



# 2024 WORLD JUNIOR TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP SELECTION CRITERIA

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## PREAMBLE:

Squash Canada has established these selection criteria to provide a transparent process for the selection of the most podium-competitive Canadian team at the World Junior Team and Individual Championships. The World Squash Federation (WSF) grants each squash National Governing Body four (4) playing positions in the World Junior Team Championships and World Junior Individual Championships, and two (2) additional positions who will compete solely in the World Junior Individual Championships. These six (6) total playing positions per identified gender will be offered based on the following criteria.

## AUTHORITY FOR SELECTION:

The Board of Directors of Squash Canada has delegated the authority for all decision-making under this Policy to the Junior/Athlete Pathway Committee, in consultation with the Manager of Athlete Development.

- The Championship Coach, in consultation with the Manager 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.
- Any necessary amendments to this Policy will be immediately posted on the Squash Canada website.

## EVENT AND COSTS:

- The 2024 WSF Junior World Individual and Team Championships will be held in Houston, USA, Dates TBD, 2024.
- Notably, for each round of the Team Championships, only 3 of 4 Team players compete
- Selected Team players will be required to contribute up to a \$3,000 participation fee, with the balance of expenses covered by Squash Canada (subject to change). This amount can be paid entirely by the athlete; however, Squash Canada suggests running a fundraising event to cover this cost, and Squash Canada will support through the organization's donation platform.
- Selected Individual players will be participating on a self-funded basis, and are encouraged to fundraise through donations to Squash Canada to lower such costs as entry, uniform, and coaching fees

## ELIGIBILITY:

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

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

- Meet the host country and federation's eligibility criteria for entrance and participation, and applicable host and Squash Canada COVID-19 vaccination policies as may be applicable.
- 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). He/she must be deemed eligible to represent Canada according to WSF Championship Regulations, regulation K: Eligibility.
- See: <https://www.worldsquash.org/world-championship-regulations-2/>

## SELECTION PROCESS:

Selection will be decided in the following sequence:

- The three (3) highest-ranked U19 NJC players will be selected to the World Junior Team Championship for Canada.
- One (1) Team Championship player will be selected at the discretion of the Junior/Athlete Pathway Committee, based on NJC ranking, Club Locker Rating, head-to-head results, international experience, Canadian University and/or US College Squash players, and eligibility for future World Team Championships.
- The fifth (5th) spot will be the fourth-place or next-best NJC-ranked player who will be a travelling reserve (self-funded) player.
- The sixth (6th) spot, and any remaining spots not filled, will be decided by discretionary selections of the Junior/Athlete Pathway Committee, with consideration of Canadian University and/or US College Squash players, NJC rankings, player selection in previous years' Pan Am Junior and/or World Junior Squads, as well as players who would be age eligible to be selected to the following year's Canadian Team to the World Junior Championships.
- In the event that players are tied in NJC ranking point average, player ratings are used to break the tie, with the higher-rated player earning the team selection.
- 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 within two weeks of acceptance of their position, 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.
- The player(s) identified above will be required to confirm or reject their opportunity to participate within 72 hours of the invitation from Squash Canada.

## INJURY/EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCE PROVISIONS:

If a player is unable to attend the required 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 [samantha.cornett@squash.ca](mailto:samantha.cornett@squash.ca) no later than 11:59 pm EDT on the last day of the Canadian Junior Squash Championships the year of selection 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 FOR REMOVAL:

Upon selection and in order to remain on the World Junior Championship Team, a player must:

- Possess a valid WSF Squash Personal Identification Number (SPIN)
- Sign a Squash Canada - Athlete Agreement
- Provide to Squash Canada all required documents (medical records, birth certificate, etc.)

- Participate in all World Junior Championship Team events, activities and meetings
- Ensure proper equipment, clothing and funds
- Obey all rules established by Squash Canada
- Assist Squash Canada in public relations and fundraising projects where required
- Pay any required fees (i.e., player levies)
- 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 been selected or 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).

Once selected to the team, a player may withdraw or be removed for the following reasons:

- Breach of the Squash Canada - Athlete Agreement
- Failure to satisfy the minimum training standards set out by the Head Coach
- Failure to adhere to team rules and Squash Canada's Policies and Procedures
- 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.
- Voluntary withdrawal/retirement
- Fraudulent misrepresentation
- 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-travelling 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.