



## **2023 JUNIOR WOMEN'S WORLD TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

(Amended, January 16th, 2022)

#### **PURPOSE**

1. Squash Canada has established these selection criteria to provide a transparent process for selection of the most podium-competitive Canadian team at the World Junior Team Championship.

#### **AUTHORITY FOR SELECTION**

2. 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.
3. The Championship Coach, in consultation with the Director of Athlete Development, shall have the authority to determine the playing order and decision as to which 3 of 4 players shall play in each round.
4. Any necessary amendments to this Policy will be immediately posted on the Squash Canada website.

#### **EVENT**

5. The 2023 WSF Junior Women's World Individual and Team Championships will be held in Melbourne, Australia, July 18-29, 2023.
6. Selected team players will be required to contribute up to a \$1,500 participation fee, with the balance of expenses covered by Squash Canada (subject to change).

#### **SIZE OF TEAM**

7. The size of the World Junior Championship Team will be determined by the World Squash Federation, currently four (4) active players and one (1) travelling reserve (self-funded) player who shall be the next highest selection per the individual criteria, and who is committed to attending the event.
8. For each round of the championships, only 3 of 4 Team players compete.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

9. To be eligible to be considered for selection, a player must:

- a. Meet the eligibility requirements as determined by the World Squash Federation (WSF), currently: under 19 years of age on the final scheduled day of the event.
  - 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 a registered member in good standing of a Provincial/Territorial Squash Association.
  - d. Pay any required fees.
  - e. 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.
10. 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).

## SELECTION PROCESS

11. To be considered for selection, players must play in a minimum of three (3) of six (6) Designated Selection Events, called the National Junior Circuit, during the 2022-2023 season. These selection events consist of the following:
- 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
12. Players will accrue selection points from their best 3 point-scoring results from National Junior Circuit Events per the Selection Points Table (see Appendix A).
13. **Selection:** The three (3) highest-ranked players, determined by the total of the three (3) above point values will be selected to the World Junior Championship Team. One (1) player will be selected at the discretion of the Junior/Athlete Pathway Committee, based on points table standing, Club Locker Rating, head to head

results, international experience and eligibility for future World Team Championships . The fourth-place or next-best finisher on the points table will be selected as the Junior Women’s World Team 5<sup>th</sup> travelling reserve (self-funded) player.

14. **Tie-Breaking Procedure:** In the event that two or more players have the same accumulated points after the last Designated Selection Event, the tie will be broken as follows (If tie-breaking rule (a) does not lead to a conclusion, move onto the next subparagraph (b), etc.):
- a. Head to head results over the selection period, which is from the start of the first designated selection event through to the end of the last designated selection event, with greater consideration of the more recent match outcomes;
  - b. The order of finish at the most recent Canadian Junior Closed Championships;
  - c. Squash Canada ranking at date of determination of selection.

### INJURY/EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCE PROVISIONS

15. If a player is unable to participate in a multiple number of designated selection events through injury or extenuating circumstance and wishes to be considered for selection, the player must submit an Injury/Exceptional Circumstance application to [jamie.nicholls@squash.ca](mailto:jamie.nicholls@squash.ca) no later than 11:59 pm EDT on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as supported by relevant medical and any other documentation. It will be at the Junior/Athlete Pathway Committee’s sole discretion whether to accept or reject the application.

### REQUIREMENTS TO REMAIN SELECTED AND REMOVAL

16. Upon selection and in order to remain on the World Junior Championship 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 World Junior Championship 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 relation and fundraising projects where required
  - h. Pay any required fees (i.e., player levies)
17. 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 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
18. Where a player is to be removed, the Junior/Athlete Pathway Committee will have the discretion to remove the player from the World Junior Championship Team, provided the player is given an opportunity to be heard, and to replace the player with the non-traveling reserve. Alternatively, the player may be removed from the World Junior Championship Team in accordance with Squash Canada’s Discipline and Complaints Policy and/or in accordance with the player’s Squash Canada - Athlete Agreement.



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

To be inputted

**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.