs to participate in the Championships. Costs (the "Participation Fee") includes, but is not limited to, entry fees, flight, out-of-country medical insurance, visas and or inoculations (if required), meals, accommodation, and all National Team coach's expenses. Squash Canada shall make best efforts to fundraise to offset expenses but which cannot be guaranteed or estimated at time of writing. Estimated player costs to participate in the Championships is approximately \$3,165, as outlined in Annex A..**

## **2. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

To be eligible for selection to the Canadian Junior Men's or Junior Women's Team, each of the following criteria apply:

- a) Be a member in good standing with his/her provincial/territorial squash association.
- 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 younger than 19 years of age as of the final day of the Championships (**Note:** all athletes must provide proof of date of birth on a government of Canada, or Canadian provincial government's issued item of identification).
- d) Athletes must be prepared to provide a copy of their passport to the Championships office prior to the first Technical Meeting. In the case of any queries, the original passport must be shown to the Technical Director.
- e) Athletes must sign a Squash Canada Athlete Agreement (upon selection).
- f) Athletes must have a valid WSF SPIN #.
- g) A player is ineligible to represent Canada if she/he has represented another country in the three years preceding the Start Date in a recognized International Squash Team or Individual Championship (i.e. WSF World Championship, Pan Am Team or Individual Championship, official Match between WSF Member national federations in any age group).

## **3. APPLICATION PROCESS**

Players interested in participating in the Championship must submit an Intent to Participate form, included with this document. Forms must be submitted **by midnight EST, February 19, 2020** to Squash Canada, dan.wolfenden@squash.ca.

## **4. SELECTION CRITERIA**

Selection decisions under this policy will be made by the Junior/Athlete Pathway Committee.

Selections will be made from amongst those eligible players who have submitted an Intent to Participate form.

The Squash Canada Junior/Athlete Pathway Committee will select the players and possible reserves at its discretion, taking into account:

- a) Club Locker Ratings as at February 20, 2020;

- b) Head to head results;
- c) Provincial/territorial rankings for players from the same province/territory, if applicable
- d) Prior year's Canadian Junior Championship results;
- e) Previous international junior competition experience and performance
- f) Age eligibility for the subsequent year's World Junior Team Championship
- g) Softball Doubles experience and/or performance

Team selections will be announced by March 6<sup>th</sup> of the year of Championships.

The Canadian Team's official playing order and the doubles Team pairing on each Canadian Team and players to play in the Individual events will be determined at the discretion of the Appointed coach(es) attending the Championships and in accordance with the FPS Guidelines.

## **5. OBLIGATIONS ONCE SELECTED:**

To remain eligible, all athletes selected to the Canadian Team to compete at the Championships, must adhere to each of the following:

- a) Maintain status as a member in good standing with their provincial/territorial squash association.
- b) Maintain the obligations stated in the athlete-signed Squash Canada - Athlete Agreement.
- c) Participate in all designated training programs, competitive activities, evaluation activities and reporting procedures under supervision of the Canadian Junior National Coach.
- d) Demonstrate commitment to the Canadian Team by maintaining or improving fitness levels and ensuring that competitive performance is maintained at a high standard appropriate for competition at the Championships.
- e) Provide satisfactory medical clearance upon the request of Squash Canada and/or the Canadian Junior National Coach or Squash Canada office personnel.
- f) The amount of the overall Participation Fee remains the sole responsibility of the athlete to furnish. Any financial commitment made by Squash Canada with the use of the Participation Fee, is subject to either, full, partial or no reimbursement, contingent on the policy Squash Canada is subject to, and at what stage for which the financial commitment was made.
- g) Receipt of payment of a deposit of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to Squash Canada on or before March 31<sup>st</sup> of the year of the Championships, which contributes to the athlete's Participation Fee. Any financial commitment made by Squash Canada with the use of the \$1,000 deposit, is subject to either, full, partial or no reimbursement, contingent on the policy that Squash Canada is subject to, as of the date that the financial commitment was made.
- h) Receipt of the balance of the Participation Fee payable to Squash Canada on or before April 30<sup>th</sup> of the year of the Championships.

Failure to satisfy any of the above noted criteria may result in an athlete being removed from the Canadian Team at the sole discretion of the Junior/Athlete Pathway Committee.

