



## WORLD JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA (Approved, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023)

### PREAMBLE

Each year there is a World Junior Individual event for junior men and junior women. The World Junior Team event alternates each year between the boys and girls. According to the World Squash Federation (WSF) tournament rules, Squash Canada will be permitted to enter a maximum of 6 players for the gender with the individual and team event. Squash Canada will also be allowed to enter a maximum of 6 players into the other individual event; the individual event for the gender with no team event. Subject to interest from eligible athletes, ***Squash Canada will nominate up to 2 players not selected to the Canadian World Junior Women's Championship Team for the individual junior women's event and up to 6 players for the individual event for the gender with no team event.***

There is a separate selection criteria/document as pertains to the Junior World Team Championships. This document outlines the criteria for the Individual World Junior Championships.

### EVENT

The 2023 WSF World Junior Individual Championships and World Junior Women's Team Championships will be held in Melbourne, Australia, July 18-29, 2023. Typically, the WSF schedules the Individual events first.

While coordination will be provided by Squash Canada, participation will be on a player-funded basis.

### AUTHORITY FOR SELECTION

1. The Board of Directors of Squash Canada has delegated the authority for all decision-making under this Policy to the Director of Athlete Development in consultation with the Junior/Athlete Pathway Committee.
2. Any necessary amendments to this Policy will be immediately posted on the Squash Canada website.

### ELIGIBILITY

Interested athletes will be selected to represent Squash Canada at the World Junior Individual Championship on a self-funded basis (unless part of the World Junior Team). To be eligible for nomination for these spots a player must:

1. Meet the eligibility requirements as determined by the World Squash Federation (WSF), currently: 18 years of age or younger on the final scheduled day of the event.
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 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.
3. Be a registered member in good standing of a Provincial/Territorial Squash Association.
4. Pay any required fees.

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

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 CRITERIA**

### **For the gender with the Team and Individual event (up to 6 players):**

1. The first four spots in the Individual Championship will be filled by the players named to the Canadian team for the World Junior Team Championships in accordance with separate selection criteria as published by Squash Canada.
2. The fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) spot will be offered to the travelling reserve (self-funded) squad member named to the Canadian World Junior Team Championship team.
3. The sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) spot, and the 5<sup>th</sup> spot should the reserve squad member decline the opportunity to compete in the Individual Championship, will be offered to the player(s) in the following priority sequence until such spots are filled or no player(s) has accepted the invitation within the timeframe allotted:
  - i. the player(s) with the next highest accumulated points from the National Junior Circuit season points race, but no lower than the top 8 of the overall points race (see Appendix A);
  - ii. Up to one (1) discretionary pick of the Junior/Athlete Pathway Committee, with consideration of Canadian University and/or US College Squash players, taking into account their respective Canadian junior squash rankings and player selection in previous years' Pan Am Juniors and/or World Junior Teams Squad(s).
  - iii. the player(s) who finish in the top 3 of the Under 19 division at the preceding Canadian Junior Closed Championships;
  - iv. winner of the Under 17 division at preceding Canadian Junior Closed Championships;
  - v. a player(s) selected at the discretion of the Junior/Athlete Pathway Committee.
4. The player(s) identified above will be required to confirm or reject their opportunity to participate in the Individual Championships within 72 hours of the invitation from Squash Canada.

### **For the gender with the Individual event only (up to 6 players):**

Players will be selected in the priority sequence below until such time as all spots are filled or no further players meet any of the performance requirements:

1. The four (4) players with the highest accumulated points from their best 3 point-scoring results from National Junior Circuit events per the Selection Points Table (see Appendix A), but no lower than the top 8 of the overall points race;
2. The remaining selections will be discretionary picks of the Junior/Athlete Pathway Committee, with consideration of Canadian University and/or US College Squash players, taking into account their respective Canadian junior squash rankings, points table finish position, and player selection in previous years' Pan Am Juniors and/or World Junior Teams Squad(s), as well as players who would be age eligible to be selected to the following year's Canadian team to the World Junior Team Championship.
3. Possible further discretionary picks of the Junior/Athlete Pathway Committee.

The player(s) identified above will be required to confirm or reject their opportunity to participate in the Individual Championships within 72 hours of the invitation from Squash Canada.

To confirm acceptance of the selection and to 'hold' their spot, each player will be required to submit to Squash Canada a \$500 security deposit **by June 10<sup>th</sup>**, which may only be refunded if the player incurs a documented injury or other extenuating circumstance and as accepted at the sole discretion of the Junior/Athlete Pathway Committee.

### **REQUIREMENTS TO REMAIN SELECTED AND FOR REMOVAL**

1. Upon selection and in order to remain in the World Junior Individual Championship, 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 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)
  - i. Proof of Covid-19 vaccination
2. Once selected to the Championship, 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
3. Where a player is to be removed, the Junior/Athlete Pathway Committee will have the discretion to remove the player from the World Junior Individual Championship, provided the player is given an opportunity to be heard, and to replace the player with next player identified within the selection criteria. Alternatively, the player may be removed from the World Junior Individual Championships 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 PROVISION**

1. If a player is unable to attend a multiple number of designated selection events due to injury or exceptional circumstances in the year of the applicable World Junior Championship and wishes to be considered for selection, the player must submit an Injury/Exceptional Circumstance application as supported by performance data/rationale and relevant medical and any other documentation to Squash Canada, [events@squash.ca](mailto:events@squash.ca) no later than 11:59 pm EDT on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
2. The Junior/Athlete Pathway 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.

## APPENDIX A

**Squash Canada 2022-23 World Junior Team Selection Points Table**

Players accumulate points based on finishes at 6 National Circuit Events:

- October 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022
  - BC Junior Open, Evergreen Squash Club, Vancouver BC
- November 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022
  - Alberta Jesters Junior Open, Royal Glenora Club, Edmonton, AB
- December 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022
  - Canadian Junior Open, The Club at White Oaks, Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON
- February 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023
  - Pacific NorthWest Jesters Junior Open, Cedar Hill Recreation Center, Victoria, BC
- March 31<sup>st</sup> – April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023
  - Ontario Junior Open, The Club at White Oaks, Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON
- May 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023
  - Canadian Junior Closed Championships, Atwater Club, Montreal, QC

The points table can be found at US Squash, with the **JCT/Nationals Tab** being used

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**Notes:**

1. Pay careful attention to size of draws and finishing positions.
2. U17 results are divided by 1.3 (ie. 2600 U17 points is 2000 U19 points), U15 results are divided twice by 1.3.