



## **2023 SANTIAGO PAN AM GAMES SELECTION CRITERIA**

- This purpose of this document is to set out the process and criteria that will be used by Racquetball Canada to select athletes to the Santiago 2023 Pan Am Games team.
- The Canadian 2023 Pan Am Games Team will be selected by Racquetball Canada's High-Performance Committee based on the point standings system in this criterion with final approval from the Board of Directors.
- During the actual competition period onsite at the 2023 Pan Am Games, all final decision-making authority will reside with the head coach or the team leader in the absence of the head coach.
- The team size for the 2023 Pan Am Games will be determined by the *International Racquetball Federation* qualification process.

### **1. General Criteria**

To be eligible for the Santiago 2023 Pan Am Games all athletes must:

- a) Be a Canadian citizen.
- b) Have a valid Canadian passport that does not expire on or before May 8, 2024.
- c) Be a member in good standing of Racquetball Canada.
- d) Be in compliance with all relevant International Racquetball Federation and PASO requirements for eligibility.
- e) Sign, submit, and comply with the COC Athlete Agreement and Organising Committee (OCOG) Conditions of Participation form (Eligibility Conditions form for Pan American Games) no later than September 15, 2023. Where the athlete is under the age of 19 years, the parent or guardian must also sign these agreements.

### **2. Specific Criteria**

- 2.1 The Men's Team for the Santiago 2023 Pan Am Games 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 Racquetball Canada National Championships. If multiple athletes are in the top 12 on the IRT they will be selected in ranking order to the Pan Am Games 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 Am Games *Point Standings* and the first selected athlete will be the top qualifier from the Point Standings.
  - 2.1.2 The second selected male athlete will be the next top male athlete qualifier based on the 2023 Pan Am Games *Point Standings*.
  - 2.1.3 The third selected male athlete will be the next top male athlete qualifier based on the 2023 Pan Am Games *Point Standings*.

- 2.2 The Women's Team for the Santiago 2023 Pan Am Games 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 Racquetball Canada National Championships. If multiple athletes are in the Top 12 on the LPRT they will be selected in ranking order to the Pan Am Games 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 Am Games Point Standings* and the first selected athlete will be the top qualifier from the Point Standings.
  - 2.2.2 The second selected female athlete will be the next top female athlete qualifier based on *2023 Pan Am Games Point Standings*.
  - 2.2.3 The third selected female athlete will be the next top female athlete qualifier based on the *2023 Pan Am Games Point Standings*.

### **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 and/or doubles and/or mixed doubles at the Pan Am Games.
- The second qualifiers have the second opportunity to choose divisions based on selections from the top qualifying athlete. If the top qualifier chooses to play 3 divisions, the second qualifier may choose to play one division: singles or doubles. If the top qualifier chooses to play 2 divisions, the second qualifier may choose to play up to 2 divisions: singles and/or doubles and/or if available mixed doubles. If the top qualifier chooses to play 1 division the second qualifier may choose to play up to 3 divisions: singles and/or doubles and/or, if available, mixed doubles but must play doubles if the top qualifier has not chosen to do so.
- The third qualifiers must play any remaining divisions to fill all spots on the team.
- 3.2 If the team size due to IRF quota is two athletes, the top qualifying male and female athletes must play singles and doubles and will have the option to play mixed doubles.
- The second qualifiers must play singles and doubles and mixed doubles if the top qualifying athlete opts out of mixed doubles.
- 3.3 It is assumed these decisions will be made following discussions with the coaches and other athletes attending the Pan Am Games.
- 3.4 If a selected athlete does not attend, they will simply be stricken from the list and replaced according to the Pan Am Games Points Standings.
- 3.5 The Head Coach will decide the roster for the Team Event after consultation with the team staff and athletes.
- 3.6 If fewer than three athletes can attend after asking any pro tour qualifiers and the top 6 qualifiers from the *2023 Pan Am Games Point Standings*, Racquetball Canada will send a team of less than three athletes for each gender. If less than two 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 Am Games Point Standings*.

#### **4. 2023 Pan Am Games Point Standings System**

4.1 Selection events included in the point standing's calculation:

- a. Event #1: 2022 Fall National Team Selection Event – Open Singles
- b. Event #2: 2023 Winter National Team Selection Event – Open Singles
- c. Event #3: 2023 Racquetball Canada National Championships – Open Singles
- d. Event #4: 2023 Racquetball Canada National Championships – Open Doubles

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.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Points</b>
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 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:

