



CANADIAN TEAM - SENIOR WORLD TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA

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EVENT:

The Canadian Team (the “Team”) will compete at the World Squash Federation (WSF) World Team Squash Championships held biennially alternating Men and Women’s years. The dates of the WSF World Team Squash Championships are traditionally held in December and will be published on Squash Canada’s National Events Calendar and website.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

To be eligible for selection to the Team for the WSF World Team Squash Championship, a player:

- a) Must be a member in good standing with his or her provincial/territorial squash association and an athlete in good standing with Squash Canada as outlined in the athlete agreement.
- 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 Team 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) Must be eligible to represent Canada in the WSF World Team Championship; and,
- d) Must not have represented another country in the three (3) years preceding the start date of the WSF World Team Championship in a recognized international Squash Team Championship in any age group. Thereafter, he/she may represent Canada only with the prior approval of the WSF.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

Selection decisions under this policy will be made by the Squash Canada High Performance Committee.

Selection decisions are based in accordance with the criteria set out below.

The Canadian Senior World Championship Team shall consist of four (4) players plus one (1) non-travelling reserve. Selection for the players on the Team will be based on the following criteria:

<u>Men’s Team</u>	<u>Women’s Team</u>
1. The highest Professional Squash Association (PSA) ranked player:	1. The highest Professional Squash Association (PSA) ranked player:

<p>a) As at the 1st of the month in the month that occurs a full four (4) months prior to the start of the Championship (i.e.: If a championship is scheduled for December 7 – 14, the PSA rankings as at August 1 shall apply); and</p> <p>b) On the condition that the player is ranked in the top 25% of PSA players.</p>	<p>a) As at the 1st of the month in the month that occurs a full four (4) months prior to the start of the Championship (i.e.: If a championship is scheduled for December 7 – 14, the PSA rankings as at August 1 shall apply); and</p> <p>b) On the condition that the player is ranked in the top 25% of PSA players.</p>
<p>2. The 2nd, 3rd, 4th and the non-travelling reserve spots, and any additional selections required if step 1 above does not fill the first four spots, shall be a discretionary decision of the High Performance Committee. In making such a 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 Team Championship performance and experience, team cohesion, performance on demand in pressure situations, injury or extenuating circumstance that may have affected PSA rankings or performance in the previous 12 months, and any other such factors in order to field the strongest Canadian team.</p>	
<p>3. At the sole discretion of the High Performance Committee, the Committee may request that a game, or a series of games, or trials in any matter as prescribed be contested amongst a small number of candidates to assist with discretionary selections in step 2 above. Should a trials event be held, the winner of the event, if eligible, will be selected to the team.</p>	

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. Fulfill all Squash Canada, host nation and/or host organizing committee travel, vaccination or other health safety requirements as may exist.
 - e. Participate in all Team events, activities and meetings
 - f. Ensure proper equipment, clothing and funds
 - g. Obey all rules established by Squash Canada
 - h. Assist Squash Canada in public relations and fundraising projects where required
 - i. Pay any required fees (i.e., player levies)
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 satisfy the minimum training standards set out by the Manager of Athlete Development or National Coach, if applicable
 - 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. 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.

4. At all times, agree to acquaint themselves with, and strictly abide by the Squash Canada Code of Conduct, Discipline and Complaints Policy, Appeal Policy and all other policies, rules, and regulations of the organization. In addition, all athletes who have received an endorsement by Squash Canada are required to adhere and consent to the UCCMS (Universal Code of Conduct to Prevent and Address Maltreatment in Sport).

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.