



## **2019 U.S. JUNIOR OPEN Eligibility and Selection Criteria**

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### **EVENT:**

The 2019 U.S. Junior Open will be hosted in Boston, MA from December 14-17, 2019. Matches will be played at Harvard University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Phillips Academy (Andover), and the Badger Rosen SquashBusters Center at Northeastern. Preliminary division venue assignments will be released on August 5.

US Squash has made an entry policy change to the 2019 U.S. Junior Open. Specifically:

1. *Entries by non-U.S. countries will be limited to 8 players per division.*
2. *Non-U.S. entries will require an endorsement from the player's National Governing Body*

Previously, there was no limitation on the number of Canadian entries in any one division, and National Governing Body endorsement was not a requirement.

This policy therefore has been developed to outline the player eligibility requirements for Squash Canada endorsement and the process by which the association will decide which eight players per division will receive endorsement in cases where there are more than eight eligible players who express interest in participating in the event.

### **AUTHORITY:**

The Board of Directors of Squash Canada has delegated the authority for selections and decisions under this Policy to the Junior/Athlete Pathway Committee.

### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

To be eligible for selection to the U.S. Junior Open, the player must:

1. Meet the respective age eligibility requirements.
2. 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 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.
3. Be a registered member in good standing of a Provincial/Territorial Squash Association.
4. Pay any required fees.

## **SELECTION CRITERIA:**

In order for an eligible player to be considered for selection to the U.S. Junior Open, they **must be duly registered for the event online by 4:00 am EST on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**.

US Squash's online registration will require that non-U.S. players pay their entry fee and will immediately place the player on a waitlist. Paying the entry fee starts the eligibility process, but US Squash Does **not** consider the entry complete or finalized until the player sends his or her age verification document (passport) to US Squash and receives an endorsement from Squash Canada.

In the case where:

1. Eight or fewer eligible players have registered for a particular division, Squash Canada will endorse each of the entries.
2. More than eight eligible players have registered for a particular division, Squash Canada will use the following criteria to select which eight athletes it will endorse:
  - a) The Squash Canada Junior/Athlete Pathway Committee will select the 8 players to be endorsed at its discretion, taking into account:
    - Canadian Junior Rankings published as at July 3, 2019;
    - Club Locker Ratings as at September 11, 2019;
    - Head to head results; and
    - Provincial/territorial rankings for players from the same province/territory, if applicable
  - b) If a player is not one of the eight athletes endorsed in their age category, and the next oldest age division does not have eight eligible players duly registered, the next highest ranked player(s) may request to be entered in the age division above theirs.

Squash Canada will confirm which players have been endorsed by Squash Canada by September 18, 2019.

U.S. Squash will refund the entry fee for players who registered but have not received endorsement from Squash Canada.

## **REGISTRATION PROCESS:**

Players wishing to participate at the U.S Junior Open must duly register using [www.clublocker.com](http://www.clublocker.com) by the internal registration deadline above.

While Squash Canada cannot warrant such, U.S. Squash advises that it will begin accepting entries into the 2019 U.S. Junior Open at 12:00pm, NOON EST on Monday, August 5, 2019.

## **REQUIREMENTS TO REMAIN ENDORSED AND FOR REMOVAL:**

To remain eligible, all players endorsed by Squash Canada to compete in the U.S. Junior Open, must adhere to each of the following:

- a) Maintain status as a member in good standing with their provincial/territorial squash association.
- b) Advise Squash Canada of any injury, illness or other reason which has curtailed the athlete's training for more than 14 days. Squash Canada retains the right to request documentation to detail an injury or illness, and a

medical practitioner's recommended timeline for return to training and competition, and/or to conduct further investigation.

- c) Sign a Squash Canada - Athlete Agreement, if so requested.
- d) Demonstrate commitment to the event by maintaining training, fitness levels and ensuring that competitive performance is maintained at a high standard appropriate for competition at the event.

Failure to satisfy any of the above noted criteria may result in Squash Canada's withdrawal of endorsement for entry to the event at the sole discretion of the High Performance Director.

**WITHDRAWAL:**

Any player who has received Squash Canada endorsement for entry to the U.S. Junior Open who becomes injured, ill or for whatever reason wishes to withdraw from the event, shall be required to notify Squash Canada at the earliest opportunity.

If such withdrawal opens a spot in an age division, the above selection criteria will be applied in sequence for the replacement player, who may be given a reasonable timeline by which to accept or reject the opportunity for Squash Canada endorsement for entry to the event.