



## **2024 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION CRITERIA**

This document presents the selection criteria for the 2024 World 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 2024 World 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 2024 Canadian Championships. 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 *2024 World Championships Standing*.
  - 2.1.2 The second, third and fourth selected male athlete will be the next top male athlete qualifiers based on points accumulated in singles competitions during Racquetball Canada's National Team Selection Events in the 2023 – 2024 season and the 2024 Canadian Championships.
- 2.2 The Women's Team for the 2024 World 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 2024 Canadian Championships. If multiple athletes are in the Top 12 on the LPRT they will be selected in ranking order to the World 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 *2024 World Championships Standing*.
  - 2.2.2 The second, third and fourth selected female athlete will be the next top female athlete qualifiers based on points accumulated in singles competitions during Racquetball Canada's National Team Selection Events in the 2023 – 2024 season and the 2024 Canadian Championships.

- 2.3 In the men and women selection, if any of the selected athletes based on IRT / LPRT ranking or standing points accumulated in singles do not agree to participate in the World Championships, athletes will be selected in order to fill the vacancy or vacancies according to the *2024 World Championship 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 World Championships. The second qualifiers have the second opportunity to choose whether to play singles or doubles and the third qualifiers receive the third opportunity.
- 3.2 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.
- 3.3 It is assumed these decisions will be made following discussions with the coaches and other athletes attending the World Championships.
- 3.4 If a selected athlete does not attend, they will simply be stricken from the list.
- 3.5 The Head Coach will decide the roster for the Team Event after consultation with the team staff and athletes.

### **4. 2024 World Championships Standing System**

- 4.1 Selection events included in the standing's calculation:
- a. Event #1: 2023 Fall National Team Selection Event – Open Singles
  - b. Event #2: 2024 Winter National Team Selection Event – Open Singles
  - c. Event #3: 2024 Canadian Championships – 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.

<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 World Championships Standing:
- a. The following percentages are used for *World Championship Standing*:
    - Event #1: 30%
    - Event #2: 30%
    - Event #3: 40%
  - b. 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 *World Championships Standing*.
- 4.4 If none of the selection events included in determining standing are held:
- a. A Selection Committee will be created to determine the 2024 World 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)
- 4.5 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 Exemption Criteria points are the average of the athlete's placement in the last three National Team Selection Events on the Racquetball Canada calendar (rounding down at .49 and rounding up at .5) and then adding 2 places.
  - 5.3.2 Athletes with no placement in one or more of the events will be given the placement of 1 more than the number of athletes in the draw of the missed event or 13 (if fewer than 12 in the draw).
- 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.