4.3.1 Pan Am Games Standings

- a. The following are the percentages used for the *Point Standings*:
  - Event #1: 25%
  - Event #2: 25%
  - Event #3: 35%
  - Event #4: 15%
- b. The following are the percentages used for *the Point Standings* if only one Selection Event and the Canadian Championships are held:
  - Selection Event Singles: 30%
  - Racquetball Canada National Championships Singles: 50%
  - Racquetball Canada National Championships Doubles: 20%
- c. The following are the percentages used for *the Point Standings* if only the Canadian Championships are held:
  - Racquetball Canada National Championships Singles: 80%
  - Racquetball Canada National Championships Doubles: 20%

- 4.4 If none of the selection events included in determining standing are held:
- a. A Selection Committee will be created to determine the 2023 Pan Am Games 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 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)
- 4.5 Decisions to cancel or postpone any event specified in this criteria shall be made: a) only when absolutely necessary, such as when it has become impossible or unreasonably difficult to hold the event at all or on the originally scheduled date (for example, due to public health restrictions or other circumstances beyond the control of Racquetball Canada); and b) as soon as reasonably possible after Racquetball Canada has become aware that the event cannot be held.
- 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.

## ***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.

## **6. Athlete Removal**

- 6.1 The High-Performance Committee reserves the right to withdraw an athlete's nomination from the Canadian Team:
  - 6.1.1 If the athlete has not taken part in the mandatory training camps organized by the Racquetball Canada prior to the event.
  - 6.1.2 If the athlete has not fulfilled their responsibilities as identified in the Racquetball Canada Athlete Agreement.
  - 6.1.3 If the athlete has not fulfilled their responsibilities as identified in the Racquetball Canada Code of Conduct.
  - 6.1.4 If the athlete has not followed any previously communicated training program and/or competition requirements
  - 6.1.5 If the athlete fails to respect any other conditions of nomination as specified by Racquetball Canada at the time of nomination
- 6.2 After the athlete has been nominated to the Canadian Team, the COC may remove an athlete from the Team if, after following the relevant and applicable disciplinary process, the athlete is found to have violated the COC's Code of Conduct, the terms of the COC Athlete Agreement or any other relevant and applicable COC policy.

## **7. Confirmation of Entries**

- 7.1 On June 15, 2023, Racquetball Canada shall determine the athletes (and alternate athletes) it proposes to nominate to the COC for positions on the 2023 Canadian Pan Am Games Team. Subject to any revisions required by an athlete's decision to decline a nomination to be a member of the 2023 Canadian Pan Am Games Team, or by an athlete's inability to participate at a competitive level due to a health-related curtailment of activities, Racquetball Canada shall submit its list of athletes and alternates being nominated to the COC for the 2023 Canadian Pan Am Games Team on August 1, 2023.

## 8. Timelines Summary

Date	Key Events
OCT 15, 2022	Selection criteria circulated to current National Team Athletes and Coaches and published to Racquetball Canada's website ( <a href="https://racquetballcanada.ca/national-team-selection-criteria/#international-event-team-criteria">https://racquetballcanada.ca/national-team-selection-criteria/#international-event-team-criteria</a> )
NOV 11 & 12, 2022 FEB 3 & 4, 2023 MAY 23 to 27, 2023	Fall Selection Event (Open Singles) Winter Selection Event (Open Singles) National Championships (Open Singles & Open Doubles)
MAR 31 to APR 8, 2023	Pan Am Championships (country qualification for Pan Am Games)
MAY 31, 2023	Date of pro tour ranking qualification
JUN 15, 2023	Date team will be selected
JUL 3, 2023	Date athlete must accept their selection (Yes, they will participate in the Games or No, thanks)
JUL 3, 2023	Deadline for filing an Appeal
AUG 1, 2023 SEPT 15, 2023	Date team will be nominated to the COC (date determined by COC) Date to sign and return the COC Athlete Agreement and Conditions of Participation Form
SEPT 6, 2023	Date of formal team announcement
SEP 8 to 10, 2023	<b>Required</b> training camp

## 9. Funding

- 9.1 Athletes are responsible for their own expenses to attend any and all selection events for the 2023 Pan Am Games Team
- 9.2 Racquetball Canada will fund athletes, coaches and support staff to attend a mandatory training camp and the Santiago 2023 Pan Am Games.
- 9.3 All funding and support is subject to Racquetball Canada's budget and is not guaranteed.

## **10. Appeals**

- 10.1 Racquetball Canada nominations to the COC for the *2023 Santiago Pan Am Games* may be appealed in accordance with the procedures set out in Racquetball Canada's Appeal Policy (<https://racquetballcanada.ca/policies/>). Any dispute relating to Racquetball Canada's Internal Nomination Procedures for the *2023 Santiago Pan Am Games* must be brought according to said Policy.

## **11. Contact**

For clarifications or questions on the contents of the Santiago 2023 Pan Am Games Selection Criteria, please contact Racquetball Canada's High-Performance Director – Jennifer Saunders – [admin@racquetballcanada.ca](mailto:admin@racquetballcanada.ca)