



## **2023 PAN AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION CRITERIA**

This document presents the selection criteria for the 2023 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 2023 Pan American Championships will be selected using the following process:
  - 2.1.1 The first selected male athlete will be the top Canadian male on the International Racquetball Tour (IRT) who is ranked in the top 12 as of the Wednesday immediately following the 2023 Winter National Team Selection Event. If multiple athletes are in the top 12 on the IRT they will be selected in ranking order to the World 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 2023 Pan American *Standing* and the first selected athlete will be the top qualifier from Singles Selection points.
  - 2.1.2 The second selected male athlete will be the next top male athlete qualifier based on the 2023 Pan American Championships *Singles Standing*.
  - 2.1.3 The third selected male athlete will be the next top male athlete qualifier based on the 2023 Pan American Championship *Singles Standing*.
  - 2.1.4 The fourth selected male athlete will be the next top male athlete qualifier based on the 2023 Pan American Championship *Singles and Doubles Standing*.
- 2.2 The Women's Team for the 2023 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 on the Ladies Professional Racquetball Tour (LPRT) who is ranked in the top 12 as of the Wednesday immediately following the 2023 Winter National Team Selection Event. If multiple athletes are in the Top 12 on the LPRT they will be selected in ranking order to the Pan American Championships Team to a maximum of 3 players. If no Canadian athletes qualify from the LPRT then the selection will be

based solely on the *2023 Pan American Championships Standing* and the first selected athlete will be the top qualifier from Singles Selection points.

- 2.2.2 The second selected female athlete will be the next top female athlete qualifier based on *2023 Pan American Championships Singles Standing*.
  - 2.2.3 The third selected female athlete will be the next top female athlete qualifier based on the *2023 Pan American Championships Singles Standing*.
  - 2.2.4 The fourth selected athlete will be the next top female athlete qualifier based on *2023 Pan American Championships Singles and Doubles Standing*.
- 2.3 In the men and women selection, if any of the 3 selected athletes based on IRT / LPRT ranking or standing points accumulated in singles do not agree to participate in the Pan American Championships, athletes will be selected to fill the vacancy or vacancies according to the *2023 Pan American Championship Singles Standing*. If there is a vacancy for the fourth selected athlete, it will be filled according to the *2023 Pan American Championship Singles and Doubles Standing* and will be placed at the lowest position in the selection order.

### **3. Position Selection Process**

- 3.1 Any athlete who is in the Top 12 in either the men's or women's Pro Tour **double qualify**. The top male and top female according to the *2023 Pan American Championship Singles Standings* also double qualifies provided they are the 2022 Canadian National Doubles Champion. Double qualifying means they have the option to play two divisions of their choice (singles, doubles, mixed doubles). First option will go to the highest ranked player on the pro tour, then the second highest ranked player, and then if still feasible the third highest ranked player and then the top player in the singles standings.
- 3.2 If there are no double qualifiers 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 to choose whether to play singles or doubles and the third qualifiers receive the third opportunity.
- 3.3 The top qualifying male and female athletes will also receive first opportunity to choose whether to play Mixed Doubles or opt out. The opportunity will be given to remaining qualifiers in order as necessary until a mixed doubles team is formed.
- 3.4 Any qualifying athlete may only choose to play a maximum of two divisions according to the parameters in 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3.
- 3.5 It is assumed these decisions will be made following discussions with the coaches and other athletes attending the Pan American Championships.
- 3.6 If a selected athlete does not attend, they will simply be stricken from the list and replaced according to the parameters in 2.3.
- 3.7 The Head Coach will decide the roster for the Team Event after consultation with the team staff and athletes.
- 3.8 If fewer than four athletes can attend after asking any pro tour qualifiers and the top 6 qualifiers from the *2023 Pan American Championships Standings*, Racquetball Canada

will send a team of less than four athletes for each gender. If less than three men or women want to attend the tournament, Racquetball Canada will decide if they will select another athlete to complete the team using the *2023 Pan American Championships Singles Standing*.

#### **4. 2023 Pan American Championships Standing System**

- 4.1 Selection events included in the standing's calculation:
- Event #1: 2022 Canadian Championships – Open Singles
  - Event #2: 2022 Fall National Team Selection Event – Open Singles
  - Event #3: 2023 Winter National Team Selection Event – Open Singles
  - Event #4: 2022 Canadian Championships – Open Doubles

- 4.2 There are 2 rankings used in the ranking calculation:
- Singles Standing*; based on Events 1, 2 and 3;
  - Singles and Doubles Standing*; based on Events 1, 2, 3 and 4.

- 4.3 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

- 4.4 Events are weighted in determining the final ranking. The weight of an event shows the number used to multiply points earned from each event. The weighting of the events is as follows:

- 4.4.1 Singles Standing:
- The following percentages are used for *Singles Standing*:
    - Event #1 : 30%
    - Event #2 : 30%
    - Event #3 : 40%
  - The following are the percentages used if only two events are held.
    - Event #1 : 40%
    - Event #2 : 60%

- c. In the event that only one selection event is held, the results from that event will determine 100% of the *Singles Standing*.
- 4.4.2 Singles and Doubles Standing:
- a. The following are the percentages used for *Singles and Doubles Standing*:
- Event #1 : 21%
  - Event #2 : 21%
  - Event #3 : 28%
  - Event #4 : 30%
- b. The following are the percentages used for *Singles and Doubles Standing* if only one Selection Event and the Canadian Championships are held:
- Selection Event Singles : 50%
  - Canadian Championships Singles : 30%
  - Canadian Championships Doubles : 20%
- c. The following are the percentages used for *Singles and Doubles Standing* if only the Canadian Championships are held:
- Canadian Championships Singles : 80%
  - Canadian Championships Doubles : 20%
- 4.5 If none of the selection events included in determining standing are held:
- a. A Selection Committee will be created to determine the 2023 Pan American Championships team.
- b. The Committee will be chaired by Racquetball Canada's Executive Director.
- c. The Executive Director will select individuals to form a committee up of to 5 members.
- d. The committee will take into consideration the following factors (listed in no particular order):
- Racquetball Canada ranking
  - Pro-Tour Ranking
  - Recent Canadian and International results
  - Athlete Monitoring Program (AMP) compliance
  - Fitness testing results (only when administered by the Integrated Support Team)
- 4.6 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 considered the top athlete in terms of standing 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 no later than 21 days after the first day 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. The procedure for requesting a non-injury exemption is as follows:

- 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 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 Ranking 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/teams 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.