



## **2025 – 2026 NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION CRITERIA**

Three national teams are selected annually: National Elite Team, National Development Team and National Junior Team. This document covers the selection of the National Elite Team and the National Development Team.

### **1. National Elite Team Selection Criteria**

- 1.1 Athletes are named to the National Elite Team for a period of one year from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.
- 1.2 The National Men's and Women's Elite Teams each consist of 6 athletes who meet the qualifying standards. If a qualifying athlete declines Racquetball Canada's invitation, the next eligible athlete will be selected until the team has 6 members.
  - 1.2.1 The selected athletes will be the top six male and the top six female qualifiers in order from points accumulated in singles and doubles competitions during Racquetball Canada's two National Team Selection Events in the 2024 - 2025 season and the 2025 Canadian Championships.
  - 1.2.2 The men's and women's team are selected separately.

### **2. National Development Team Selection Criteria**

- 2.1 Athletes are named to the National Development Team for a period of one year from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.
- 2.2 The National Development Team consists of up to 10 players, with a maximum of five males and five females, who were not already selected for the National Elite Team. Athletes will be selected according to standing points accumulated in singles and doubles competitions during Racquetball Canada's two National Team Selection Events in the 2024 - 2025 season and the 2025 Canadian Championships.
- 2.3 To be eligible for selection to the National Development Team athletes must be aged 29 and under (age as of January 1, 2025).

### **3. 2025 – 2026 National Team Standing System**

- 3.1 Selection events included in the standing's calculation:
  - a. Event #1: 2024 Fall National Team Selection Event – Open Singles
  - b. Event #2: 2025 Winter National Team Selection Event – Open Singles
  - c. Event #3: 2025 Canadian Championships – Open Singles
  - d. Event #4: 2025 Canadian Championships – Open Doubles

- 3.2 The following points table outlines the amount of points awarded to an athlete depending on their finishing position at an event. The points from the items listed in 3.1 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

- 3.3 Athletes will be ranked according to the number of points accumulated at the events used for selection which create the *National Team Standings*.

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

3.4.1 National Team Standings:

- a. The following percentages are used to determine the results for the *National Team Standings*:
- Event #1: 30%
  - Event #2: 30%
  - Event #3: 30%
  - Event #4: 10%
- b. The following are the percentages used for the *National Team Standings* if only one Selection Event and the Canadian Championships are held:
- Event #1 or #2: 40%
  - Event #3: 40%
  - Event #4: 20%
- c. The following are the percentages used for the *National Team Standings* if only the Canadian Championships are held:
- Event #3: 80%
  - Event #4: 20%
- d. If only one selection event is held, the results from that event will determine 100% of the *National Team Standings*.

- 3.5 If none of the selection events included in determining standings are held:
- a. A Selection Committee will be created to determine the 2025-26 National Teams.

- b. The Committee will be chaired by Racquetball Canada's Executive Director.
- c. The Executive Director will select individuals to form a committee of up to five 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. Exemptions Clause**

- 4.1 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, physiotherapist or an athletic therapist 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.
- 4.2 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:
  - 4.2.1 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.
  - 4.2.2 The request must be made in writing stating the circumstances with supporting evidence emailed or mailed to Racquetball Canada's office.
  - 4.2.3 In the event of exemption requests for school or exams, a note from the administration or teacher/professor must be submitted with the request.
  - 4.2.4 The High Performance Committee will evaluate all requests and deliver its decision in writing.
- 4.3 Ranking results of an approved exemption:
  - 4.3.1 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.
  - 4.3.2 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).
- 4.4 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.