



## **CANADIAN TEAM - 2020 WORLD UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA**

**(Approved, December 2, 2019)**

#### **EVENT:**

The World University Squash Championships (WUC) are part of the sporting events of the International University Sports Federation. Alternating with the summer and Winter Universiades, they are organized every even-numbered year.

The 2020 FISU World University Squash Championship will take place in Shanghai, China from July 20 – 26.

The Championship includes Men's and Women's events, as well as a joint Men/Women team event.

**NOTE: This is a non-funded event. Players are responsible for funding the cost of the trip including travel, meals, accommodation, uniform, mandatory team leader/coach and U-Sports fees. The cost of this trip is estimated to be approximately \$3,000 - \$4,000 per participant.**

#### **OBJECTIVE:**

The Squash Canada goal is to send the strongest Canadian Team (the "Team") to the event from amongst those who submit a Declaration of Interest Form by the required deadline.

#### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

To be eligible for selection to the World University Championships Team, a player must:

- a) Submit a Declaration of Interest Form (see Annex A) to Squash Canada at [dan.wolfenden@squash.ca](mailto:dan.wolfenden@squash.ca) by **March 10, 2020**.
- b) Be a member in good standing with his/her provincial/territorial squash association; and,
- c) Be prepared to sign a Squash Canada athlete agreement; and
- d) Be eligible to represent Canada in the World University Championships which includes being a Canadian Citizen and meeting all Federation International Sport University (FISU) eligibility criteria.

#### **TEAM COMPOSITION:**

The World University Championships Team will be comprised of up to 3 male and 2 female players, subject to change as determined by FISU.

## **SELECTION AUTHORITY:**

Decisions on team selection are 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 CRITERIA:**

Selection decisions are at the discretion of the Selection Committee, exercised in accordance with the criteria set out below.

Selection of positions 1 to 3 Men and 1 and 2 Women to the Team to the World University Championships Team will be based on the following criteria:

### **Priority #1: SQUASH CANADA HIGH PERFORMANCE SQUAD ATHLETES**

- Current Squash Canada High Performance squad athletes. If there are more High Performance Squad Athletes who submit a Declaration of Interest Form than available spots, the Selection Committee will select from amongst such athletes.

### **Priority #2: PSA RANKING**

- Any remaining places will be awarded to the eligible *interested* athletes who achieve a PSA Ranking of Top 160 male, 100 female as of March 1, 2010.

### **Priority #3: CANADIAN UNIVERSITY & COLLEGE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Any remaining places will be awarded to the winners (one man and one woman) of the 2020 Canadian University & College Championships as long as they are eligible and have submitted a Declaration of Interest Form.

### **Priority #4: US COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Any remaining places will be awarded to the two highest finishers (possibly two men and two women), in sequence, at the 2020 US College Squash Association individual championship as long as they are eligible and have submitted a Declaration of Interest Form.

### **Priority #5: CANADIAN UNIVERSITY & COLLEGE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Any remaining places will be awarded to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers in the 2020 Canadian University & College Championships as long as they are eligible and have submitted a Declaration of Interest Form .

### **Priority #6: SELECTION COMMITTEE DISCRETION**

Any remaining places shall be awarded at the sole discretion 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 University Championship performance and experience,

injury or extenuating circumstance that may have affected rankings or performance in the previous 12 months, and any other such factors in order to field the strongest Canadian Team.

The Selection Committee reserves the right to not fill all positions on the Team.

**REQUIREMENTS TO REMAIN SELECTED AND REMOVAL:**

1. Upon selection and in order to remain on the Team, a player must:
  - a. confirm in writing their acceptance of the position on the team accompanied by a \$1,000 deposit payable to Squash Canada by April 9, 2020, the non-refundable portions of which Squash has paid to U-Sports or organizers on behalf of the athlete shall be non-refundable to the athlete should the athlete withdraw for any reason.
  - b. Remain eligible.
  - c. Possess a valid WSF Squash Personal Identification Number (SPIN).
  - d. Sign a Squash Canada - Athlete Agreement.
  - e. Provide to Squash Canada all required documents (medical records, birth certificate, etc.).
  - f. Participate in all Team events, activities and meetings.
  - g. Ensure proper equipment, clothing and funds.
  - h. Obey all rules established by Squash Canada.
  - i. Assist Squash Canada in public relations and fundraising projects in support of the Canadian Team where required.
  - j. Pay any required fees.
  
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 adhere to team rules and Squash Canada's Policies and Procedures.
  - c. 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.
  - d. Voluntary withdrawal/retirement.
  
3. Where a player is to be removed, the Selection Committee will have the discretion to remove 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.

Annex A



**CANADIAN TEAM - 2020 WORLD UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONSHIPS  
(the “Championships”)**

**Declaration of Interest Form**

**Athlete’s Name:**

**Athlete’s Home Address:**

**Tel #’s:**

**Athlete Email Address:**

**Provincial Membership:**

**Home Club:**

**Date of Birth:**

**World Squash Federation SPIN#:**

**Citizenship:**

**Your Post-Secondary Institution:**

**Degree/Diploma Program:**

**Which Year of Study:**

**Year of Expected Graduation:**

**Current Club Locker Rating:**

**Current PSA Ranking, if any:**

**Placement in 2020 Canadian University & College Championships, if any:**

**Placement in 2020 US College Squash Association Championship, if any:**

**Placement in 2019 Canadian Squash Championship, if any:**

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

**Any other performance data that could be considered in the selection decision:**

**I hereby certify that:**

- a) I meet the eligibility requirements necessary to compete in the Championship.
- b) I am prepared to compete, should I be selected.
- c) I understand that I am responsible for all related participation expenses and am confident that I will have the financial support necessary to cover these.
- d) I agree to pay Squash Canada any fees that it must remit in connection with the Championships.
- e) I understand that if Squash Canada is required to pay any fees or incur any expenses related to my participation in the Championships, and which may not be refundable, that I will be responsible for such expenses.
- f) I agree to the requirements to remain selected.

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Athlete Name (please print)

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Date

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Athlete Signature

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Witness

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