



2022 Commonwealth Games

ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA

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BACKGROUND:

The Commonwealth Games are held every 4 years. A nation's participation in the Commonwealth Games is under the authority of its Commonwealth Games federation. In Canada's case, it is ultimately the Commonwealth Sport Canada (CSC) that has the authority for selection of the Canadian Team that will participate in the Commonwealth Games. This document outlines the eligibility criteria of both CSC and Squash Canada, and the criteria that Squash Canada will use to nominate squash athletes for selection to the Canadian Team.

EVENT:

The 2022 Commonwealth Games will take place July 28 – August 8, 2022 in Birmingham, England.

PURPOSE:

This policy governs Squash Canada's nomination of its team to the 2022 Commonwealth Games.

COMMUNICATION:

This Policy and any amendments to this Policy will be posted on the Squash Canada website.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

1. To be eligible for nomination to Commonwealth Games Team, a player must:
 - a) Be a member in good standing with his/her provincial/territorial squash association and a player in good standing with Squash Canada as outlined in the athlete agreement.
 - b) Be a member of the 2021- 2022 High Performance Men's or Women's National Squad, pursuant to the High Performance Squad Eligibility and Selection Criteria.
 - c) Be eligible to represent Canada in the 2022 Commonwealth Games. This requires that a player be born in Canada or be a citizen of Canada as outlined by the Commonwealth Games eligibility policy.
 - d) Sign and submit the CSC athlete agreement, eligibility and conditions form no later than the date established by Commonwealth Sport Canada, which among other responsibilities, may require that athletes undergo a police record check and safe sport training as a condition of selection.
 - e) Have signed a Squash Canada athlete agreement for the 2022 that covers the period of the Commonwealth Games.

- f) Meet the host country and federation's eligibility criteria for entrance and participation, and applicable Commonwealth Sport Canada and Squash Canada COVID-19 vaccination policies as may be applicable.

NOMINATION CRITERIA:

2. Decisions on Squash Canada team nomination are made by the Squash Canada High Performance Committee in accordance with the criteria set out below.
3. The Commonwealth Games Team consists of up to two (2) male athletes and up to two (2) female athletes (as determined by Commonwealth Sport Canada, 2022 Commonwealth Games Athlete Team size policy). In addition, two (2) non travelling reserves will be selected, one (1) male and one (1) female. Commonwealth Sport Canada will make the final determination on Squash Canada's team size based on the available player quota.
4. Selection for up to two (2) players on the team and one non-travelling reserve will be based on the following criteria in descending priority order until all spots are filled:

<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
a) Two top 60 PSA ranked players, in order of ranking, as of May 1st 2022 , followed by, b) Highest PSA ranked athlete as of May 1 st , 2022, followed by, c) Winner of the 2022 Canadian Championships in the Open Division, followed by, d) A plus 2-win differential head-to-head record of the next two highest PSA ranked players during the period of March 1, 2022 and June 5, 2022), followed by, e) Next highest-ranked PSA player(s).	a) Two top 30 PSA ranked players, in order of ranking, as of May 1st 2022 , followed by, b) Highest PSA ranked athlete as of May 1 st , 2022, followed by, c) Winner of the 2022 Canadian Championships in the Open Division, followed by, d) A plus 2-win differential head-to-head record of the next two highest PSA ranked players during the period of March 1, 2022 and June 5, 2022), followed by, e) Next highest-ranked PSA player(s).

5. The goal of this team is to medal in all events (men's and women's individuals, men's and women's doubles, and mixed doubles).
6. The decision of which athletes will be paired in the mixed doubles event will be decided by the the Director of Athlete Development and the Games coach.

ALTERNATES AND LATE ATHLETE REPLACEMENT POLICY:

Substitutions are subject to Commonwealth Sport Canada's Late Athlete Replacement Policy.

CHANGES TO THIS DOCUMENT:

The High Performance Committee reserves the right to make changes to this document, which in its discretion are necessary to ensure selection of the best teams possible for the 2022 Commonwealth Games. Any changes to this document shall be communicated directly to all National Team Members

through e-mail. This clause shall not be used to justify changes after a competition or trials which formed part of the internal nomination procedure unless it is related to an unforeseen circumstance. The purpose of this section is to allow for changes to this document that may become necessary due to a typographical error or a lack of clarity in a definition or wording before it has an impact on athletes. The purpose of such changes must be in order to avoid disputes over the meaning of the provisions of this document rather than to allow changes to be made to justify selection of different athletes than would have otherwise been selected. Such changes must be reasonably justifiable in accordance with fundamental principles of natural justice and procedural fairness. In the event of a change to this document "Squash Canada" shall inform CSC of the changes and the reasons for those changes as soon as possible.

APPEALS:

The Squash Canada nomination of the 2022 Commonwealth Games Team may be appealed in accordance with the Squash Canada Appeals Policy.

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
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, or COC athlete agreement
 - b. Failure to satisfy the minimum training standards set out by the Director of Athlete Development
 - 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. Failure to provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination.
 - f. Voluntary withdrawal/retirement
3. Where a player is to be removed, or demoted to non-travelling reserve status, the High Performance 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 High Performance Committee shall be entitled to consider such circumstances.