## **6. Injury Consideration**

If a player's Club Locker rating or other performance indicators are adversely affected in the immediate six months prior to February 19, 2020 due to extended injury or sickness within those six months, the Junior/Athlete Pathway Committee may consider an 'Injury' application. An Injury application must be submitted in writing and received no later than midnight EST on February 19, Attention: Executive Director of

Squash Canada, via email to [dan.wolfenden@squash.ca](mailto:dan.wolfenden@squash.ca). The application must be accompanied by a medical certificate that meets the following requirements:

- a) Statement of injury
- b) Statement of recommended time period the athlete should or has refrained from squash training and competition.
- c) Sent on headed paper with the physician/medical company name, address and date.
- d) Signed by an arm's length medical professional authorizing the document, who is not a family member, or personal friend/contact of the person with whom the medical certificate applies to.

The Committee retains the right to request additional documentation and/or to conduct further investigation. It is the Committee's sole discretion to accept or reject an Injury application.

## **7. International Disclaimer**

These procedures are based on World Squash Federation and Pan American Squash Federation rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in World Squash Federation or Pan American Squash Federation rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to the Squash Canada. However, the selection process is always subject to unforeseen intervening circumstances and realistically cannot account for every possible contingency.

## **8. Coaching**

Squash Canada will appoint a National coach(es) to accompany the athletes to the Championships. Athletes may not bring their private/personal coaches to the Championships.

**Annex A**

<b>2020 Pan American Junior Championships</b>		
<b>July 3-11, 2020</b>		
<b>San Salvador, El Salvador</b>		
<b>Estimated Player Expenses</b>		
<b>Expense Item (Per Player)</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Entry Fee (\$500 USD)	\$ 675.00	Includes 7 nights accommodation, airport transfers, breakfasts and ceremonies)
Extra night Accommodation in El Salvador	\$ 85.00	Shared room
Flight	\$ 800.00	Varies by city of origin, how far in advance is booked, and if minor unaccompanied athlete must get to Toronto to do international travel portion with appointed coach
Coaching (1 coach per 4 players)	\$ 900.00	Assumes shared across 8 players
Meals	\$ 320.00	Lunch & Dinner estimated at CAD \$40/day
Pan Am Federation referee fee	\$ 85.00	
Uniform package	\$ 250.00	
Team Snacks, Water, Laundry, Misc.	\$ 50.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,165.00</b>	



## PAN AMERICAN JUNIOR SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS (the “Championships”)

### Intent to Participate Declaration

**Year of Junior Pan Am Championships:**

**Location:**

**Athlete’s Name:**

**Parent or Legal Guardian Name(s):**

**Athlete’s Home Address:**

**Tel #’s:**

**Parent Email Address:**

**Athlete Email Address:**

**PT Membership:**

**Home Club:**

**Date of Birth:**

**World Squash Federation SPIN#:**

**Citizenship:**

or have resided in Canada for at least the three (3) years immediately preceding the Championships:

**Yes or No:**

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**Current Club Locker Rating:**

**Current WSF or PSA Ranking, if any:**

**Placement in last year’s Canadian Junior (Closed) Championships and age category:**

**Previous international competitions you have played in, and any notable results:**

**International head to head win’s against players from other countries or higher ranked Canadian Players:**

**Experience playing softball doubles on a singles court:**

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**I hereby agree that, if my child is selected to the Canadian Team for the Pan American Squash Championships Team, he/she is eligible as per the Eligibility Criteria, and agrees to:**

- a) Maintain status as a member in good standing with their provincial/territorial squash association.
- b) Maintain the obligations stated in the athlete-signed Squash Canada - Athlete Agreement.
- c) Participate in all designated training programs, competitive activities, evaluation activities and reporting procedures under supervision of the Canadian Junior National or Appointed Coach.
- d) Demonstrate commitment to the Canadian Team by maintaining or improving fitness levels and ensuring that competitive performance is maintained at a high standard appropriate for competition at the Championships.
- e) Provide satisfactory medical clearance upon the request of Squash Canada and/or the National Team or Appointed Coach.
- f) The amount of the overall Participation Fee can be subject to fluctuation beyond Squash Canada’s control and the overall amount remains the sole responsibility of the athlete to furnish. Any financial commitment made by Squash Canada with the use of the Participation Fee, is subject to either, full, partial or no reimbursement, contingent on the policy Squash Canada is subject to, and at what stage for which the financial commitment was made.
- g) Receipt of payment of a deposit of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to Squash Canada on or before March 18<sup>th</sup> of the year of the Championships, which contributes to the athlete’s Participation Fee. Any financial commitment made by Squash Canada with the use of the \$1,000 deposit, is subject to either, full, partial or no reimbursement, contingent on the policy Squash Canada is subject to, and at what stage for which the financial commitment was made.
- h) Receipt of the balance of the Participation Fee payable to Squash Canada on or before April 30<sup>th</sup> of the year of the Championships.

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Parent/Guardian Name (please print)

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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