



2021 PAN AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION CRITERIA

This document presents the selection criteria for the 2021 Pan American Championships from which Racquetball Canada will select the athletes representing Canada. This document does not establish the amount of funding that will be available for the athletes to participate at the event.

1. General Criteria

To be eligible for an International Traveling Team all athletes must be:

- a) A Canadian citizen;
- b) A fully paid member of Racquetball Canada and in good standing;
- c) Able to meet the International Racquetball Federation's requirements to represent Canada at International events;
- d) Sign an agreement with Racquetball Canada.

2. Specific Criteria

- 2.1 The Men's Team for the 2021 Pan American Championships will be selected using the following process:
 - 2.1.1 The first selected male athlete will be the top Canadian male who is ranked in the top 8 on the International Racquetball Tour (IRT) as of the Wednesday immediately following the winter National Team Selection Event. If multiple athletes are in the top 8 on the IRT they will be selected in ranking order to the Pan American Championships team to a maximum of 3 athletes. If no Canadian athletes qualify from the IRT then the selection will be based solely on the *2021 Pan Am Championships Singles Standing*.
 - 2.1.2 The second selected male athlete will be the next top male athlete qualifier based on the *2021 Pan American Championships Singles Standing*.
 - 2.1.3 The third selected male athlete will be the next top male athlete qualifier based on the *2021 Pan American Championship Singles Standing*.
 - 2.1.4 The fourth selected male athlete will be the next top male athlete qualifier based on the *2021 Pan American Championship Singles Standing*.
- 2.2 The Women's Team for the 2021 Pan American Championships will be selected using the following process:
 - 2.2.1 The first selected female athlete will be the top Canadian female athlete who is ranked among the top 8 on the Ladies Professional Racquetball Tour (LPRT) as of the Wednesday following the winter National Team Selection Event. If multiple athletes are in the Top 8 on the LPRT they will be selected in ranking order to the Pan American Championships Team to a maximum of 3 players. If no female Canadians are in the top 8 on the LPRT then the top female in the *2021 Pan American Championships Singles Standing*.

- 2.2.2 The second selected female athlete will be the next top female athlete qualifier based on *2021 Pan American Championships Singles Standing*.
- 2.2.3 The third selected female athlete will be the next top female athlete qualifier based on the *2021 Pan American Championships Singles Standing*.
- 2.2.4 The fourth selected athlete will be the next top female athlete qualifier based on *2021 Pan American Championships Singles Standing*.

3. Position Selection Process

- 3.1 The top qualifying male and the top qualifying female athletes receive the first opportunity to choose whether to play singles or doubles at the Pan American Championships. The second qualifiers have the second opportunity whether to play singles or doubles and the third qualifiers receive the third opportunity.
- 3.2 An athlete who is in the Top 8 in either the men’s or women’s Pro Tour **double qualify**, which means they have the choice to play both singles and doubles. It is assumed these decisions will be made following discussions with the coaches and other athletes attending the Pan American Championships.
- 3.3 Only the top six male and top six female athletes, according to *2021 Pan American Championships Singles Standing* and the top IRT and LPRT athletes (if they place in top 8 IRT or Top 8 LPRT) can be invited.
- 3.4 If an invited athlete does not attend, they will simply be stricken from the list.
- 3.5 If fewer than four athletes can attend after asking all the top 6, Racquetball Canada will send a team of less than four athletes for each gender. If less than 2 men or women want to attend the tournament in the doubles division or the singles division, Racquetball Canada will decide if they will select another athlete to complete the team using the *2021 Pan American Championships Singles Standing*.

4. 2021 Pan American Championships Singles Standing

- 4.1 Selection events included in the standings calculation for the 2021 Pan American Championships:
 - a. Event #1: 2020 Fall National Team Selection Event – Open Singles
 - b. Event #2: 2021 Winter National Team Selection Event – Open Singles
- 4.2 The following points table outlines the amount of points awarded to an athlete depending on their final position at an event. The points from the events listed in 4.1 are totalled. Standings are calculated separately for women and men.

Position	Points
1	100
2	82
3	66
4	52
5	40
6	32

7	24
8	18
9	12
10	6
11	3
12	1
Other	0

4.3 Events are weighted in determining the final standings. The weight of an event shows the number used multiply points earned from each event. The weighting of the two events is as follows :

- a. Event #1 is 40%
- b. Event #2 is 60%

4.4 Other considerations:

4.4.1 If only one event occurs prior to the 2021 Pan American Championships, 100% of the results from that event will be used to determine standings.

4.4.2 If two or more athletes have the same amount of points the athlete with the highest status in Racquetball Canada's ranking, after the last selection event is processed, will be consider the top athlete in terms of points for Selection Criteria.

5. Exemptions Clause

5.1 If an athlete is injured prior to starting a selection event and is therefore unable to play in the current selection event, the athlete can submit an exemption request. A note from a doctor or a physiotherapist, confirming the injury, needs to be sent to the High Performance Director within 21 days of the first day of competition of the event for which the exemption is being requested. There will be no consideration for an injury exemption after the deadline date.

5.2 If a circumstance other than an injury prevents an athlete from attending a Racquetball Canada selection event, the circumstances can be submitted to the High Performance Committee for evaluation. An exemption request must follow this procedure.

5.2.1 Any request for a non-injury exemption from a Racquetball Canada event should be submitted to the High Performance Director no later than seven days after the first day of competition of the event for which the exemption is being requested. There will be no consideration for an exemption after the deadline date.

5.2.2 The request must be made in writing stating the circumstances with supporting evidence emailed or mailed or electronically transferred to Racquetball Canada's office.

5.2.3 In the event of exemption requests for school or exams, a note from the administration or teacher/professor must be submitted with the request.

5.2.4 The High Performance Committee will evaluate all requests and deliver its decision in writing.

5.3 Standing results of an approved exemption:

- 5.3.1 If the draw size is 13 players or more, the exempted athlete's placing will be finalized at 3 positions lower than their placing at the previous event in the same discipline.
- 5.3.2 If the draw size is 12 or less, the exempted athlete's placing will be finalized at 2 positions lower than their placing at the previous event in the same discipline.
- 5.3.3 An exempted athlete may only be placed one spot lower than the number of athletes in the draw at the start of the event.
- 5.4 Once the athlete has started their first game in the current National Team Selection Event, their resulting position will be determined without any bearing on previous National Team Selection Events.