



PANAM SQUASH U19 JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA

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EVENT INFORMATION:

This policy governs Squash Canada's selection of the athletes to compete in the PanAm Squash U19 Junior Championships. The 2026 PanAm Squash U19 Junior Championships will be hosted in **TBD, dates TBD**. This Policy and any amendments to this Policy will be posted on the Squash Canada website. The Board of Directors of Squash Canada has delegated the authority for selections and decisions under this Policy to the [Junior/Athlete Pathway Committee](#).

The PanAm Squash U19 Junior Championships bring together male and female junior competitors from all competing nations in North, Central, and South America and the Caribbean. The event includes an individual event, a Teams event, a softball doubles event, and a softball mixed-doubles event (doubles events may be on a singles court or a regulation softball doubles court). This event is held annually in one of the member nations of the Pan American Squash Federation.

There is the possibility of athletes attending both the World Squash Junior Championships and the PanAm Squash U19 Junior Championships should they meet both criteria.

Squash Canada is committed to Canada sending a Junior Men's Team, a Junior Women's Team, or both, to the Championships subject to sufficient participation. Representing Canada, each Team will be comprised of the following:

- The Canadian Junior Men's Team shall consist of up to four (4) male athletes, and/or
- The Canadian Junior Women's Team shall consist of up to four (4) female athletes;
- Each of the Canadian Junior Men's and Junior Women's Teams may have (2) non-travelling reserves named.

For the Championship's variety of events, a nation can enter any or all of the following:

- A maximum of 4 athletes in the Junior Men's Individual Championship.
- A maximum of 4 athletes in the Junior Women's Individual Championship.
- A maximum of 1 Junior Men's Team in the Doubles Championship.
- A maximum of 1 Junior Women's Team in the Doubles Championship.
- A maximum of 1 Team, each Team made up of a male athlete and a female athlete, in the Mixed-Doubles Championship.
- A Junior Men's Team event consisting of minimum 2 players to a maximum of 4.
- A Junior Women's Team event consisting of minimum 2 players to a maximum of 4.
- A maximum of four male athletes and four female athletes per nation may participate in the Championships.

The Canadian Team's official playing order, the doubles pairings to compete in each event, and the players to compete in the Individual events will be determined at the discretion of the Appointed Coach(es) attending the Championships and in accordance with the [PanAm Squash protocols](#).

Selected Team players should expect to contribute a minimum of a \$3,500 player contribution, not including flights. This is subject to change and may be adjusted based on the location.

- Costs include the Entry Fee, accommodation, transportation, uniforms, coaches, and other logistical expenses.

- Final costs per player will be communicated as soon as possible in advance of the event.

TIMELINE:

1. **By January of same season** – The Expression of Interest (EOI) registration will be released and communicated.
2. **Prior to First Selection** – Register using the EOI form [here](#). The EOI fee is \$100, and EOI registration is mandatory for selection. Those not selected will be refunded.
3. **April 1** – The first selections occur, as per the Selection Criteria below.
4. **Following the Canadian Junior Closed Championships** – The second selections occur, as per the Selection Criteria below.
5. **Within 2 weeks of selection** – A \$400 deposit will be paid, and the event athlete agreement will be signed.
6. **As soon as possible after selection** – Athletes will book flights or travel and complete any required training (ex. Canadian Safe Sport education).
7. **Minimum one week prior to event** – Remaining full event payment (EOI fee and deposit subtracted from the total). Estimated fee schedule will be indicated on the EOI registration page.
8. **1-3 weeks prior to event** – Expect a Team announcement via press release and a Team Canada meeting.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

To be eligible for selection to the Canadian Junior Men's or Junior Women's Team, a player must:

1. Meet the respective age eligibility requirements;
2. Meet the relevant event criteria;
3. 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 selection (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;
4. Be a registered member in good standing of a Provincial/Territorial Squash Association and a player in good standing with Squash Canada;
5. Be prepared to comply with any potential vaccination requirements;
6. Fill out an Expression of Interest [here](#) which will close two weeks prior to initial selections and pay a \$100 deposit (refundable if not selected);
7. Have no documented serious on or off court conduct violations of Squash Canada's Code of Conduct;
8. Pay any required deposits and fees; and
9. In addition, 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), or the player must be deemed eligible to represent Canada according to WSF Championship Regulations, regulation K: Eligibility. See: [World Squash Regulations](#).

SELECTION CRITERIA:

Selection will be decided in the following sequence:

1. The two (2) highest-ranked U17 NJC players as of April 1st will be selected to the PanAm Squash Junior Team for Canada.
2. One (1) highest-ranked U19 NJC player who is not already selected to the World Squash Junior Championships as of May 15th will be selected to the PanAm Squash Junior Team for Canada.

3. One (1) player will be selected at the discretion of the Junior/Athlete Pathway Committee, based on NJC ranking, Club Locker Rating, head-to-head results, domestic/international experience and results, and eligibility for future World Team Championships. Selection will take place before May 15th.
 - In the event of an NJC ranking tie, the players' head-to-head results will break the tie. If tied in head-to-head results, the player with the most recent win will be selected. If there are no head-to-head results, the player with the higher rating will be selected. In the event of a rating tie, the players' finishing positions at the most recent Canadian Junior Closed Championships will break the tie.
 - To confirm acceptance of the selection and to 'hold' their spot, each player will be required to submit to Squash Canada a \$400 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 info@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 PanAm Squash 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 PanAm Squash 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); and
- 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 located [here](#). 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 PanAm Squash 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; or
- Fraudulent misrepresentation.

Where a player is to be removed, the Junior/Athlete Pathway Committee will have the discretion to remove the player from the PanAm Squash 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 PanAm Squash 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.

Withdrawals made without valid reason such as medical illness or bereavement and/or without sufficient notice may still be subject to the full or partial payment of the coaching and endorsement fees, at the discretion of Squash Canada. Squash Canada reserves the right to request appropriate supporting documentation.